



## **2nd International Workshop on Combating Transnational Crime in Africa**

### **"Border Management through Collaborative Efforts in Policy Making, Enforcement, and Capacity Building"**

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#### **BIOS**

##### **Mr Will Stevens**

##### **Deputy Consul General and Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate Cape Town**

Will Stevens begins work as the Deputy Consul General and Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Cape Town South Africa in July 2019. Prior to arriving in South Africa, Mr. Stevens was the Director of the Foreign Service Institute's Public Diplomacy (PD) Training Division, where he oversaw the training of the State Department's entire public affairs and public diplomacy corps. In 2014, he received the Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Public Diplomacy, the State Department's highest award for public diplomacy work, for his work leading the U.S. Government's Interagency Task Force on countering Russian propaganda during the Ukraine crisis.

Mr. Stevens is an experienced Foreign Service Officer with overseas experience in Russia, Turkmenistan, Israel, and Belarus, as well as experience in Washington in the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs and the Bureau of African Affairs. In the Bureau of African Affairs, Mr. Stevens was a Senior Advisor on countering violent extremism and also served as Spokesperson for Bureau, where he directed the public affairs planning and messaging for the 2014 U.S.-Africa Heads of State Summit, which brought together 50 African leaders in Washington for the first time. Mr. Stevens was the Spokesperson for the U.S. Embassy in Moscow from 2014-2016, where his team's work was recognized in the Public Diplomacy Council's annual "Ten Best" for the "Best Use of Social Media by an Embassy." He has also served as Chief of Staff at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, chief of public affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Turkmenistan, and in the press and cultural affairs offices at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv.

A native of Great Falls, Virginia and a graduate of Brigham Young University, Mr. Stevens is married with five children. He is an avid football and basketball player and addicted Twitter user - @Wbstevens.



### **Mr Adam Bacheller**

Mr. Bacheller is the Strategic Trade and Export Control Trainer for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Container Control Programme (CCP). In this role, he interacts with officials throughout the world delivering CCP training. Prior to joining the CCP team six years ago, he provided his knowledge and expertise for seven years to the International Atomic Energy Agency's Office of Nuclear Security. Mr. Bacheller gained his law enforcement knowledge and experience from the US Customs Service where he began as a Customs Officer in the port of Los Angeles/Long Beach. During his tenure in the U.S. Customs Service, now known as Customs and Border Protection, Mr. Bacheller contributed to the international training program as both a trainer and coordinator in the field of strategically traded commodities.

Prior to working for U.S. Customs, Mr. Bacheller served in the U.S. Navy a Nuclear Mechanical Systems operator on US Navy Nuclear Submarines. During this time Mr. Bacheller gained valuable insight into the need for close cooperation and coordination amongst personnel, attention to detail on all evolutions, the importance of training, and responsibility involved in safely operating a naval nuclear power reactor. Mr. Bacheller currently resides and works at the UNODC Headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

### **Dr Robert Besseling**

Dr Robert Besseling founded specialist intelligence company EXX Africa in 2015, after pursuing a decade-long career in political risk forecasting at industry-leading firms in the UK and US. EXX Africa has since become a leading risk advisory and consultancy with a broad network of clients ranging from development finance institutions, export credit agencies, commercial banks, commodity traders, and multinational corporates, to governments and military forces worldwide. Apart from operating a best-in-class subscription platform on African risk intelligence, EXX Africa also provides due diligence, consultancy, litigation expertise, and corporate investigation services across all African jurisdictions.

At EXX Africa, Robert leads a team of partners, researchers, and contributing analysts to produce commercially relevant and actionable analysis on African political, security, and economic risk. Robert also retains the lead on many consulting projects for blue chip corporations in a wide variety of sectors. EXX Africa is incorporated in Mauritius, and based in Johannesburg and London, with a network of trusted analysts and dedicated sources across the African continent and beyond.



Robert is regularly invited to speak at major international conferences on topics such as metals and mining, trade and export finance, and global security matters. He frequently moderates ministerial panels and has interviewed multiple African heads of State and Government during his career. Robert makes frequent appearances on televised media, as well as contributions to international print media. He has travelled extensively on the continent and calls Africa his 'home'.

Robert holds an MA (Hons.) in History from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He also holds an MBA and a PhD in African political and economic history. He is fluent in English, French, and Dutch.

#### **Capt(SAN) Mark Blaine (SIGLA Stellenbosch University)**

Mark Blaine joined the South African Navy as a combat officer in 1983, specialising in the field of mine warfare. His time at sea culminated in command of the mine warfare vessel SAS UMZIMKULU from 1996 to 1999 and the hydrographic survey vessel SAS PROTEA from 2004 to 2006. He was the South African Defence Advisor in Nairobi Kenya from April 2007 to September 2011 where he paid specific attention to the maritime security issues off the coast of Somalia and the Horn of Africa. He is currently a lecturer for nautical science at the Faculty of Military Science of the University of Stellenbosch. Mark joined the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA) as a researcher in 2012, focusing on maritime security off South and West Africa. In this capacity he has attended various maritime security conferences and seminars and contributed to peer reviewed journals and chapters. He completed his Master's Degree in Maritime Security through the University of Coventry in 2016.

#### **Professor W.J. Breytenbach (Stellenbosch University)**

Willie Breytenbach is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the Stellenbosch University, specialising in African politics, comparative democratisation and development and security issues. He also taught at the Graduate School of Business at the same university. Prof Breytenbach is a recipient of the University Rector's Award for Teaching Excellence, as well as the Golden Key Award for the best lecturer in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences. This Award is decided by students. He still lectures on a part-time basis. He holds the BA, BA Honours (Applied Anthropology), BA Honours (Anthropology) and Masters degrees, all obtained from the University of Pretoria. Received a Doctorate in Development Administration and African Politics from the University of South Africa. He once served as a research fellow at the Harry Truman Institute at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was visiting Professor at



the Bilkent University in Turkey, and external examiner at the University of Mauritius.

He had been invited to lecture at the universities of Bonn (Germany), Pavia (Italy), Lisbon (Portugal) and the American University in Cairo (Egypt). He also participated in various conferences abroad, among others, in Russia (twice), the Ukraine, the USA, Germany, Tanzania, Tunisia, Egypt, Cote d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Mozambique and Ethiopia. Topics include democratisation, regional integration, land reform, security co-operation and conflict studies in Africa. He does consultancy work on African states and contributes towards the "African Futures" project of the Institute for Futures Research at the US Graduate School of Business.

### **Mr Zane Cleophas ()**

Zane Cleophas, Group CEO and co-founder, Areta Holdings (Security & Defence, Consulting and Technologies)

He is Co- founder of Areta Holdings with brother Marlon Cleophas focussing on the domestic and African markets, main areas of interest and specialisation is border security, defence-state security advisory and technologies.

Currently he consultants in domestic and cross border defence and security technologies, border security, OEM technical evaluations and project management. His previous experience includes consulting on information and communications security, country risk assessments, aviation security and ICT systems security. He also served as member of both military intelligence and civilian intelligence structures during which he served in various positions and specialised fields. He is former Acting Deputy Director General ICT, and Chief Director of National Broder Priorities at the Department of Home Affairs, he also served as Chairman of the Border Control and Operational Coordinating Committee (BCOCC). He also held various positions in international forums including the African Union (AU) Border Program and International Telecommunications Union (ITU) HLEG on Cybercrime, as well as numerous positions in safety and security structures, amongst others, the JCPS cluster, NatJOINTS and the Presidential National Commission (PNC) on CyberSecurity. He currently serve on various defence, security and technology forums including the National Defence Industry Council (NDIC) work stream and the National Cyber Initiative aimed at government and private entities' response to the growing cyber threat.

As a former Military Officer he holds various military and civilian qualifications more significant a Certificate in Military Studies for Pilots from the University of Stellenbosch (Military Academy) , also a Postgraduate qualification in International Migration Policy and Management from Wits University as well as various qualifications in Security Technology and holds an advance Post Graduate



qualification and Fraud and Forensics Investigations from Unisa. He is currently busy with a Masters program in Security Technology with the focus on information security. He's spoken at various local and international conferences, expert forums and round tables as a subject-matter expert. Notably he recently also moderated various cyber-, homeland security and maritime security panels.

### **Lt Col Shane Doty USAF**

Lt Col Shane Doty is Team Chief and manager of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) Building Partner Capacity International Counterproliferation of WMD program. He executes the Global Combatant Command mission to build partner capacity in African countries on behalf of USAFRICOM. He is the lead planner and manager of ICP in Africa, manages the training and equipping of Partner Nations to detect, prevent and deny WMD illicit trafficking networks. He has 18 years of experience in Space, Missile, Counter WMD, operations and RDT&E program development. Lt Col Doty has extensive experience in Space and Missile Operations for tactical and strategic systems development and holds both Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Aeronautical Sciences.

### **Prof A.J. Esterhuyse**

Abel Esterhuyse is head of the Department of Strategic Studies in the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University, at the South African Military Academy and research associate of the Centre for Conflict, Rule of Law and Society (CRoLS) at the Bournemouth University in the UK. He holds a PhD from the University of Stellenbosch and is also a graduate of West Point Summer Programme in Military History and the Programme on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS) of Columbia University's Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies in New York. Prof Esterhuyse is a rated scientist of the South African National Research Foundation. His most recent publication, titled *The practice of strategy: South African defence in stasis*, was published in the British journal *Defence & Security Analysis*. Between 2010 and 2015, Prof Esterhuyse served as the editor of *Scientia Militaria: The South African Journal of Military Studies*.

### **William J. Flanagan**

Mr. William Flanagan is an experienced customs and border security official and former Deputy Attaché with United States Department of Homeland Security who has more than thirty years of experience working with the U.S. Government and in the area of Homeland Security and International Law Enforcement. From 2011 to the present, Mr. Flanagan has supported Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) International Counter Proliferation Program (ICP) facilitating the development of a



border security strategies and national counterproliferation strategies for countries in Europe and the Middle East.

From 2002 to 2008, Mr. Flanagan served as U.S. Homeland Security Deputy Attaché and later Acting Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, Austria. In these capacities, he interfaced and supported programs throughout Eastern Europe, with customs and border security agencies in thirteen countries in Southeastern Europe and the Balkans. Mr. Flanagan was involved in numerous international cross border investigations involving illegal exports, critical technology, money laundering, human smuggling and fraud. He worked with a variety of countries assisting these in the modernization of border security procedures and Customs inspection procedures. In addition, in this post, he routinely worked with law enforcement agencies including the European Union, Europol and Interpol.

#### **Mr Dave Hargreaves**

Mr. Hargreaves is a Specialized Officer within INTERPOL's Counter Terrorism Directorate. He currently manages several chemical security programs in partnership with INTERPOL member countries, including Iraq, Pakistan and Jordan as well as across regions in Africa and South East Asia. These programs develop coordinated and sustainable control measures to prevent unlawful access and diversion of high hazard and precursor chemicals as they enter or exit a country, as well as during transport, storage and at point of sale. He also coordinates regional multi-agency operations that interdict illicit cross border movement of terrorists and WMDs. Mr. Hargreaves also works as a special advisor on counter proliferation with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Arms Control and Verification Research Unit.

Prior to joining INTERPOL Mr. Hargreaves served as a police officer in London for 30 years, the last four as Head of Training at the UK National CBRN Centre, where he led all CBRN training for UK Police, Fire and Ambulance services. He was a key participant in the creation of the UK border control capability to detect and interdict illicit WMD materials crossing land, sea and air borders. This included the selection and testing of detection equipment, as well as drafting command protocols, decision making models and response tactics. He was also police specialist adviser to Project Sentinel, designed to enhance border control and cooperation across the Balkan regions, focusing on nuclear security.

#### **Maj Gen (ret) Johan Jooste**

Head of Special Projects South African National Parks

Maj Gen (ret) Johan Jooste (66) retired from the South African Army in 2006 after 35 years of active service. He is a war veteran and the last part of his military career he served in the Army General Staff in various capacities, but always involved with



strategy, leadership development and knowledge management. Apart from his experience his learning path through four universities (including an MBA) served him well in this period. He joined a small company in the military vehicle business in 2006 and two years later took up a position with a multinational company, BAE Systems Land Systems, where he was the Director Business Development. At the beginning of this 2013 he was appointed as Commanding Officer Special Projects at SAN Parks, responsible for all matters related to the anti - poaching strategy, planning and execution. The current focus is the Rhino poaching in the Kruger National Park, but he is also managing a Wildlife Crime and Corruption Combatting Coordination Centre at the SANParks Head office. He is married to Arina (EO at an NPO) and has two daughters. He spends his free time on a fitness program, outdoor activities (nature) and reading.

### **Dr Assis Malaquias**

Dr Assis Malaquias is Professor and Chair of the Department of Global Studies and Maritime Affairs at the California State University (Maritime Academy). He is also Associate at the Corbett Center for Maritime Policy Studies, King's College, University of London. He has an extensive and distinguished career in academia and public service. Prior to joining Cal Maritime, he served as Overseas Maritime Security Advisor in the Africa Bureau, US Department of State. He also served as the Academic Chair for Defense Economics at the National Defense University's Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Professor Malaquias' previous appointments include: Associate Dean of International and Intercultural Studies and Professor of Government at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York; Extraordinary Associate Professor of Political Studies at the University of Western Cape in South Africa; and a visiting Professor at Stellenbosch University, also in South Africa. He holds a B.A. (Honors) in Political Science from the University of Winnipeg, a Master's degree in Economics and a Ph.D. in Political Science both from Dalhousie University, Canada. His areas of specialization include International Relations, International Security, and Maritime Security.

### **Professor Thomas Mandrup (SIGLA Stellenbosch University)**

Thomas Mandrup is an Associate Professor at Royal Danish Defence College, Denmark, an extraordinary Associate Professor at the Faculty for Military Science, Stellenbosch University and an external lecturer at the Centre for African Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. He has published articles and book chapters, and co-edited several books on issues related to African security governance and South African foreign policy. His three latest co-edited books were entitled *Towards good order at Sea – African Experiences*, *The Brics and Coexistence – an alternative*



*vision of world order, On Military Culture: Theory, Practice and African Armed Forces*, whilst his latest book chapter, *Denmark: How not if to Outsource Military Services* was published in *Commercialising Security in Europe* Anna Leander (Eds) Routledge/PRIO March 2013.

He received his PhD in International Relations (2007) from the University Copenhagen, Denmark Currently his is an Editorial Advisory Board member of the *Scientia Militaria*, *South African Journal of Military Studies*. Prof. Mandrup's primary research field is African Security Governance and he has extensive fieldwork experience from for instance DR. Congo, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Sudan. Prof. Mandrup recently co-authored a report on the **Effectiveness of the UN Mission (EPON) in the DRC**, based on a recent field-visit to Eastern DRC. The report is part of a larger study done under the leadership of the **Norwegian Foreign Policy Institute (NUPI)**, and which will be running for the next four years. The **EPON project is done in cooperation with the UN and the AU**.

#### **Dr Michelle Nel (SIGLA Stellenbosch University)**

**Michelle Nel**, BLC, LLB (Pret) and LL.M, LL.D (Unisa), is Vice Dean of Social Impact and Personnel and a senior lecturer in Criminal and Military law and the Law of Armed Conflict at the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University. She joined the Defence Legal Services Division in 1996 as a prosecutor and was appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Mercantile and Public Law (Mil) of the Faculty of Military Science in 2002. She was admitted as advocate to the High Court in the Cape of Good Hope in 2005 and completed her Doctor of Laws in 2012. She also serves as part-time researcher in SIGLA's maritime governance hub. Her areas of research include good governance, International Law, Military Law and Maritime Security. Her work has been published in South Africa and internationally.

#### **Maj Stephan Pereira**

US. Army Major Stephan A. Pereira, Africa Action Officer for South Africa, Ethiopia, and Kenya for the Defense Threat Agency (DTRA) International Counterproliferation Program (ICP). Major Pereira is a Sub-Saharan Africa Foreign Area Officer whose previous assignments include Chief of the Office of Security Cooperation in Burundi, Deputy Chief of the Office of Security Cooperation in Uganda, Assistant Desk Officer for Southern Africa at U.S. Army Africa. Major Pereira is a former intelligence officer with two Afghanistan tours, he has 20 years of active duty service between the Army and the Navy. He has a Masters in Security Studies with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa and a Masters in International Relations with Conflict Resolution. He is a Desert Storm and Desert Shield veteran.



### **Mr Pat Tracy**

Pat Tracy has extensive border management and internal security expertise largely gained through a full career in the British Army. He has worked at the tactical to strategic levels of the domestic, international, coalition and interagency arenas including the UN, NATO, AU and EU, and has hands on operational experience in Europe, the Middle and Far East but mostly in Africa where he has served in 35 countries in a wide range of roles. His final position was as the Chief of Joint Operations for the UN Mission in South Sudan and, immediately before that, the Chief of Operations for the US Joint Task Force covering the greater Horn of Africa. From 2016 to present, Mr Tracy has supported the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) International Counterproliferation and Proliferation Prevention Programs (ICP / PPP) helping develop partner nation strategies and deliver capacity building capabilities that mitigate the threats posed by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction by nefarious state and non-state actors.

### **Ms Isel van Zyl**

**Isel van Zyl** joined the ISS in 2017 and is currently a Junior Researcher in the Transnational Threats and International Crime programme in Pretoria. Her main focus is on the prevention and countering of violent extremism on the African continent. Before joining the ISS, she did a traineeship at the European Parliament in Brussels. Isel also worked as a junior analyst at both Terrorism Research and Analyst Consortium (TRAC) and Krino Consultancy, focusing on West and North Africa. She has a Master's degree in advanced European and international studies from the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) in Nice, France. Isel is pursuing a second Master's degree in Security and Management at North-West University of Potchefstroom, South Africa.

### **Professor Francois Vreÿ (SIGLA Stellenbosch University)**

Francois Vreÿ is Emeritus Professor in Military Sciences, Stellenbosch University. He completed his PhD with the Institute for Futures Research of Stellenbosch University Business School with a thesis on 'Emergent alternative military futures.' He lectured in the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch

University for 22 years and now serves as the Research Coordinator for the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA), Stellenbosch University. His research fields include future warfare and Africa's emerging maritime security setting and maritime security governance off Africa in particular. His current posting involves building international research partnerships for SIGLA at Stellenbosch



University on leadership, landward and maritime security governance, and cyber security.