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## Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa

Contributing to a secure, peaceful and prosperous Africa

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*“SIGLA is very relevant to what the continent needs; it can play a tremendous role as a think tank in generating knowledge resources and the dissemination of integrated security theory for the continent. It can contribute to development and help to change the face of Africa, from one of strife and unrest, to one of peace, good governance and security.”*

*- SIPHOKAZI NDUDANE  
Director of SIGLA*

## Why the need for good governance and leadership in Africa?

Although Africa's struggle for liberation and independence from colonial powers forms an integral part of its history, this period now belongs to the past. However, at the wake of the 21st century, the continent faces a different set of challenges among which are civil unrest, poverty and economic stagnation. The century also provides an opportunity for a shift of focus from liberation to governance in order to make things work in Africa. Good governance and visionary leadership stand at the centre of Africa becoming a partner on the global stage.

Africa has great potential for economic growth, with more than 60% of its population being younger than 24 years. The continent is part of global emerging markets, and South Africa being a partner in the BRICS grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, and China has a direct bearing on the rest of the continent. If Africa is to take part in this great development and deliver on its expected mandate, it needs leaders with sound and balanced skills to govern and steer the continent toward a brighter, secure, and prosperous future. Good governance and transformational leadership can enable the continent to overcome the challenges of civil war, famine,

human rights abuses and diseases. Visionary leaders have the potential to offer Africa security, prosperity and peace through good governance. Moreover, we need more institutions where leadership can be developed and harnessed.

## Stellenbosch University's role in promoting security, good governance and peace in Africa

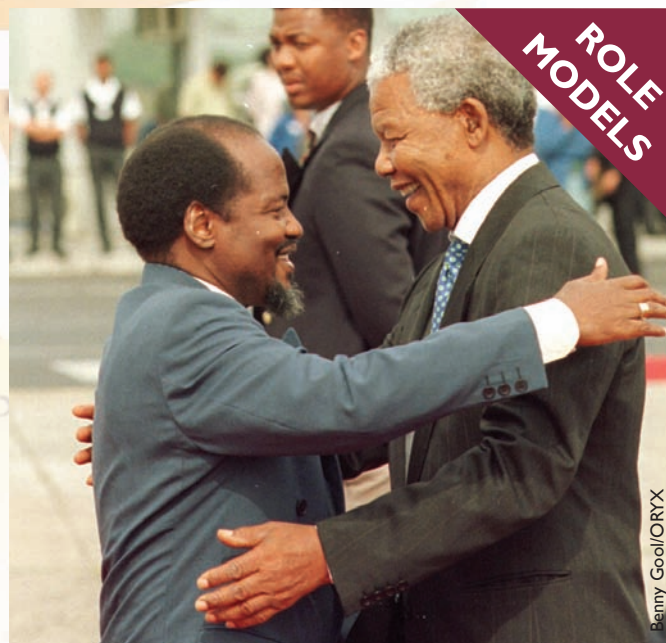
Stellenbosch University has established itself as one of the leading institutions in Africa and among the best in the world. As a research-driven institution, we pursue excellence with a firm grasp of society's needs in the 21st century. In this endeavour, we realise the importance of a stable and secure environment for carrying out our core academic functions – research, teaching and learning, and community interaction – and for contributing to the development of society. We are aware that violence, instability and poor leadership can pose a threat to development in Africa. As part of our commitment to the unearthing of the continent's potential for lasting peace and prosperity, we want to train leaders who have the skills and moral fortitude to steer the continent away from civil war, crime and corruption. Driven by this vision, the University established the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA).

## How SIGLA contributes to security, peace and prosperity in Africa?

The Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA) was established in 2010 under the patronage of former Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano, the only African president to receive the *Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership*, and current Chair of the Africa Forum. Through various partnerships with stakeholders in the public and private sector, SIGLA develops research and training programmes related to security, governance and leadership in Africa, and produces relevant knowledge resources for the continent.

Apart from colloquiums, workshops and conferences, the institute conducts high quality Africa-wide leadership training such as the *Executive Master's in Security Management*; the *Programme for Emerging African Leaders*; the *Programme for Peace, Security and Development*; and courses in Intelligence Studies and Security Studies, to name but a few.

Institutionally, SIGLA is affiliated with the University's School for Public Leadership (SPL) while also maintaining strong links with the University's Business School (USB), and the Faculty of Military Sciences, the only military academy in the Southern African Development Community (SADEC). Through collaboration with these institutions, SIGLA draws from a pool of multi-disciplinary expertise of skills, knowledge and competencies required to build sustainable African societies.



*Role models for peace and democracy: Joaquim Chissano, former President of Mozambique and his great friend, former South African President, Nelson Mandela.*

### **The Institute works closely with the:**

- Africa Forum (Forum of the former African heads of state)
- NEPAD Business Foundation
- African defense forces
- African Union
- Development Bank of Southern Africa
- Southern African Defence and Security Management (SADSEM)
- African security sector network and
- various universities across Africa and the rest of the world

## How this institute ties in with the HOPE Project

Stellenbosch University's HOPE Project is a university-wide initiative whereby science contributes to solving some of South Africa and Africa's most pressing challenges. Linked closely to international development goals, the HOPE Project comprises the following five themes:



Eradicating poverty and related conditions



Promoting human dignity and health



Promoting democracy and human rights



Promoting peace and security



Promoting a sustainable environment and a competitive industry

Through its HOPE Project, the University utilises its academic expertise and research excellence to serve society, to build a better future and to remain socially relevant.

By promoting peace and security (HOPE Project's fourth theme) SIGLA helps to create circumstances conducive to human and economic development which will lay the foundation for future generations of Africans to prosper. Through its programmes and operations, SIGLA is set to inform current and emerging leaders across the continent about the significance of security, good governance and visionary leadership for sustainable development in Africa.



## How you can support SIGLA

*Your support and partnership with SIGLA can assist toward attaining a secure, transformed and democratic environment in Africa which would benefit the rest of the world.*

### **You can partner with SIGLA through:**

- research collaboration on areas of common interest;
- co-presenting courses on executive leadership;
- offering financial support for SIGLA programmes.

### **Gift opportunities**

The following areas exist for funding support:

- Research
- Policy dialogues
- Fellowships
- Workshops, seminars and conferences
- Internships



*“I dream of an Africa which is in peace with itself. I dream of the realisation of the unity of Africa, whereby its leaders combine in their efforts to solve the problems of this continent.” - Nelson Mandela*



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