



Supporting Security and Capacity Building Efforts in Africa

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There is a clear consensus today on the multidimensional nature of security issues and of the responses they require. Issues as diverse as climate change, gender-based violence, armed conflicts, and terrorism are in reality often interconnected. Responding to them – or at least effectively and appropriately supporting the response developed by our partners – therefore requires a comprehensive approach, understood in terms of links and bridges to be made across issues, as well as across levels of action. Though the African continent is not alone in facing these multidimensional security challenges and response efforts, it has nevertheless been at the forefront of the most recent reflections on how to best address them.

The workshop aims to explore the innovative approaches that have been deployed to support peace and security efforts by various actors—local, national, regional, and international—and the linkages across some of these practices to showcase and assess the multidimensional efforts currently underway in Africa. How do we design responses to security challenges in an innovative, coherent, and comprehensive manner? How do we respond to the multidimensionality of security challenges and the fact that they tend to be multi-layered, while ensuring that the responses are based on and strengthen national and local initiatives, skills, and capacities? Answering these questions necessarily involves bridging sectors and communities of actors. The workshop aims to develop recommendations that can serve the work of researchers and practitioners alike.

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8:45am

Introduction

Marie-Eve Desrosiers, *University of Ottawa*

9:00am

How to act in an innovative way in response to the security challenges in Africa?

Chair: Marie-Joëlle Zahar, *Université de Montréal*

Do we have a better idea today of how to approach security challenges in an integrated way? What are some examples of especially innovative or effective security or capacity-building actions emerging from African contexts?

- Niagalé Bagayoko, *Africa Security Sector Network*
- Mpako Foaleng, *Département des Operations de Paix, ONU*
- Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé, *Bishop's University*

10:15am

Coffee Break

10:45am

Building capacity in a multidimensional framework

Chair: Niagalé Bagayoko, *Africa Security Sector Network*

Capacity building is a concept that has been mobilized to address various security challenges. But what are the current issues associated with this concept? What are the most frequently addressed capacities? Whose capacities, and built by whom? How can capacities be conceived broadly and inclusively enough to take into account the multidimensionality of security challenges in the complex African contexts?

- Bruno Charbonneau, *Collège militaire royal—Saint-Jean*
- Col. Pierre Leroux, *MFO Chief Liaison, Canadian Contingent Commander*
- Adam Sandor, *Research Consultant*

12:00pm

Lunch

1:00pm

From the international to the local: the crossroads between levels of analysis and action.

Chair: Philippe Frowd, *University of Ottawa*

How do actions at one level impact other levels? The importance of including all beneficiaries of a security action in its design is recognized, but how can this be done in practice in a credible and sustainable way?

- Adib Bencherif, *Université de Sherbrooke*
- Arsène Brice Bado, *Centre de Recherche et d'Action pour la Paix*
- Maria Martin de Almagro, *Université de Gand*

2:15pm

Traditional issues, non-traditional tools

Chair: Bruno Charbonneau, *Collège militaire royal—Saint-Jean*

How can non-traditional tools be used to address traditional security issues, such as armed violence (terrorism, wars)? How to define innovation in security support action in a way that bridges the gap between researchers and practitioners? What are the challenges and risks of initiatives that seek to bridge traditional and non-traditional approaches to security?

- Gaëlle Rivard Piché, *Carleton University*
- Marie-Joëlle Zahar, *Université de Montréal*
- Virginie Tardif-Plante, *Affaires mondiales Canada*
- Philippe Frowd, *University of Ottawa*

3:30pm

Coffee Break

4:00pm

closed door panel

Round table discussions: Look back at the central issues

What have we learned about multidimensional security interventions in Africa? What avenues for action have been identified? What new avenues for research?

With Lydie Belporo, Abdou Rahim Lema Mohamed, Aboubacar Maïga, and Arthur Stein – *Université de Montréal*

**5:00pm
6:30pm**

Keynote Event

Cyril Obi, *Social Science Research Council*

Re-democratizing Africa Again? Engaging emerging challenges to peace and security in a time of crises

7:30pm

Networking Dinner



Marie-Joëlle Zahar

Marie-Joëlle Zahar is Professor of Political Science, Director of the Research Network on Peace Operations and Fellow at the Centre for International Research and Studies at the Université de Montréal. She is also a member of the Scientific Board of the Network for Strategic Analysis. From March 2013 until August 2015, she served as Senior Expert on Power Sharing on the Standby Team of Mediation Experts at the UN Department of Political Affairs where she remains on the UN mediation roster. In 2017, she was a senior expert in the Office of the Special Envoy of the United Nations for Syria. A graduate of McGill University, her research interests span the dynamics of civil war and the politics of conflict-resolution. She is a specialist of the study of non-state armed groups, transition violence and post-conflict power sharing. A non-resident Senior Fellow with the International Peace Institute (New York) and a member of the Folke Bernadotte Academy's research working groups (Sweden), Professor Zahar has held a number of visiting appointments. She was a research fellow at Stanford's Center for International Security and cooperation and a SSHRC post-doctoral fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies (University of Toronto). She has co-edited or co-authored 5 books and has also penned over 75 publications in academic journals and edited volumes on conflict resolution and peace implementation as well as a number of research and policy papers published by think-tanks and policy institutes. Her research has been funded, among others by the Carnegie Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and the US Institute for Peace.



Niagalé Bagayoko

Niagalé Bagayoko holds a PhD in Political Science from the Institut d'Études Politiques (IEP) in Paris. Her thesis was awarded the first prize of the Institut des Hautes Études de la Défense Nationale (IHEDN). A specialist in security system reform (SSR) in Francophone Africa, international security policies in sub-Saharan Africa, and African conflict management mechanisms, she has directed the "peacekeeping and peacebuilding" program of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, after working as a researcher at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex (UK) and the Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD, France), as well as a lecturer in international relations at the IEP of Paris. She is currently President of the African Security Sector Network (ASSN). She is a frequent contributor to numerous media outlets with an international audience, including television (France 24, TV5 Monde, Deutsch Welle, VOA, Africanews, etc.), radio (France Culture, RFI, BBC, etc.) and the press (Le Monde, le Point, Jeune Afrique, The Africa Report, etc.).

Mpako Foaeng

Head of the Standing Capacity on Security Sector Reform and Governance in the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions of the United Nations Department of Peace Operations. She has extensive experience in advising and supporting policy and strategy on peace and security issues at various levels including the United Nations, ECOWAS, African Union and countries. She holds a PhD in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.



Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé

Associate Professor at Bishop's University and Non-Resident Fellow at the International Peace Institute, New York. She is the Deputy Director of the *Réseau de recherche sur les opérations de paix*, and the 2018–2019 Canada Fulbright Research Chair for Peace and War Studies. She is an associate faculty member of the Center for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS) and of the the Montreal Center for International Studies (CERIUM). Her research focuses on peace operations and security issues related to intra-state wars. Her recent research projects focus on UN peacekeeping-intelligence. Her most recent publications include "Competing for Trust: Challenges in UN Peacekeeping-Intelligence". Co-author of the first United Nations Field Handbook on Joint Mission Analysis Centres (United Nations, 2018), she recently conducted fieldwork at the MINUSCA (Central African Republic), MINUSMA (Mali), MONUSCO (Democratic Republic of Congo), UNOCI (Côte d'Ivoire) and UNMISS (South Sudan). She is co-hosting with Thomas Juneau the podcast "Conseils de sécurité" a co-production of the CDSN-RCDS and RAS-NSA.



Bruno Charbonneau

Bruno Charbonneau (PhD Queen's University) is Full Professor of International Studies, and Director of the Centre for Security and Crisis Governance (CRITIC) at the Royal Military College Saint-Jean. He is also founder and Director of the Centre FrancoPaix in Conflict Resolution and Peace Missions of the Raoul-Dandurand Chair at the Université du Québec à Montréal. Since 2015, he has been an editorial board member of the academic journal *International Peacekeeping*. His work examines the power politics of and interactions between international interventions and armed conflicts. In particular, he analyses the regional and international dynamics of conflict management and resolution in the Francophone West African Sahel. He is currently working on the consequences of the "division of labor" between the international counter-terrorist forces and the UN peacekeeping forces deployed in the Sahel. He is also developing a research project on the links between armed conflict, counter-insurgency and climate change. His research has been funded by, among others, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, and Global Affairs Canada. He is the author of *France and the New Imperialism: Security Policy in sub-Saharan Africa* (2008), and coeditor of *Peace Operations in the Francophone World: Global Governance Meets Post-Colonialism* (2014), *Peacebuilding, Memory and Reconciliation: Bridging Top-down and Bottom-up Approaches* (2012) and *Locating Global Order: American Power and Canadian Security After 9/11* (2010). His research has been published in several world-renowned academic journals: *Review of International Studies*, *International Political Sociology*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Les Temps modernes*, *Afrique contemporaine*, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *Conflict, Security & Development*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, and more.

Colonel Pierre Leroux, MSM, CD

After graduating from the Royal Military College of Canada in 2000, he joined the Royal 22e Régiment and deployed in Bosnia as platoon commander in 2001. He completed a second operational tour in Congo within the UN multinational Divisional headquarters in 2005, and subsequently was posted to the recruit school in St-Jean to be employed as an instructor and Divisional commander. In 2008, he returned to his Regiment as Adjutant of 1st Battalion. Promoted to Major in 2009, he took command of A Company and deployed to Afghanistan as Combat Team Commander. In 2012, he was posted to the US Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to complete a Masters in Military Arts and Science. On return to Canada, he was posted to Canadian Army 2nd Division headquarters where he served in both Plans and Operations branch. In 2016 he was posted to the Canadian Army headquarters in the human resources branch. In the summer of 2017, he took command of 1st Battalion R22eR and deployed to Ukraine as Commander of Joint Task Force Ukraine from Sept 2018 to April 2019. On completion of unit command in summer 2019, he was posted to the Canadian Joint Operations Command as Deputy Director of Plans (J5), which is the headquarters supervising all CAF expeditionary and domestic operations. In the summer of 2021, he was appointed as Commander of the CAF contribution to the Multinational Force and Observers, which is a multinational organization responsible to observe the Peace Treaty between Egypt and Israel, where his main duty is to lead the Liaison branch. He has an 11-year-old daughter, Liliane.

Adam Sandor

Adam Sandor is a research consultant specializing in political economy analysis in stabilization contexts in Africa. Most of his research has focused on the transnational governance of violence in Mali, Niger, and Central African Republic. He is regularly solicited by the United Kingdom and Canada for his views on security politics in the Sahel. His current research agenda examines the governance practices of armed groups, and sociological approaches to understand the violent production of local political orders. Adam's work has been published in several international peer-reviewed journals such as *International Affairs*, *Security Dialogue*, and *Civil Wars*.



Philippe M. Frowd

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Maria Martin de Almagro

Maria Martin de Almagro is assistant professor in the political science department at Université de Montréal. She studies gender politics, international political economy and the micro-dynamics of war to peace transitions from a poststructuralist and postcolonial perspective. Her research agenda revolves around 3 topics: 1) a multi-modal discourse approach to analyze the life cycle of international norms and their implementation in development and post-conflict environments; 2) the link between UN security and development policies; 3) transnational social movements and the production of knowledge on gender and race underpinning security and development policies. She has been Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Cambridge and has a Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences from the Université libre de Bruxelles and a Ph.D. in Political Theory from LUISS Guido Carli.



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Cyril Obi

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