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Jalal Abdel-Latif is currently the Governance and Human Security cluster head at the Capacity Development Division at the UNECA. JALAL has over 25 years of professional experience in the areas of corporate social responsibility, civic engagement, grant making, project design and enhancing the capacities of non-profit organizations. He began his career as researcher and capacity analyst at UCLA African studies center. He then worked as Grants manager for USA for Africa (the We Are the World project) in California. He was a co-founder and CEO OF Inter-Africa Group, regional think tank. He was appointed by the late prime minister to serve on the Ethiopian telecommunication Board of directors to assist in its modernization and expansion.



## Younes Abouyoub

Director of the Governance and State-Building Division for the MENA Region, United Nations

Younes Abouyoub is the Director of the Governance and State-Building Division for the MENA Region at the United Nations. Mr. Abouyoub is the former head of the political office of the UN Under-Secretary General for Conflict Prevention and Senior political advisor to the UN Secretary General Special Envoy to Burundi. He directed the political office of the UN Secretary General Special Envoy to Yemen. Mr. Abouyoub was also the senior political advisor of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Libya, and former member of the UN Security Council Panel of Experts on Sudan. He also worked in different capacities for the United Nations; the Department of Political Affairs (New York), the United Nations Environment Program in Nairobi, the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, as well as in several other UN duty stations around the world. Younes Abouyoub holds a Ph.D. in political sociology and M.A. in Geopolitics and Law.



## Hafsat Abiola-Costello

Executive President of Women in Africa Initiative (WIA)

Hafsat Abiola-Costello is a human and civil rights campaigner and was appointed June 5, 2018 as the Executive President of Women in Africa (WIA) Initiative. The global platform is dedicated to the economic development and support of leading and high potential African women. She is the Founder of the Kudirat Initiative for Democracy (KIND) which seeks to strengthen civil society and promote democracy in Nigeria. In 2008 she founded China Africa Bridge (CAB), an organization that

seeks to ensure that growing Sino-African ties benefit both sides. Hafsat Abiola-Costello received the Youth Peace and Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission in 1997, the State of the World Forum's Change Maker Award in 1998, and the World Economic Forum's Global Leader of Tomorrow Award 2000. She is a member of the World Future Council.



## **Yonas Adeye Adeto**

Director, Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS)

Yonas Adeye Adeto is Director of the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS). He is an Assistant Professor of Peacebuilding and Security Sector Governance in Africa in the same Institute at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia since 2007. He obtained his PhD from the University of Bradford, UK (2016). He published peer reviewed journal articles (2018 New York, 2019 South Africa), book chapters (OSSREA, 2012; IPSS 2014; Routledge, London, 2019) and policy papers on Security-Development Nexus (2006, 2016, 2018 and 2019) on the Horn of Africa. He made academic paper presentations in African Studies Association (Washington, D.C., 2016; Chicago, 2017; Naples, 2019). He has also worked on State Fragility and Bad Neighbourhood in the Horn of Africa published in September 2019."



## **Nezha Alaoui Mhammdi**

Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South and Ambassador of His Majesty the King of Morocco to Ethiopia and Djibouti

Nezha Alaoui M'Hammdi is Senior Fellow at Policy Center for the New South (since 2020) and the current Ambassador of His Majesty the King of Morocco to Ethiopia and Djibouti since 2016. She has served as first Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco after its return to the African Union by 2017, and to the Peace and Security Council of the AU (April 2018). She is currently Dean of the Council of Arab League Ambassadors to Ethiopia. She also served from 2013 to 2016 as an Ambassador of Morocco to Ghana, Togo and Benin, being the first Moroccan female Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco in Africa. After joining the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Morocco in 1989, Mrs. Nezha Alaoui M'Hammdi served mainly in Italy and Ghana. During her assignment, from 2005 to 2009, to the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Rabat, she was first handling the relations with the European Union Commission, the European Union, mainly the European parliament and the Council of Europe. She was also meanwhile member of the commission which drafted the Advanced Statute negotiated between Morocco and the EU. From to 2009 to 2013, Mrs. Alaoui M'Hammdi was appointed as a Deputy-Director in charge of African Affairs at the Moroccan Foreign Ministry. Mrs. Nezha Alaoui M'hammdi Holds a PhD in International Relations.



## **Sampala Balima**

Security Sector Reform Expert, ENABEL

Dr Sampala Balima is a politist, lecturer at Universty Thomas Sankara of Ouagadougou and an associate researcher at ' Les Afriques dans le Monde' at Sciences Po Bordeaux. She is an international expert on security, defense and conflict. She is regularly mobilized for her expertise by United Nations, Enabel, AFD, GIZ, DCAF and others organizations that work on Violent extremism.



## **Abdelhak Bassou**

Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

Abdelhak Bassou is a Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South, previously known as OCP Policy Center, who focuses on Security Studies and Strategies and Defense. He occupied several offices within the Directorate General of the Moroccan National Security where he was Borders' Division Chief from 1978 to 1993. He was the former Director of the Royal Institute of Police in 1998. He also served as the Chief of Regional Security (Errachidia 1999-2003, Sidi Kacem 2003-2005) and was also Head of the Central General Intelligence from 2006 to 2009. He also contributed to the output of several international organizations endeavors including the Council of Arab Interior Ministers from 1986 to 1992, where he represented the Directorate General of National Security in several meetings. Abdelhak Bassou holds a Master's Degree in Political Science and International Studies from the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences of Agdal in Rabat.



## **Zineb Benalla**

CEO and Founder, Eirene Associates Int.

During six months she conducted research, identified youth at risk and helped implementing CVE activities in Agadez, Diffa and Niamey. She provided her CVE experience to shape approaches and activities development to the NCCI program in Niger, a USAID/OTI project implemented by IOM. She was a Consultant as a field researcher to the British Council in Morocco on building community resilience in the North of Morocco. She was part of the research team of Mercy Corps which examined lessons from violence prevention programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and apply those lessons to violence prevention in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). She was also Consultant to USAID/Creative Associates Nigeria Program to develop a regional CVE Network (Niger, Nigeria, Cameron, Chad and Mali). Zineb Benalla is the CEO and Founder of Eirene Associates. Int which is the first an international development and security company in Morocco, she is also the co-founder of a Think tank working on transnational violence and CVE and a Co-founder of a peace building network (a civil society network). Zineb Benalla holds a bachelor degree in International Relations from Alakhawayn University in Morocco and Georgetown University in the US, She holds a law Degree in International Law from Kent Law School and Brussels School of International Studies, and a diploma in Terrorism studies from St Andrews University in Scotland.



## **Mehdi Benomar**

Head of Department of Research in International Relations, Policy Center for the New South

Mehdi Benomar has cumulated 18 years of experience as analyst and occupied several positions in public organization: in National Defense as head of division (2000-2008), in the cabinet of the ministry of Mines and Energy (2010-12) and in OCP Group (2012-2017). He also served as senior consultant in private firm Global Intelligence Partners (G.I.P.) (2008-2010) in Rabat. He specialized in strategic monitoring issues and contributed on different topics related to proliferation, energy and development in sub-Saharan Africa. Nuclear Engineer, he graduated from the Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives and has a master in sciences.



## **Federico Borello**

Executive Director, Center for Civilians in Conflict

Federico Borello has served as the Executive Director at Center for Civilians in Conflict since July 2014, bringing more than fifteen years of experience working on human rights and international justice issues to our mission. Federico previously served as Director of Investments at Humanity United where he managed the International Justice and the Democratic Republic of Congo portfolios. He has also worked with the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the International Center for Transitional Justice. During his tenure at the UN, Federico coordinated the Transitional Justice and Anti-Impunity Unit at MONUC, the UN mission in Congo (now known as MONUSCO under its new mandate). He later served as a member of the Secretariat to the Commission of Inquiry in Guinea. Federico was also part of the team to issue a report on transitional justice for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Burundi. At ICTJ, Federico's work in transitional justice included supporting the Moroccan Truth Commission from 2003 through 2005. Federico holds a law degree from the University of Milan, where he graduated magna cum laude. He also earned a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University in New York.



## **Khalid Chegraoui**

Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

Khalid Chegraoui is the vice dean of political sciences and international relations at the Faculty of economic and social sciences of the University Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Rabat, Morocco and Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South. He began his teaching and research career in 1992 as a Research Assistant Professor at Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah University in Fez after earning his first doctorate in African Studies from the Mohammed V University in Rabat focusing on West Sub-Saharan Africa. He also earned a Doctorate of State in African Studies from the same University in 2002, where he focused on Contemporary West Africa, in 2003 he became Professor of History and Political Anthropology at the Institute of African Studies, Mohammed V University, consultant on African and Middle East issue and strategic studies.



## Letty Chiwara

UN Women Representative to Ethiopia, the Africa Union and the and Economic Commission for Africa

Letty Chiwara is the UN Women Representative to Ethiopia, the Africa Union Commission and the UN Economic Commission for Africa, a post she took up in May 2013. Prior to this, she was the UNIFEM and the UN Women Chief of Africa, based in New York, where she worked for 12 years. Letty successfully led UN Women's strategic partnerships with several organizations including the European Commission, the World Bank, the OECD DAG Gender Net, FEMNET, YWCA, the Africa Union Commission, the UNECA, and the Africa Development Bank. A gender expert and women's rights activist of regional and global acclaim, Letty's 22 years of work with the UN has seen her participate in and substantively contribute to several inter-governmental negotiations including the UN General Assembly, the Africa Union Summits, Global Financing for Development and Aid Effectiveness Conferences, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and many more. Her passion and commitment to women's rights have seen her leading the establishment of key networks including FemWise (Africa Women Mediators Network), AWLN (Africa Women Leaders Network), AGDEN (Africa Gender and Development Evaluators Network), GIMAC (Gender is my Agenda Campaign), among others. She led the Africa Unite Campaign to end Violence Against Women and Girls (2010-2015) and is currently leading the team developing the Africa Regional Spotlight Initiative on ending Harmful and Traditional Practices and ending child marriage. In her formative career years, Letty served her own country of Zimbabwe working as a Town Planning Officer in Matabeleland South and in Harare.



## Ibrahim Diarra Siratigui

Former Chief of Staff, Mali Republic Presidency

Col. Ibrahim Siratigui DIARRA was born in 1979. He did his secondary and high school at the Military Cadets School of Kati (Mali), where he earned his A Level in 1996. He then studied « Literature and Human Sciences » at the National Cadets School of La Flèche (France) from 1996 to 1998. Gendarmerie officer, he holds a Master in International Relations from the Military Academy of Saint-Cyr (2001), a Bachelor in Law and Criminal Sciences from the University of Paris XI (2002), a Master in Information Technology, Communication and Development from the University of Limoges (2009) and Masters in Peace and Security Studies from the universities of Uppsala (2011) and Addis-Ababa (2013), a Master in Counterterrorism and International Security Studies and the War College Diploma (2018) from the National Defense University of Washington D.C (2018). Col. DIARRA holds also several certificates in computer science, crisis management, peacekeeping and military training. Col. DIARRA started his career in 2002 as Trainer in several civilian and military schools (National Gendarmerie and Peacekeeping schools). He was then appointed Director of Peacekeeping Documentation Center from 2004 to 2007, then Chief of Staff to the Commissioner Political Affairs, Peace and Security at ECOWAS Commission from 2007 to 2012, then Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Mali from 2012 to 2013. Col. DIARRA served as Chief of Staff to the President of

the Republic of Mali from 2014 to 2016 and Director of Prospective and Strategic Analysis from 2018 to 2020. He was briefly at the UN Mission in Mali as Electoral conflict prevention officer from 2016 to 2017. He is now expert and consultant in peace, conflict and security issues, working for several private companies and international NGOs. He has been honored with the Medal of « Chevalier de l'Ordre National du MALI ».



## **Bineta Diop**

Special Envoy of the Chairperson of African Union Commission on Women, Peace, and Security

Bineta Diop is currently the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace and Security. She is the founder and President of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), an international NGO based in Geneva with its operation office in Dakar/Senegal. The organization seeks to foster, strengthen and promote the leadership role of women in conflict prevention, management and resolution in Africa. Mme Diop played an instrumental role in the adoption of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa as well as the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa. She has led peacebuilding programs as well as many women's peace and security initiatives. She was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time Magazine in 2011 and was awarded the Légion d'honneur by the French President in 2012 and was also co-chair of the World Economic Forum on Africa in 2014. Bineta Diop studied International Relations and Diplomacy. She has a Honoris Causa from the United Nations-affiliated University for Peace (UPEACE), Costa Rica and Middlesex University, in United Kingdom.



## **Birame Diop**

Former Army Chief of Staff, Republic of Senegal

Previously Chief of staff of Senegalese Air Forces, General Birame Diop occupies currently the function of Security advisor to the President of the Republic and from January 1st 2020 he will become the Chief of the General staff of the Senegalese Armed Forces. His training courses started with the preparatory classes at the Prytanee military junior school of Saint-Louis in 1974 and Pilot officer training course at the Royal Academy of Morocco in 1985. General Diop pursued his trainings in USA, France, Singapore and he is since 2015 a Doctoral student in diplomacy and international relations at CEDS, in Dakar. General Diop has published among others Reinforcing air transport capabilities in Africa: a strategy to improve the military efficiency (2012) ; A review of the peacekeeping operations in Africa, International Journal of Peacekeeping (2009) ; Peacekeeping in Africa: focus on the Artemis mission (DRC), CSIS Newsletter (2009).



## **Karim El Aynaoui**

Executive President, Policy Center for the New South

Executive President of the Policy Center for the New South, and Executive Vice-President of the Mohammed VI Polytechnic University and Dean of its Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences. From 2005 to 2012, he worked at the Central Bank of Morocco where he served as Director of Economics, Statistics and International Relations. He was also in charge of the Research Department and was a member of the cabinet of the Governor. Prior to joining Bank Al-Maghrib, Karim El Aynaoui worked for eight years at the World Bank, as an Economist within the Middle East, North Africa, and Africa regions. He has published books and journal articles on macroeconomic issues in developing countries. His recent work includes co-authored books on renewing Morocco's growth strategy and on the Moroccan labor market. Karim El Aynaoui holds scientific and advisory positions in various institutions. He is a member of the Malabo-Montpellier Panel, the Scientific Council of the Moroccan Capital Market Authority, and the Strategic Advisory Board of the French Institute of International Relations. He is also a global member of the Trilateral Commission. In the past, he served as a member of the COP22 Scientific Committee. He also serves as advisor to the CEO and Chairman of the OCP Group, a world leader in the phosphate industry, and as board member of the OCP Foundation. Karim El Aynaoui holds a PhD in economics from the University of Bordeaux, where he taught courses in statistics and economics for three years.



## **Badreddine El Harti**

Principal Rule of Law and Security Sector Reform Adviser, UN Special Adviser to the President of Burkina Faso, United Nations.

Badreddine El Harti is a Rule of Law and Security Institutions Director with the United Nations Development Program and Special Adviser to the President of Burkina Faso. Previously, he has been the Deputy, Policy and Doctrine at the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations in New York (2011-2015). He has served and supported rule of law and security sector governance and reform processes for the United Nations in Haiti, Central African Republic, Libya and Yemen. At a national level, he held senior positions in the defense institution. Badreddine holds a PhD in Humanities from Mohamed fifth University on "Cross cultural communication" (2001), a Master in Strategic Studies from the Air University in Alabama, US. He also holds a master in defense studies from the Royal Center of high military studies and an aeronautical engineering diploma.



## **Rachid El Houdaigui**

Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

Rachid EL Houdaigui is professor of International Relations at Abdelmalek Essaadi University and Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South who focuses on International relations, geopolitics, Mediterranean region, North Africa and the Arab world. He is also professor at Royal College of Advanced Military Studies and professor invited at Cergy-Pontoise University, Cadix University and at La Sagesse University (Beirut). Mr. EL Houdaigui is the author of numerous books and articles dealing with International relations and geopolitics: the Mediterranean, North Africa and the Arab world. Also, he is co-director of the Moroccan-Spanish review "Peace and International Security" and in charge of the Observatory of Mediterranean Studies (Abdelmalek Essaadi University).



## **Christina Foerch**

Co-founder, Fighter for Peace

Christina Foerch Saab holds a Master Degree in Political Sciences and Spanish from the Free University of Berlin and has a certificate in Biography Work. In the year 2000 she moved from Berlin to Beirut where she has been working as filmmaker, journalist and consultant for civil society organizations. She is a co-founder of Fighters for Peace (FFP), a non-profit organization that unites former Lebanese combatants from different political and sectarian backgrounds, engaging them in peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts. She is the head of programs and international relations in FFP. In her work as practitioner she focuses on issues such as self-reflection and reintegration processes of ex-combatants, victims-perpetrators relations and restorative justice and the engagement of "formers" in P/CVE. She further works in the fields of Women, Peace and Security, peace education, media, arms control and disarmament processes. Christina Foerch is a member of the EU-led RAN Radicalisation Awareness Network's expert pool and consults organizations in the MENA region and the EU in the field of engaging formers in P/CVE, reintegration of formers as well as IS-returnees.



## **Alexis L. Henshaw**

Assistant Professor, Troy University

Alexis Henshaw is the author of *Why Women Rebel: Understanding Women's Participation in Armed Rebel Groups* (Routledge, 2017) and co-author of *Insurgent Women: Female Combatants in Civil Wars* (Georgetown University Press, 2019). She is currently an assistant professor at Troy University. Her research interests include gender issues in international politics, civil wars, conflict management, and Latin America. She has also published work on research methods and design, including pieces focused on pedagogy, data analysis & visualization, and inclusivity. Her work has appeared in *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, and a variety

of other peer-reviewed outlets. Dr. Henshaw has written for The Conversation, Duck of Minerva, Political Violence @ a Glance, and The Monkey Cage, the political blog of The Washington Post. She has authored reports for the U.S. Army's Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute and the Centre for Women, Peace, and Security at the London School of Economics. She is an associate fellow with the Global Network on Extremism and Technology and has consulted with UN Women, the UN Counterterrorism Executive Directorate, and a variety of other organizations. Dr. Henshaw received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Arizona with a certificate in Gender and Women's Studies and previously taught at Duke University, Miami University, Bucknell University, and Sweet Briar College.

## **Annika Hilding Norberg**

Head of Peace Operations and Peacebuilding, Geneva Center for Security Policy



Ms Annika Hilding Norberg is head of Peace Operations and Peacebuilding at the Geneva Center for Security Policy since 2017. She leads, facilitates and contributes to peace operations and peacebuilding dialogue, policy applicable research and development, and education and training. Annika's focus is on strengthening leadership for peace with an emphasis on UN and EU operations and women leadership in particular. She serves on the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Management Committee since 2017 and will join the International Leadership Association's Board of Directors on 1 July 2021. Prior to joining the GCSP, Annika was the founder and director of the International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations (CF) for 21 years, a joint platform of then 22 countries, incl. the 5 Permanent Members of the UN SC, aimed at strengthening UN peace operations. Originating from when she served as president of the London School of Economics (LSE) International Relations Society, the CF was founded in 1996 as part of Annika's research studies at the LSE on comparative approaches to peace operations. Annika led the CF based at the LSE (1996-2000), Swedish National Defence College (1997-2002) and Folke Bernadotte Academy, an agency of Swedish MFA (2003-2017). She served on the Board of Directors for the Peace Operations Training Institute (2010-2013). Annika holds academic degrees and certificates from the LSE, Free University of Brussels, Moscow State University and Universidad del Pais Vasco. She is main editor of some 80 reports and policy briefs. In 2008, she was awarded the Silver Medal of the Swedish Royal Academy of Military Science for her contributions to strengthening UN peacekeeping.

## **Paul-Simon Handy**

Head of the Conflict Prevention and Risk Analysis Division (ISS)



Paul-Simon Handy is currently Senior Regional Advisor after he serving a Head of the Conflict Prevention and Risk Analysis Division of the ISS in Pretoria. Prior to this, he assumed the functions of Research Director and Deputy Executive Director in the same organisation. Paul-Simon is Political scientist and has studied at the universities of Yaounde, Berlin and Leipzig where he did his PhD. He has published extensively on issues related to governance and state fragility in Africa as well as the AU peace and security architecture and more recently on the foreign policies of

selected African countries. New research interests are centered around the role of collective security regimes as well as Africa in a changing world. Paul-Simon has previously held a teaching position at the Free University of Berlin before working as a Visiting Fellow with the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP) in Berlin. He is on the editorial board of the *African Security Review*, a deputy director of l'Observatoire de l'Afrique and a guest-lecturer at the Political Science Department of Rhodes University in Grahamstown (South-Africa).

## **Dina Hussein**

Counterterrorism Policy Lead for EMEA, Facebook



Dina Hussein is Facebook's Counterterrorism and Dangerous Organizations Policy Head for Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Ms. Hussein leads the teams work on internal policy development, external outreach, strategic partnerships and the company's work with the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT). Ms Hussein's expertise includes processes of radicalisation, counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations in the Middle East and North Africa, and the intersection of technology and violent extremism. Her research has focused on the evolving use of social media by terrorist and violent extremist, tribal dynamics within terrorist organisations and securitisation of civilian space. Ms Hussein worked with the Foreign Commonwealth Office, Amnesty International and the Middle East Institute amongst others. She has also consulted on CT ad CVE for the UNDP, UN Women and the US Institute for Peace.

## **Annette Leijenaar**

Head Peace Operations and Peacebuilding, Institute for Security Studies



Annette Leijenaar joined the ISS as Conflict Management and Peacebuilding Division Head in May 2012. From 2000-2012 she served with the UN at HQ (DPKO: Global Head of Peacekeeping Training, and at UNDSS: Chief of Desk for the Middle East, Asia and Pacific.) She served in the field in Botswana, Somalia, Liberia and Afghanistan. Before joining the UN she served in the SADF/SANDF from 1974 onwards, the last assignment being South Africa's Military Attaché in the UK. She attended the Joint Staff Course (JSC) in 1999 after returning from the UK. She holds a B Mil (Military Science), Hons B (B&A) and MBA from the University of Stellenbosch.

## **Mohammed Loulichki**

Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South



Mr. Loulichki is a Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South, who focuses on Diplomacy, conflicts resolution and Human rights. He has an extensive experience of 40 years in diplomacy and legal affairs. He assumed inter alia the functions of Head of the Department of Legal Affairs and Treaties in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was also Ambassador of Morocco in Hungary, Bosnia - Herzegovina and Croatia (1995-1999), Ambassador Coordinator of the Government of Morocco

with MINURSO (1999 - 2001), Ambassador of Morocco to the United Nations in Geneva (2006-2008) and New York (2001-2003 and 2008-2014), as well as President of the Security Council (December 2012). Mr. Loulichki was appointed President of the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council (2013), President of the working Group on Peace Keeping Operations (2012), Vice-President of the Human Rights Council (2006), Facilitator of the Universal Periodic Review of the said Council (2006 and 2010) and President of the National Committee in charge of the follow up on nuclear matters (2003-2006).

### **Rida Lyammouri**

Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South



Mr. Lyammouri is Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South focusing on geopolitics and international relations issues. He has more than eight years of experience focusing on the North Africa and Sahel regions. His extensive experience supporting governmental and non-governmental organizations includes the areas of international development, security, countering violent extremism, and counter-terrorism. Mr. Lyammouri has elaborated more than 200 in-depth research reports that cultivate deeper understanding of regional and domestic challenges. He has also frequently made programming recommendations to address various security, economic, and political challenges related to a specific region or a country in Africa. Mr. Lyammouri has also presented as an expert at various conferences, including at the National Defense University (NDU), the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), in addition to multiple contributions to well-known media outlets such as BBC, NPR, and France24. Mr. Lyammouri holds a Master of Public Policy with an emphasis on National Security from the school of Policy, Government, and International Affairs at George Mason University.

### **Erika Monticone**

Engagement Advisor, NSD-S Hub for South



Erika Monticone took office as Engagement Advisor to the NATO Hub for South in November 2018. She supports and implements with a number of stakeholders in Africa and Middle East. As Officer to the Italian Army Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel she has been deployed for two years to EUNAVFORMED op. SOPHIA as POLAD and Gender advisor. She spent more than 2 years in Afghanistan as economic advisor to the NATO represents for West Afghanistan and, more recently, as gender advisor to TAAC-west under the Command of the Alpine Brigade Julia. She has long been supporting projects for women’s empowerment as well as implementing courses of self-defense and volleyball for afghan women.



## **Devorah Margolin**

Adjunct Professor, George Washington University

Devorah Margolin is Director of Strategic Initiatives and a Senior Research Fellow at the Program on Extremism at The George Washington University. Her research primarily focuses on violent Islamist groups in the Levant, terrorism governance, terrorism financing, the role of propaganda, countering violent extremism, and the role of women in violent Islamist groups. Devorah is the Project Manager for The ISIS Files Project, the co-PI on PoE's core partnership with the Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET), and a Senior Investigator with the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE). Devorah has presented her research to academics, practitioners, and government officials around the world, and has published her work in peer review journals and newspapers, including *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *The CTC Sentinel*, *Newsweek*, and *Foreign Policy*. She is a contributor to the BBC, and she provides commentary to outlets including *The Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *The Telegraph*, and *The New York Times*. Her co-edited volume *Jihadist Terror: New Threats, New Responses*, was published with I.B. Tauris in Spring 2019. Devorah is also an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University and a part-time PhD Candidate in the Department of War Studies, King's College London.



## **Jonna Naumanen**

Specialist on Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights, ODIHR

Jonna Naumanen is a gender equality and human rights expert with a Masters degree in Anthropology. She currently works for the OSCE which is the world's largest regional security organization. Jonna has more than 13 years of experience in different advisory roles across variety of multilateral organizations. Prior to joining OSCE she worked for 10 years for the United Nations, including the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, where she led the integration of gender and human rights into UN military policies, doctrine and training, and UN Women where she managed their regional program on Women, Peace and Security in the Arab States. She formerly worked also for ILO supporting integration of gender equality in post-conflict infrastructure development in East Timor, and women's employment and labour market policies in Vietnam.



## **Mabingue Ngom**

Regional Director, UNFPA West and Central Africa Regional Office (WCARO)

Mabingue Ngom was appointed the Regional Director for UNFPA West and Central Africa Regional Office (WCARO) based in Dakar, Senegal, on January 2015. In exercising his duties, he provides leadership and strategic direction for the 23 countries covered by the Regional Office. He is a staunch advocate of youth and women's empowerment and a champion of the Demographic. Mr. Ngom joined UNFPA in 2008 as Director of Program Division based at UNFPA headquarters in New York. As a strategic leader, he led the development of the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan, which introduced critical organizational reforms to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations Population Fund. For seven years, Mr. Ngom was

the Emergency Director within UNFPA and an active member of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), of the administration and UNFPA Representative in the High-Level Committee on Programmes Council of Chief Executives (CEB) for coordination. Previously, Mr Ngom was involved in the development of his country, where he held various management positions, including Advisor of the Minister of Economy and Finance in Senegal. He holds a Masters in Development and Economic Analysis (Dakar, 1983), and in Public Policy (Washington, DC.) 1998). Mabingue also holds a Graduate Diploma in Economic Development and Planning and (Dakar, 1985). He received academic awards from the University of Chicago, the American University (Washington, DC), and the Prize "Foreign and Commonwealth Award" from the UK.



### **Nayanka Paquete Perdigão**

Program Associate, Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT)

Dr. Nayanka Paquete Perdigão is the Program Associate at the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT). She was formerly the head of the ALC Peace and Security Fellowship program at the African Leadership Center, King's College London. In this capacity, she oversaw the academic, policy and practical content on leadership, peacebuilding and conflict resolution, working with multi-level stakeholders in North America, Europe and Africa. Drawing from her extensive travels and having lived in West Africa for several years, Nayanka's background is on leadership, state-building processes, violent conflict, and peacebuilding in Africa. She has also worked on the peace and security linkages between Brazil and Lusophone Africa. Her research has focused on understanding the wider ramifications of radicalization and violence in Africa both regionally and globally by looking at issues at the intersection of peace, security and development. Nayanka has also written on how radicalized extremists made strategic gains during the Covid-19 outbreak in Mozambique as part of her research at King's College London, where she remains as a Research Associate. Dr. Paquete Perdigao is a graduate of the School of Oriental and African Studies (BA), the London School of Economics (MSc) and King's College London (PhD).



### **Mamphela Ramphele**

Co-President of The Club of Rome; Co-Founder ReimagineSA

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## **Serge Stroobants**

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## Dominique Trinquand

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## About the Policy Center for the New South

The Policy Center for the New South (PCNS) is a Moroccan think tank aiming to contribute to the improvement of economic and social public policies that challenge Morocco and the rest of the Africa as integral parts of the global South.

The PCNS pleads for an open, accountable and enterprising "new South" that defines its own narratives and mental maps around the Mediterranean and South Atlantic basins, as part of a forward-looking relationship with the rest of the world. Through its analytical endeavours, the think tank aims to support the development of public policies in Africa and to give the floor to experts from the South. This stance is focused on dialogue and partnership, and aims to cultivate African expertise and excellence needed for the accurate analysis of African and global challenges and the suggestion of appropriate solutions.

As such, the PCNS brings together researchers, publishes their work and capitalizes on a network of renowned partners, representative of different regions of the world. The PCNS hosts a series of gatherings of different formats and scales throughout the year, the most important being the annual international conferences "The Atlantic Dialogues" and "African Peace and Security Annual Conference" (APSACO).

Finally, the think tank is developing a community of young leaders through the Atlantic Dialogues Emerging Leaders program (ADEL) a space for cooperation and networking between a new generation of decision-makers from the government, business and civil society sectors. Through this initiative, which already counts more than 300 members, the Policy Center for the New South contributes to intergenerational dialogue and the emergence of tomorrow's leaders.

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