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# The Regional Dynamics of Peace and Security in West Africa

## Symposium

Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training  
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28-30 April 2015

Accra, Ghana

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Dear participants,

If the end of the Cold War produced a euphoria that led some scholars to claim that humanity had reached an 'end of history', that people across the globe would enjoy a 'peace dividend', the number of conflicts on the African continent after 1990 worked to dissipate this enthusiasm.

West Africa experienced multiple wars and a succession of conflicts: Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Gulf of Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. These conflicts have not been restricted by state borders, instead forming regional conflict systems. Yet, West African conflicts are neither homogeneous nor identical. Regional, continental and international responses have also generated numerous analyses and debates over the efficiency, legitimacy and motives behind peace operations and conflict resolution initiatives. Debates over their merits have moved beyond academia to include public and policy deliberations about the international, humanitarian, neo-colonial, or neo-imperialist nature of these operations and initiatives: whose peace is being pursued and for what purpose? Whatever the theoretical approach or normative standpoint taken, West African conflicts involve a variety of actors, institutions and organisations. Conflict management responses engage numerous partners and require enormous human and material resources. Both entail intense negotiations and struggles over the meaning of and the means to peace, good governance, security, democracy and development.

The objectives of the symposium are fourfold: 1) to bring together academic research and practitioner experiences from the 'Global North' and West Africa; 2) to produce research that both fosters peace and security in West Africa and that can underpin policy; 3) to explore emergent issues in peacekeeping, peacebuilding, and security practices in West Africa, including but not limited to gender issues, women and peacekeeping, maritime security, and private sector involvement in peace and security; 4) to engage in discussions about the establishment of an interdisciplinary network to foster peace and security in West Africa.

In the framework of its Africa Strategy, the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) supports science diplomacy as a means to further stabilize countries and regions of Africa. Against this background, the Ministry has decided to sponsor this event in the context of the research cooperation between the Center for European Integration Studies in Bonn, Germany and the West Africa Institute (WAI) in Praia, Cabo Verde. The second main sponsor is the Centre for European and International Studies Research (CEISR) at the University of Portsmouth which supports the event as part of its Africa activities. The organizers thank the BMBF and CEISR for their financial commitment and the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), the West Africa Institute (WAI) and the University of Québec in Montréal (UQAM) for their intellectual and organizational input which has made this Symposium possible.

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Prof. Ludger Kühnhardt  
Director at ZEI

Prof. Anthony Chafer  
Director at CEISR

Prof. Bruno Charbonneau  
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# PROGRAM

<b>Date:</b>	28-30 April 2015
<b>Venue:</b>	Accra, Ghana, Kofi Annan International Peackeping Training Centre (KA IPTC)
<b>Main Sponsors:</b>	German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) Centre for European and International Studies Research (CEISR), University of Portsmouth, UK
Arrival Day	
07:00 p.m.	Optional informal dinner
<b><u>Tuesday, 28 April 2015</u></b>	
<b>SLOT A - 8:45-10:30</b>	
08:45-09:30 a.m.	Arrival, registration of participants
09:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>Opening remarks</b>  <i>Prof. Dr. Tony Chafer (CEISR, Portsmouth, UK)</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Djénéba Traoré (WAI, Praia, Cabo Verde)</i> <i>Prof. Bruno Charbonneau (LU/UQAM, Montréal, Canada)</i> <i>Matthias Vogl (ZEI, Bonn, Germany)</i> <i>Short presentation of the program of the day</i> <i>Moderator</i>
10:30-11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
<b>SLOT B - 11:00- 12:45</b>	<b>PRACTITIONER'S PANEL I - INSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVES</b>  Chair: Francesco Torcoli, EU Delegation, Accra  <b>The ECOWAS Response Posture to Emerging Peace and Security Challenges in West Africa</b> <i>Dr. Abdel Fatau-Musah</i> <i>(Deputy Head of Office &amp; Director of Political Affairs United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU), former Political Director ECOWAS Commission, Abuja)</i>

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## **The role of regional and extra-regional actors in peace and security in West Africa**

*Dr. Jide Martyns Okeke  
(African Union, Addis Ababa)*

### **Title N.N. (e)**

*Peter Sampson  
(United Nations Secretariat - Department for Political Affairs,  
New York)*

**Discussant** *Ernest Ansah Larety, KAIPTC, Accra, Ghana*

### **Open Discussion**

12:45-2:15

Lunch time (KAIPTC Restaurant)

**SLOT C - 2:15-4:00**

## **PANEL 1**

### **REGIONAL DIMENSIONS OF PEACE AND SECURITY**

Chair: Mouhamed Konaté, Bureau régional de l'OIF pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest, Lomé, Togo

### **Une lecture du postcolonial francophone avec la nouvelle configuration de la coopération de défense et sécurité française en Afrique de l'Ouest**

*Oswald Padonou, PhD Candidate, Institut d'Études Politiques de Rennes, France*

### **France and ECOWAS: Peacekeeping Partners or Rivals?**

*Dr. Marco Wyss, Senior Lecturer, University of Chichester, UK*

### **Porosité des frontières des états membres de la CEDEAO et mobilité tactique des marchands de la mort**

*Prof. Dr. Papa Samba Ndiaye, Maître-assistant associé, Université Gaston Berger de St. Louis, Sénégal*

### **Le maintien de la paix par le organisations régionales africaines**

*Allimata Diallo, PhD Candidate, Université de Genève, Suisse*

**Discussant** *Prof. Dr. Boubacar Ndiaye, Wooster College, US*

### **Open Discussion**

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04:00-04:30

Coffee Break

**SLOT D - 4:30-6:15**

**PANEL 2  
SECURITY AND TERRORISM IN THE GULF OF GUINEA**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Tony Chafer, CEISR, Portsmouth, UK

**Pêche en haute mer. Le Golfe de Guinée au cœur de l'équilibre précaire entre la sécurité alimentaire et la sécurité énergétique**

*Prof. Dr. Silué N'Tchabétien Oumar, Enseignant-Chercheur, Département de sociologie et d'anthropologie de l'Université Alassane Ouattara de Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire*

**Building Maritime Security Communities: Political Integration in West Africa after the Yaoundé Summit**

*Dr. Christian Bueger, Lecteur en Relations Internationales, Université de Cardiff, UK*

**EU approach to Maritime Security- The Gulf of Guinea Strategy**

*Francesco Torcoli, EU Delegation, Accra*

**Discussant:** *Sophie Quintin Adali, CEISR, Portsmouth, UK*

**Open Discussion**

**07:00**

**Dinner**

**Dinner Keynote by**

*H. E. Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman, ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, Abuja, Nigeria*

# PROGRAM

Wednesday, 29 April 2015

**SLOT A - 8:45-10:30**

## **PRACTITIONER'S PANEL II - MISSION'S PERSPECTIVES**

Chair: Ernest Ansah Larety, KAIPTC, Accra, Ghana

### **MINUSMA - A practitioners point of view**

*Lieutenant Colonel Tom Holloway, Chief U5 Plans, Force HQ, MINUSMA, Bamako, Mali*

### **EUTM Mali - A practitioners point of view**

*Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Hart, EUTM Mali – XO HQ, Bamako, Mali*

### **The challenge of (re)shaping a collective security architecture in and around the Sahel (lessons learned, way forward)**

*Dr. Grégory Chauzal, Clingendael The Netherlands Institute of International Relations*

**Discussant:** *Dr. Edward Stoddard, CEISR, Portsmouth, UK*

### **Open Discussion**

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

**SLOT B - 11:00- 12:45**

## **PANEL 3**

### **GENDER AND CULTURAL INTERVENTIONS**

Chair: Nana Asantewa Afadzina (West Africa Civil Society Institute, Accra, Ghana)

### **The Gender Dimensions of Peace and Security in West Africa**

*Sunday Omotuyi, Assistant Lecturer, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria*

### **Utilizing Arts as a Paradigm for Cultural Intervention in Conflict and Peace Building Process in Modern Africa**

*Dr. Essien Daniel Essien, Lecturer, University of Uyo, Nigeria*

### **Rôle et action de l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) pour la promotion de la paix et de la sécurité en Afrique de l'Ouest**

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*Mouhamed Konaté, Bureau Régional pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest (BRAO), Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)*

**Discussant:** *Christiane Pelchat, National Democratic Institute, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire*

## Open Discussion

12:45-2:15

Lunch time (KAIPTC Restaurant)

**SLOT C - 2:15-4:00**

## PANEL 4

### SECURITY AND TERRORISM IN THE SAHEL

Chair: Prof. Djénéba Traoré, WAI, Praia, Cabo Verde

#### **On Terrorism, Mali Conflict, and International Response: A paradigm shift or perpetuating hegemony?**

*Prof. Dr. Edward Ansah Akuffo, Assistant Professor, University of the Fraser Valley, Canada*

#### **Can the New ECOWAS Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Implementation Plan Effectively Address the Regional Dynamics of Islamist Terrorism in West Africa?**

*Daniel E. Agbiboa, PhD Candidate, Department of International Development, University of Oxford, UK*

#### **Inside Terrorism in West Africa: From Ancient Grudges Break to New Mutinies**

*Anyorikya Mark Amaliya, Master of Public Policy, University of Erfurt, Germany*

#### **The European Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel: A Comprehensive Approach for the EU foreign policy in Africa?**

*Dr. Elisa López-Lucia, University of Birmingham, UK*

**Discussant:** *Dr. Grégory Chauzal, Clingendael, The Netherlands*

## Open Discussion

04:00-04:30

Coffee Break

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SLOT D - 4:30-6:15

## PANEL 5 POST-CONFLICT PEACEBUILDING I

Chair: Matthias Vogl (ZEI)

**Beyond 'state-centrism' and the 'local turn': (re)building and de-centering the moral authority of the Malian state (SKYPE)**

*Prof. Dr. Jonathan M. Sears, Assistant Professor of International Development Studies at Menno Simons College at the University of Winnipeg, Canada*

**La réforme du secteur de la sécurité au Mali**

*Prof. Dr. Kalilou Sidibé, Université de Bamako*

**China and the post-liberal Peace: Lessons from Chinese Participation in the UNMIL**

*Dr. Steven Kuo, Lecturer, Shanghai International Studies University, China*

**Discussant** *H.E. Jean-Daniel Bieler, Ambassadeur, Conseiller de haut niveau Politique de paix en Afrique de l'Ouest et centrale, DFAE*

**Open Discussion**

07:00

**Dinner**



# PROGRAM

Thursday, 30 April 2015

**SLOT a - 8:45-10:30**

**PANEL 6  
POST-CONFLICT PEACEBUILDING II**

Chair: Benjamin Akoutou (WAI, Praia, Cabo Verde)

**Governing The “Post-Conflict” State In Ivory Coast Under International Intervention : A Story Of Extraversion?**

*Maxime Ricard, Chaire Raoul Dandurand, Université de Québec à Montréal*

**Autocratic states in democratic regional organisations?  
Exploring authoritarian regime engagement in ECOWAS**

*Dr. Edward Stoddard, CEISR, University of Portsmouth, UK.*

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*Prof Dr. Bruno Charbonneau (LU/UQAM)*

**Discussant:** *Gilles Yabi, WATHI, Dakar*

**Open Discussion**

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

**SLOT B - 11:00- 12:45**

**PANEL 7  
INTERNATIONAL DYNAMICS OF PEACE AND SECURITY**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Djénéba Traoré (WAI)

**Incentives and Pressures: Third Party Options during Conflict Escalation**

*Prof. Dr. Nikolas Emmanuel, Assistant Professor, Centre for the Resolution of International Conflict, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

**Regard externe: Dialoguer avec qui?**

*H.E. Jean-Daniel Bieler, Ambassadeur, Conseiller de haut niveau Politique de paix en Afrique de l'Ouest et centrale, DFAE*

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*Mark White, Deputy Head - Joint Secretariat, Conflict, Stability & Security Fund, Conflict Department, WH1.216, Foreign and Commonwealth*

**Dicussant** *Dr. Christian Bueger, Cardiff University, UK*

**Open Discussion**

**SLOT C - 1:45-3:00**

**PANEL 8 – FINAL ROUNDTABLE (5 MINUTE STATEMENTS)**

*Mark White, FCO, UK*

*Peter Sampson, UN Secretariat, New York*

*Dr. Grégory Chauzal, Clingendael, The Netherlands*

*Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman, ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, Abuja, Nigeria*

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Tony Chafer

03:00-03:15

Short Coffee Break

**SLOT D - 03:15-4:30**

**CONNECTING ACADEMIA AND PRACTICE –  
A NETWORK ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN WEST AFRICA**

**Presentation of the Network**

*Prof Dr. Bruno Charbonneau (LU/UQAM)*

**Open Discussion**

**Moderation: Prof. Dr. Tony Chafer**

**Mission, Objectives and Structure of a new network**

Dinner at 7:00

Throughout the day  
and the next day

Departure of participants

# PARTICIPANTS

## Organizers

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# INFORMATION

## Speaking Time

Up to 20 minutes for Panelists

Up to 5 minutes for Discussants

Up to 5 minutes for Roundtable panelists (last day)

Projector für Power Point Presentations is available

The Submission of Abstracts is required

## Rationale

*Connecting Academia and Practice*

*Focus on the Regional Dimension*

*Research that can underpin policy*

*Emergent issues*

*Networking between unconnected scholar communities*

*Outreach measures and raising awareness*

*Institutionalized longer-term approach*

# INFORMATION

## Accommodation

Participants will stay at:

Hotel Paloma Spintex Branch  
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Email: [reservations.spintex@palomahotel.com](mailto:reservations.spintex@palomahotel.com)

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Coffee breaks, lunch and dinner will take place in the KAIPTC Restaurant. Meals will only be covered on the evening of the 27th April and on the three days of the conference.

## Transport

Hotel shuttles are available from and to Kotoka International Airport. KAIPTC shuttles are available from Hotel to the conference venue and back.

## Conference Venue

Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center  
(KAIPTC)  
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The attendance is possible on invitation only.

## Visa

For International and Non-ECOWAS African participants, a visa is required to enter Ghana. Invitation letters have been sent out to participants. West African participants do not need a visa to enter the country.

## Working Languages

English and French

## Web

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<http://www.port.ac.uk/centre-for-european-and-international-studies-research/>  
<http://dandurand.uqam.ca/>

# NOTES

**Internet**

Internet connection is available in the hotel and at the conference venue

**Weather**

The weather in Ghana is hot with temperatures of up to 30 degrees celsius and high humidity of up to 80%. Rainy days are also possible in April and May.

**Currency**

The currency in Ghana is the New Ghana Cedi.

**Insurance**

All participants have to insure themselves during their stay.









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