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Presenters

Bruce Baker is Professor of African Security at Coventry University, UK and Director of the African Studies Centre there. He is currently engaged in an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) project examining informal and formal policing in post-conflict African states. He has conducted fieldwork in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Rwanda, Uganda, The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Cape Verde, Seychelles and Liberia. His published articles cover African democratisation, governance, policing, security sector reform, popular justice and informal justice.

Piet Biesheuvel is a Director of Libra Advisory Group, a specialist security and justice policy consultancy. He was previously the Police and Justice Adviser with the SSDAT from 2004-2007. He has a wide range of developmental experience in the justice and security sector, especially in Sub Saharan Africa where he operated in the field for over ten years. Immediately prior to joining the SSDAT he was the DFID Programme Manager for the Malawi Safety, Security and Access to Justice programme. He has also brought his expertise to bear in South Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, Latin America and South East Asia.

Janine Rauch has researched and published extensively on police reform and crime prevention. In the early 1990s she worked at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation in Johannesburg, facilitating relationship-building partnerships between police and communities, advocating for police reform, and conducted groundbreaking research on police training. After South Africa's first democratic election in 1994, she was appointed as adviser to the Minister of Safety & Security, where she was responsible for the amalgamation of eleven police agencies into the new SAPS, donor management, oversight of new recruitment and basic training, and the development of a new labour relations framework for the police service. In 1996 she was appointed Chief Director of Policy in the National Department of Safety & Security, where one of her tasks was to co-ordinate the development of the country's National Crime Prevention Strategy. Subsequently, Janine has worked as an independent consultant, advising a variety of government and donor agencies on crime reduction and security sector reform issues in Southern Africa. Her current area of research is the interface between Truth Commissions and SSR; and she is working for IDASA and DFID to support police reform in the DRC.

Lieutenant Colonel RN Goodwin (Nigel) was commissioned in 1987 after completing a Law degree at Cambridge University. A succession of regimental and training appointments, including Adjutant and company command, saw him deployed on several tours of Northern Ireland and to Kuwait in 1991. After attending the Joint Services Command and Staff College in 1997-99, he was SO2 Policy in Headquarters Northern Ireland. Another company command tour in an armoured battalion in Germany in 2001-03 led to him deploying to Iraq in 2003 on Operation TELIC 1. After 16 months as Military Assistant to the Quartermaster General, he was promoted and taught at the Advanced Command and Staff College before taking command of the Northern Ireland Training Regiment and Depot The Royal Irish Regiment between 2005-07. He joined the Security Sector Development Advisory Team in August 2007.

Oliver Blake is the Senior Governance Adviser to the UK Department for International Development based at the British Embassy in Kinshasa, DRC. He has lived and worked in Kinshasa since August 2004, with much of that time spent on security sector reform. Specific areas of work have been with the police on election security, preparation of the justice audit and joint commission and the Rejusco justice project in Eastern DRC. From 2001 to 2004 he worked on security sector reform in Ethiopia and Sudan, including setting up donor coordination arrangements and designing UK strategies and programmes. Earlier in his career Oliver worked for Her Majesty's Treasury and the Cabinet Office and studied at the French Ecole Nationale d'Administration as a member of the "cycle long"

Tom Hamilton-Baillie has over 5 years experience in SSDAT during which time he has worked on SSR in many parts of the world. However, his main efforts have been in sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and in Indonesia. With a background of service for over 30 years in the British Army, Tom's area of expertise is mainly in defence reform/transformation. He has also worked on national security policy reviews and DDR. Tom is currently engaged in projects in Botswana, Swaziland, Ghana, DRC and has recently completed advisory work in Turks & Caicos and in Lithuania. He is a member of the FCO-led Iraq Advisory Panel and has taken part in a number of reviews for DFID.

Anaiah Bewa is the Executive Director of COR, C&C, a think-tank that focuses on institutional reforms such as SSR, Decentralisation, Democratic Governance, Civil Society organizations' enhancement, and Public Private Partnership. Currently, she is involved in the Congolese SSR by providing strategic and technical support in the Police, Army and Justice Sectors' transformation to the Parliament, Universities, CSOs and international organisations, such as DFID. She works on developing public participation in the public policy making processes and is a member of the DRC Executive Police Reform Committee. Prior to managing the think-tank, she was the USAID senior program manager for the political transition, democratic processes, conflict mitigation (specifically in the Great Lakes Region), community development, and media programmes as well as the gender specialist. As a community leader, she is involved in the activities of non-profit organisations that address women's promotion and empowerment, youth leadership and community development.

Ciru Mwaura has recently joined the DFID DRC mission as Conflict Adviser where she will cover security sector governance issues. She has worked in DFID's Africa Conflict & Humanitarian Unit covering security and stabilisation issues in the Horn and East Africa. She worked as Regional Policy Co-ordinator for Oxfam GB with responsibility for the Horn, East and Central Africa. She also co-ordinated the development of the Inter-governmental Authority and Development's early warning and response mechanism.

Professor Mbela works for the University of Kinshasa's Peace and Development Department. He is a local expert in Human Rights and Gender and their essential place within a modern security sector reform programme.