



WEST AFRICA PEACE AND SECURITY NETWORK (WAPSN) ANNUAL
WORKSHOP 29-30th JUNE 2017
PORTLAND BUILDING (Room 1.67), UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

TACKLING SECURITY CHALLENGES IN WEST AFRICA

29th June:

Tackling Security Challenges in West Africa

12:00-12:45 – Lunch and Welcome

12:45 - 13:00 – Opening remarks from Professor Tony Chafer - University of Portsmouth.

13:00 - 14:30 Panel One – *Donor Responses to Insecurity in West Africa.*

Convenor - Dr Melita Lazell - University of Portsmouth.

1) Dr. Linda Darkwa, University of Ghana:

'Donor responses as vectors of security'

2) Aoife McCullough, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute.

14:30 - 16:00 Panel Two – *From Religious Cult to International Jihad: the Rise Boko Haram.*

Convenor - Busra Nisa Sarac - University of Portsmouth.

1) Elizabeth Pearson, Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI):

'ISIS, Boko Haram and gender relating to FST in the two groups'

2) Dr. Caroline Varin, Lecturer in the University of Regent's London:

'Boko Haram and the War on Terror'

3) Dr. Philip Attuquayefio, University of Ghana.

'Mercenaries Not Extremists: Public Perception of Motivation for Violent Extremism and its Implications for Countering Violent Extremism in West Africa'

16:00-16:30 – Tea and Coffee

16:30 – 18:00 Panel Three - *Maritime Security and Blue Economy: towards converging agendas for West Africa?*

Convenor: Sophie Quintin Adali - University of Portsmouth.

1) Dr. Pierre Failler, University of Portsmouth, Business School.
'Gulf of Guinea fisheries and food security'

2) Dr Kamal Deen-Ali (Captain, Ghana Navy), Executive Director of the Centre for Maritime Law and Security Africa (CEMLAWS).
'Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea: land-sea nexus'

3) H.E. Prof. Cheikh Ahmadou Dieng, Ambassador of Senegal in London.

19:30 - Dinner (Koh Thai Tapas, Southsea).

30th June - PHD WORKSHOP

Jihadism and Boko Haram

Start: 10:30am

1) Michael Nwankpa - University of Roehampton
'Assessing the local and international dimensions of Boko Haram's Jihad'

2) Confidence Uwazuruik - University of Bournemouth
'Reporting Boko Haram in Nigeria: journalistic practices and challenges'

3) Fernan Osorno, - University of Bristol
'Radicalisation and the troubles of youth'

12:00 - 13:00 - Lunch

13:00 - OPTIONAL TOUR OF PORTSMOUTH HISTORIC DOCKYARD AND VISIT TO HMS VICTORY