

WEBINAR

SOUTH AFRICA'S GROWING MILITARY FOOTPRINT IN REGIONAL AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: SOME EXPLANATIONS AND OVERSIGHT MATTERS

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The military is central to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16, which focuses, among others on the need to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, free from fear and all forms of violence. Countries, as well as the international community, have the responsibility to protect (R2P) their citizens from crimes against humanity and mass atrocities. In this regard, South Africa has deployed military contingents under the SADC banner to intervene in armed conflicts in DR Congo (SAMIDRC) alongside the Force Intervention Brigade (FIB) assisting the UN, and in Mozambique (SAMIM) where a violent insurgency is leading to the loss of lives and a humanitarian crisis. Within the country, the South African National Defence Force is increasingly deployed in domestic operations, to mitigate domestic threats and vulnerabilities. To ensure that the military complies with the mandate afforded to it, meets its obligations, and does not overstep its boundaries, all deployments whether external or internal are subject to parliamentary or civil oversight. Oversight ensures that the military is subject to scrutiny, does not abuse its authority, and serves the interests of the societies they have been commissioned to protect. This webinar focuses on the connection between SDG16 and the importance of civilian oversight, especially within the context of the expanding domestic deployment of the military.

PROGRAMME

Programme Director: Prof M. Nel, Stellenbosch University

Prof Lindy Heinecken -Stellenbosch University: The Responsibility to Protect (R2P), Sustainable Development Goal 16 and the need for civil oversight.

Dr Wilhelm Janse van Rensburg (RF SIGLA Stell Univ) : The use of political oversight over military deployments in a democratic South Africa (With an input from **Murmur Analytics**)

Prof Francois Vreÿ – Stellenbosch University: Outlining of the growth in domestic military deployments in South Africa.

Respondent: Mr Calvin Manganyi

Closing: Dr Moses B. Khanyile, Director, Center for Military Studies, Stellenbosch University

