

## **SSR Practitioners' Course**

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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.

**Jeremy Brickhill** has extensive experience of conflict mitigation and management in Africa and has designed and managed DDR programmes in several countries. He is an active member of the African Security Sector Network and recently completed a DFID contract as security sector advisor in Sudan.

**James Cameron CBE** is Director Government and Public Sector in Control Risks, an international risk consultancy. During 25 years in the British Army and two years in the private sector he has worked with the police, army, intelligence and other departments of more than 20 countries, often to ministerial level. He has strategic and hands-on experience of capacity building programmes with military, paramilitary and police organisations ranging from the Kosovo Protection Corps to the Bangladesh military. His last appointment in Government was as Assistant Director of counter terrorism.

**Trevor Crook** has 34 years of professional experience in the public sector. He is a UK Civil Servant currently on secondment, as resident Advisor and Programme Manager, to the Bosnian Ministry of Security. He joined the Home Office in 2001, where he worked on a review of the UK's National Drug Strategy and subsequently was policy lead for the supply reduction element of that strategy. In this role he worked closely with UK Law Enforcement Agencies. Prior to that he worked in Local Government

in London, as Director of a large Housing Service, with responsibility for both strategic direction and service delivery.

**Gareth Davies** OBE had a military career for 16 years including time with the Royal Horse Artillery, the Territorial Army Special Observation Battery and in the Sultan's Armed Forces in Oman he was a Battery Commander in the Dhofar war. He joined Her Majesty's Prison Service in 1980 serving in a number of roles in UK prisons, including as Governor of Pentonville and as Chief of Staff to the Operational Director of HMPS. During this time he served in Kosovo as the Chief of Staff for Prisons under UNMIK and in Iraq as the Director of Law and Order for the CPA for which he was awarded OBE on the Iraq Honours List in 2004.

**John Dixon ACMA** is the SSDAT SSR Adviser, Business & Communications Manager. SSR Activities have included Afghanistan, Chile, Ethiopia, Jordan, Macedonia, Nepal, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Uganda. He has held previous appointments with MOD UK Finance, Accounting, Procurement and Ministerial Offices, plus loans to NATO and IMF.

**Dr Paul Jackson** is the Director of the GFN-SSR and the Director of the International Development Department, School of Public Policy, University of Birmingham. Paul has over twelve years' experience working in developing and post-conflict areas, including Northern Uganda, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, and the Caucasus, and has written widely on post-conflict political reconstruction, warlords, and governance and conflict.

**Sead Traljić** has more than 12 years of professional experience in the public sector. He is currently heading Public Sector Division of the Lucid Linx Consulting and oversees all Lucid Linx projects with BiH government institutions. Sead currently consults and manages a number of public sector reform projects for a range of international organisations across several BiH state institutions, including DFID, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and OSCE. He delivers programs in management development strategy, facilitating and coordinating policy leadership and strategic visioning, facilitating dialogue across managerial and political boundaries, organisational and inter-organisational learning in public service, and culture change. He is a certified instructor and lecturer at the BiH Agency for Civil Service. From 2002 - 2007, Sead was Atos KPMG Consulting Country Programme Manager for the UK's largest Balkans-wide justice sector project, awarded the MCA Gold Award Best International Project in 2007.

**Iurie Pinte**a is the Project Director of the Institute of Public Policy in Moldova. He has substantial experience and understanding of the security sector, military and disarmament issues, the internal security affairs system, public administration reforms and institutional development. He is presently working on a police reform project with Saferworld focusing on the development and implementation of a Community-Based Policing Strategy. Publications include *National Security Council and Democratic Governance (2002)* and *National Interests of the Republic of Moldova (2002)*.

**Kristin Valasek** is the Gender and Security Sector Reform Project Coordinator at the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF). Previously, Kristin coordinated gender, peace and security policy, research and training at the UN INSTRAW. She has also worked on gender mainstreaming issues with the UN Department for Disarmament Affairs. In addition, she is a certified mediator and has grassroots NGO experience in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault and refugee support. Kristin holds a Masters in Conflict Resolution from the University of Bradford and an undergraduate degree in International Studies and Women's Studies.

**David Wood** is a Project Co-ordinator for Saferworld's Europe programme. He has worked extensively on democratisation and security and justice sector development issues in the Former Soviet Union and the Balkans. He is presently co-ordinating Saferworld's assistance to the Moldovan Ministry of Internal Affairs on police reform. Publications include *The Sarajevo Code of Conduct for Private Security Companies* and *The Sarajevo Client Guidelines for the Procurement of Private Security Companies* as part of the *Sarajevo Process* (2006), *Taking stock: small arms and human security in Georgia* (2006), and *Measuring up? An analysis of Romania's arms transfer controls* (2007).