



THE AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE

CONFRONTING AFRICAN SECURITY CHALLENGES?

8h00 Registration - Coffee

8h30 Conference Opening

CA (2S) Jean Dufourcq, Director "Comparative Regional Security", IRSEM

GCA Bruno Clément-Bollée, Director of the *Direction de la coopération de sécurité et de défense*, MAEE

GDI Jean-Marc Duquesne, Assistant Director, *Délégation aux affaires stratégiques*

Prof. Koen Vlassenroot, Director of the *Observatoire de l'Afrique*

9h00-10h45 Situating the African Force within the African Peace and Security Architecture

Chair: **Amandine Gnanguênon, PhD.**, *chargée d'études Afrique*, IRSEM

Discussant: **Olaf Bachmann**, War Studies Africa Research Group, King's College London

The African Union's Decision Making Process

Delphine Lecoutre, PhD., University Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne

ASF Road Map Evolutions

Colonel Festus Aboagye, Institute for Security Studies (ISS)

The Challenge of Cooperation between the African Union and the four Regional Forces

Speaker TBC

10h45 Coffee-Break

11h00-12h45 From ECOMOG to the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF)

Chair: **Laurent d'Ersu**, *chargé de mission Afrique*, *Direction de la prospective*, MAEE

Discussant: **Jean-Jacques Konadje, PhD.**, Consultant, expert in Western Africa geopolitic

Evaluating the FAC with Regards to the Cooperation between AU and RECs

Colonel Jean-Paul Ntab, Chief of Operations, CEDEAO Standby Force

Lessons Learned from the Management of the Crisis in Cote d'Ivoire (2002-2003)?

Colonel Luc de Revel, Chief of Africa Desk, *Direction de la coopération de sécurité et de défense* (DCSD)

12h45-14h15 Lunch Break

14h15-16h00 What Progress for the FOMAC?

Chair: **Prof. Koen Vlassenroot**, Conflict Research Group (CSG), University of Gand/*Observatoire de l'Afrique*

Discussant: **Mélanie Cathelin**, *chargée de mission*, *Délégation aux affaires stratégiques*

The Relationship between ECCAS and the African Union

Catherine Guicherd, PhD., African Institutional Capacities Reinforcement Expert

Evaluating FOMAC in the Light of Interventions in Central Africa

Colonel Bellarmin Ndongui, Regional Brigade Headquarters,, ECCAS

16h00 Coffee-Break

16h15-18h00 Peacekeeping assessment in the Horn of Africa

Chair: **Ambassador Andebrhan W Giorgis**, Research Fellow, Vrij Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

Discussant: **Alex Vines, OBE**, Chief Africa Program, Chatham House

AMISOM, which lessons learned for the ASF?

Romain Esmenjaud, PhD., Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID-Geneva)

African Union/EASF: A Challenge for the Coordination of Military Capacities?

General Cyrille Ndayirukiye, Director of EASF [TBC]

8h15 Registration - Coffee

8h45-10h15 Challenges of Regional Cooperation in the Implementation Process of SADCBRIG

Chair: **Magdalena Tham Lindell**, Team Leader Studies in African Security, FOI, Swedish Defence Research Agency

Discussant: **Paul-Simon Handy, PhD.**, Institute for Security Studies (ISS)

The Major Challenges for SADC

David Chuter, PhD., Senior Research Fellow, Cranfield University

SADCBRIG assessment

Brigadier General George Modirwa Tihalerwa, in charge of SADC Regional Depot

10h15 Coffee-Break

10h30-12h15 Capacity Reinforcement of the African Force Regarding Security Issues

Chair: **Niagalé Bagayoko, PhD.**, Programme Manager for “the Maintenance and Consolidation of Peace Programme”, International Organization of La Francophonie

Discussant: Speaker *TBC*

Reinforcement of Maritime Capacities: The American Contribution

Ambassador William Bellamy, Director of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS)

Capacities Reinforcement and EU Policy

José Costa Pereira Head of the pan-Africa division of the European External Action service (EEAS)

ASF Relevance Regarding African Security Issues

Colonel David Soumah, Military Advisor of the High Representative of the AU for the Operationalisation of ASF [*TBC*]

12h45-13h00 Conclusion

Damien Helly, Research Fellow, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Amandine Gnanguènon, PhD., *chargée d'études Afrique*, IRSEM

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