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International e-Conference

Between Promise and Peril: African Security in the 21st Century

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

10:00 – 15:15 Bloemfontein and Banja Luka / 11:00 – 16:15 Moscow
via Zoom

Chair & welcoming remarks

10:00 –

Prof Hussein Solomon (University of the Free State)

Opening remarks

– 11:00

Ambassador Ilya Rogachev, HE Mr (Ambassador of Russia to South Africa)

Professor Zoran Kalinić (Rector of the Independent University of Banja Luka)

Professor Leonid Fituni (Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies)

Dr Ostoja Barašin (Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Independent University of Banja Luka)

Dr Dragana Popović (Director at the Institute for Scientific Research at the Independent University of Banja Luka)

Session 1. **Africa's Security Landscape: Regional and International Outlook**

11:00 – 12:15

Session 2. **Africa's New Perils: Beyond Conventional Warfare Threats**

12:15 – 13:30

Session 3. **Addressing Sources of Insecurity in Africa: Promise and Pitfalls**

13:30 – 14:30

Q&A session

14:30 – 15:15

Rules of Procedure:

Ten minutes per session speaker

Q&A at the end of the conference

Questions are also accepted via chat

SESSIONS

(Bloemfontein and Banja Luka time)

11:00 – 12:15		Session 1. Africa's Security Landscape: Regional and International Outlook
Chair	Dr Predrag Obrenović , Independent University of Banja Luka	
Counter-Insurgency in Africa: What Is It Good for?	Professor Hussein Solomon , University of the Free State	
Insurgencies in West and Central Africa: the Economic Warfare Dimension	Dr Tatyana Denisova , Institute for African Studies	
Africa – One Boat But Hundred Helmsmen	Dr Dragisa Jurisić , Security Research Centre, Banja Luka	
UN Peacekeeping in Africa – A View from Moscow	Mr Yury Vidakas , Institute for African Studies	
African Security in the 21st Century: A French Perspective	Mr Siniša Bundalo , Independent University of Banja Luka	
Private Military Companies and African Security	Dr Sergey Kostelyanets , Institute for African Studies	

12:15 – 13:30		Session 2. Africa's New Perils: Beyond Conventional Warfare Threats
Chair	Dr Sergey Kostelyanets , Institute for African Studies	
The Fallacy of Hybrid War	Professor Vladimir Shubin , Institute for African Studies	
Hybrid War – Contemporary Conflict of the 21 st Century	Dr Predrag Obrenović and Dr Dragana Popović , Independent University of Banja Luka	
Hybrid War vs. Hybrid Warfare: Reality and Applicability for Africa	Mr Oleg Shulga , Institute for African Studies	
Geopolitical Context of Contemporary World Developments in the 21 st Century – A Review of Africa	Dr Zdravko Todorović , Independent University of Banja Luka	
The Spectre of Nuclear Terror in Africa: Another Look	Dr Eben Coetzee , University of the Free State	
Peaceful Atom for Africa? Geopolitics, Information Warfare and Energy Security	Dr Eldar Salakhedinov , Institute for African Studies	

13:30 – 14:30		Session 3. Addressing Sources of Insecurity in Africa: Promise and Pitfalls
Chair	Dr Eben Coetzee , University of the Free State	
A Responsibility to Deflect? A Critical Assessment of the African Union's Norm Against Unconstitutional Changes of Government	Mr Gerrie Swart , Acuity Africa Advisory	
Hybrid Political Orders: A Post-Western Alternative to State-Building in Fragile States or a Hopeless Fantasy? The Case of Somaliland	Dr Albert Schoeman , University of the Free State	
The International Media and Security in Africa: Doctored Reportage and Dire Outcomes	Dr Jude Cocodia , University of the Free State	
State Fragility and Impediments to Countering Islamist Violent Extremism: The Case in Kenya	Mr Benjamin Mokoena , Stellenbosch University	
The Neo-Patrimonial Factor in Sub-Saharan Security	Mr Ruben Pretorius , University of the Free State	

14:30 – 15:15		Q&A session
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