



Seminar Programme

Terrorism in Africa

20 & 21 March 2006, The New Africa Hotel, Dar es-Salaam, Tanzania

Towards Understanding Terrorism in Africa

The post September 11 international discourse on terrorism has significantly shaped (altered) our understanding of terrorism and the changing dynamics in how it manifests itself. While September 11 brought about renewed thinking in new strategies and tactics for terrorist attacks in the world generally, the earlier incidents in Kenya and Tanzania, in Africa, did not immediately elicit such responses. Subsequently, however, African voices on this subject have contributed on an *ad hoc* basis to the international debate without much opportunity to share and exchange views and assessments among African analyst from different parts of the continent. This seminar seeks to address these lacunae by bringing together scholars and analysts from North, West, East and Southern Africa in order to commence the process of developing a better understanding of how terrorism and its impact are perceived across the continent. The seminar is also aimed at developing an African discourse on the subject as a counterbalance to the prevailing discourse. The focus will not be on law enforcement or counter-terrorism strategies but on African perceptions of what has been happening on the continent and how it ought to be understood. Such a debate is important if African responses to terrorism are to be influenced by both the lived realities and perspectives from the continent.

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SEMINAR PROGRAMME

MONDAY 20 MARCH

08:30 – 09:00 Registration & coffee/tea

SESSION 1: **OFFICIAL OPENING**

09:00 - 09:15

Welcome

Peter Gastrow: Cape Town Director of the ISS

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Kwesi Aning, Expert, CADSP & Counter-terrorism, African Union

09:15 – 09:45

Keynote Address and opening: Hon. Bakari H. Mwapachu, Tanzanian Minister for Public Safety

09:45 – 10:00

Vote of thanks

H.E Ambassador Abdelhamid Boubazine, Director: AU Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism, Algiers

10:00 – 10:30

Tea/coffee and refreshments

SESSION 2:

TERRORISM IN AFRICA

Chair: H.E Ambassador Abdelhamid Boubazine, Director: AU Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism, Algiers

10:30 – 11:00

Historical Background and Definitions of Terrorism

Ms. Annette Hübschle: Researcher, ISS

11:00 – 11:40

Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and Norms in Africa

Prof Samuel M. Makinda, Chair: Security, Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Studies, Murdoch University, Western Australia

11:40 – 12:20

Terrorism in the Horn of Africa

Dr. Peter Kagwanja: Director: International Crisis Group, South Africa

12:20 – 13:00

Terrorism in Northern Africa

Mounir Addris Laalali: Expert on Alert and Prevention, African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism, Algiers

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

SESSION 2: CONTINUED

	Chair: Ms Ruby Amable, Senior journalist, Accra, Ghana
14:00 – 14:45	Countering Terrorism: the AU's Perspective Kwesi Aning, Expert, CADSP & Counter-terrorism, African Union
14:45 – 15:15	Terrorism in Southern Africa Anneli Botha: Senior Researcher, ISS
15:15 – 15:45	Tea/Coffee & refreshments
15:45 – 16:15	Terrorism in East Africa Dr. Wafula Okumu, ISS, Pretoria
16:15 – 16:45	Terrorism in Western Africa Dr. Cyril Obi, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden
16:45	Adjournment for the day
18:00	Reception & Cocktails

TUESDAY 21 MARCH

08:00 – 08:30 Tea/Coffee

SESSION 3:

KEY ISSUES & PANEL DISCUSSION

Chair: Martin Ewi, [Africa Coordinator, Organisation for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons \(OPCW\), The Hague, Netherlands](#)

08:30 – 09:15 **Summary of presentations and defining key issues**
Dr. Kwesi Aning: Expert, CADSP & Counter-terrorism, African Union

09:15 – 10:00 **Panel Discussion:** Key elements of terrorism in Africa, its nature and extent
Facilitator: [Martin Ewi,](#)

Panellists:
Professor Mwesiga Baregu, University of Dar es Salaam.
Dr. Wafula Okumu, ISS, Pretoria
Dr. Cyril Obi, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden,

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10:00 – 10:30 Tea/Coffee & refreshments

10:30 – 11:00 **Panel Discussion continued**

11:00 – 12:00	Seminar Conclusions and the Way Forward Speaker: Dr. Gani Yoroms, Director, Defence & Security Division, Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution, National War College, Abuja
12:00	Closing ceremony
12:00 – 12:15	Introduction of Closing Speaker
12:15 – 12:45	Closing Address Speaker: (Tanzanian guest)
12:45 – 13:00	Vote of Thanks
13:00	Lunch and departure of participants

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION!