

WEBINAR PROGRAMME

Perspectives on an Integrated Maritime Security Strategy for South Africa



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11:00	Welcoming	Prof F. Vreÿ, SIGLA @ SU
11:10	Opening speaker	R Admiral D. Mkhonto, South African Navy
11:30	Panel discussion	Co-chaired: Mr T. Walker (ISS) & Prof F. Vreÿ (SU)
	<u>Panel</u> members	
11:30	Benefits derived from formulating and implementing a coherent national maritime security strategy.	Prof C. Bueger, Copenhagen University & Research Fellow, SIGLA
11: 50	Where does SA find itself on the matter of an integrated maritime security strategy?	Dr L. Otto, University of Johannesburg
12:10	Quo Vadis: Drawing on experiences and suggested ways forward.	Dr A. Kamal-Deen, CEMLAWS-Africa, Ghana
12:15	Q&A session	Mr T. Walker & Prof F. Vreÿ
12:45	Closing	Mr D. O' Connell (UNODC)

SPEAKER BIOS

Rear Admiral D. Mkhonto (South African Navy). Rear Admiral Mkhonto was born in Mbuzini, Mpumalanga, on May 5, 1969. In 1988, he joined the armed branch of the African National Congress, Umkhonto We Sizwe (MK). He joined the SA National Defence Force in 1994 and graduated from Cape Peninsula University of Technology in 2003 with a National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. His final assignment aboard a SA Navy ship was Assistant Marine Engineering Officer on SAS ADAM KOK. Rear Admiral Mkhonto was assigned to Project WILLS in Germany, Emden where SAS CHARLOTTE MAXEKE, and SAS QUEEN MODJADJI I were built. He also served as Officer Commanding Fleet Maintenance Unit, Flag Officer Commanding Naval Base Simon's Town and Director Product System Support. In April 2018, he was promoted to Chief Director Maritime Strategy at Navy Headquarters. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Military Science at the Faculty of Military Science located at the SA Military Academy.

Prof C. Bueger (Copenhagen University). Christian Bueger is Professor of International Relations at the Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen. He obtained his PhD in Political and Social Sciences from the European University Institute, Florence, Italy (2010). He is also an honorary professor of the University of Seychelles, a research fellow at the University of Stellenbosch and one of the directors of the SafeSeas network. Previously he was professor of international relations at Cardiff University and held visiting fellowships at the National University of Singapore (2015 & 2018), University College London (2015) and the University of Copenhagen (2013 & 2014). Professor Bueger is the author, co-author and editor of several books and over 120 articles on global governance, international practice theory, the politics of expertise, maritime security, and blue crime.

Dr. L. Otto (University of Johannesburg). Lisa Otto is a senior researcher with the NRF-SARCHI Chair in African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy at the University of Johannesburg and is joint editor in chief of the journal *African Security Review*. She holds a PhD in Political Studies from the University of Johannesburg and a MA in International Peace and Security from King's College London. She has specialised in African issues, particularly those related to conflict and security as well as foreign affairs and diplomacy. Her research interests have largely revolved around non-traditional threats to security, where she has developed specific expertise in Maritime Security.

Dr. A. Kamal-Deen (CEMLAWS-Africa, Ghana). Dr Ali Kamal-Deen (Kamal) is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Professional Studies, Accra, and Executive Director of Center for Maritime Law and Security Africa (CEMLAWS Africa). He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Nelson Mandela University and visiting lecturer the International Maritime Law Institute. Kamal has an excellent blend of professional and academic experience which spans International Law, International Relations, Ocean Governance, Defence and Security. He served for 20 years in the Ghana Navy and retired as Naval Captain. He is a consultant and

technical expert to a number of international institutions, was part of the team that developed the Africa Handbook on Blue Economy and a key member of the teams that developed the Maritime Strategies of Ghana and Nigeria. He has published substantially.

Mr D. O’Connell (UNODC). Mr. Dave O’Connell recently transferred to Cape Town. As a Programme Officer for the Global Maritime Crime Programme’s Western Indian Ocean Team, he manages Maritime Law Enforcement capacity building in 11 coastal and island states from Pakistan to Namibia, addressing the full range of maritime crime, including piracy, illicit trafficking and crimes related to fisheries and marine pollution. Previous assignments include Kenya and Bahrain. Prior to joining UNODC, he had 25 years of experience in the defence and security sector in Latin America, the Middle East, Central Asia, the Western Pacific and West Africa. He is a graduate of the US Naval Academy and holds a master’s degree in Information Systems Management. Additionally, he is certified as a Project Management Professional and as a Ship, Company and Port Facility Security Officer.

Mr. T. Walker (Institute for Security Studies). **Timothy Walker** is the Maritime Project Leader and a Senior Researcher at the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria, South Africa. Since 2011 he has worked to promote maritime security as a policy priority with organisations such as the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD), the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Indian Ocean Rim Association. He is currently leading the implementation of an ISS project to strengthen African maritime security institutions. Timothy has a master’s degree in political and international studies from Rhodes University, South Africa.

Prof. F. Vreÿ (Stellenbosch University). **Francois Vreÿ** is Emeritus Professor in Military Sciences and Research Coordinator, SIGLA @ Stellenbosch University. He holds a PhD in Futures Studies (military Futures) from the Institute for Futures Research located at the Stellenbosch University Business School and has been working in the African maritime security field since 2010. During his tenure with Stellenbosch University, he held a C1 NRF Rating based on his research and publications on Maritime Security and Africa.