

Profile Brig Gen (Ret) John M. Waweru (Kenya)

Brig Gen (Ret) John M. Waweru is a distinguished security strategist, board governance expert, and former senior Naval officer with over three and a half decades of experience at the nexus of security leadership, international diplomacy, and conservation governance. Having served in the Kenya Defence Forces and as the Director General of the Kenya Wildlife Service, Brig Gen Waweru brings a unique breadth of operational, strategic, and policy expertise to complex global security challenges. His work in maritime security and defense strategy positions him at the forefront of efforts to strengthen Africa's engagement with global security dynamics, particularly within the Western Indian Ocean Region. Through his research, leadership, and advocacy, Brig Gen Waweru champions a future where security, sustainable development, and ethical leadership are inextricably linked, building resilient institutions that can navigate the evolving tides of global change. He holds a Master of Management (Security) degree from the University of Witwatersrand and is completing a PhD in Diplomacy and International Studies from the University of Nairobi in 2025.