

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

Chair: **François Gaulme**, *Agence française de développement*
Discussant: **Colonel (er) Robert Esposti**, Independent Researcher, Consultant in Africa Geopolitics

Reinforcement of Maritime Capacities: The American Contribution

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

The EU Support to the African Standby Forces

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


The ASF Confronted to Crises and Conflicts: Challenges of Reinforcement

Oswald Padonou, Consultant, the *Institut des Relations Internationales et Etudes Stratégiques* (IRIES), Cotonou

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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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: **Niagalé Bagayoko, PhD.**, Programme Manager for “the Maintenance and Consolidation of Peace Programme”, International Organization of La Francophonie
 Discussant: **Olaf Bachmann**, War Studies Africa Research Group, King’s College London

The Challenge of Cooperation between the African Union and the four Regional Economic Communities

Amandine Gnguènon, PhD., chargée d’études Afrique, IRSEM

ASF Road Map Evolutions

Mamadou Mbaye, Department of Peace and Security, African Union

The African Union’s Decision Making Process

Delphine Lecoutre, PhD., University Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne

10h45 **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 geopolitics

Evaluating the FAC Regarding Western Security Challenges

Commandant Ibrahim Diarra, African Peace & Security Expert

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, PhD.**, *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 headquarter, 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, EASF Director

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

General Brigadier George Modirwa Tlhalerwa, Botswana Defense Force, Chief of the Technical Committee in charge of the establishment of Logistic regional depot

10h15 **Break**