

SSR Practitioners' Course

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Presenters

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.

Nigel Fuller is the head of the Security Sector Development Advisory Team (SSDAT). He joined the UK civil service after graduating from Lancaster University in 1975 with a degree in Politics and International Relations. He joined the MOD in 1976 where he has worked in the defence policy, personnel, acquisition and finance areas. For three years he was Private Secretary to an MOD Minister. He has also worked in the Cabinet Office, in Cyprus with the Sovereign Base Areas Administration, on secondment in Ottawa to the Canadian Department of National Defence and with Wiltshire County Council. In 2001 he was selected to establish the Defence Advisory Team, which has since become the SSDAT, reflecting its broader remit across the security sector.

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.

Kate Joseph has worked as the Security Policy Adviser in DFID's Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department since 2005. Prior to that she worked on arms control, armed violence reduction, and security and development for UNDP, the OSCE and a small transatlantic NGO.

Angus Morris is a former RAF pilot with a Masters Degree in Defence Studies who has worked as an SSR adviser within the SSDAT since 2001. He has held a number of important posts within his Service and the MOD where his last appointment was as Director Balkans. His project work with the Team has seen him active in Sub Saharan Africa, Latin America, South East Europe and Central and South Asia across a range of security sector actors.

Edith Mwanje is currently the Director of the Defence Reform Secretariat in the Ministry of Defence, Kampala, Uganda. The Secretariat is charged with the implementing defence reforms in Uganda. In this position Edith has played a key role in co-steering Uganda's Defence Review intended to determine Uganda's Security challenges; necessary responses and the role of the MoD in handling military threats for the next 10 or 15 years. This Defence Review was one of the very few such initiatives in Africa. Prior to this role, Edith was the Undersecretary in charge of Finance and Administration in the Ugandan MoD.

She is also the East African Representative on the Steering Committee of the African Security Sector Network (ASSN), which works to promote democratic security governance in Africa; Secretary General to the Uganda Chapter of the Alumni of the Africa Centre for Strategic Studies (ACSS), a Washington based organisation under the National Defence University (NDU) affiliated with the US Department of Defence and the Chairperson of the Council for the Economic Empowerment of Women of Africa Uganda Chapter (CEEWA) an organisation with a goal of ensuring economic empowerment of Ugandan women.

Laure-Hélène Piron is the Justice Adviser in the Security and Justice Team of the Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department of DFID. Previously she was a research fellow and programme manager in the Poverty and Public Policy Group at the Overseas Development Institute in London. She has degrees from Columbia and Oxford Universities.

Simon Rynn is an Adviser on Security and Justice Sector Development at Saferworld. He supports the organisation's work promoting more people-centred, accountable and conflict-sensitive SSR in South Asia, Europe and East Africa. He has a background with development organisations such as UNDP and War on Want. He also has previous experience in researching, designing and monitoring small arms control projects in East and South Eastern Europe in collaboration with national governments, international organisations and civil society actors.

Anton Shelupanov is a Research Associate at the International Centre for Prison Studies at King's College London. He runs a number of donor-funded projects on penal reform in Russia, China and Central Asia. His specialist areas are criminal justice, security sector reform, prison health care, human rights, pre-trial detention and high-security prisons.

Peter Wilson is Intelligence and Security Consultant at the Security Sector Development Advisory Team, where he has worked on reform of intelligence services, National Security Councils and Ministries of Interior in Iraq, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina. He started his career in the British Diplomatic Service and has also worked as a strategy consultant for McKinsey. He has an MBA from INSEAD and a Master's in Economics from Oxford University, and is co-author of "Make Poverty Business", published by Greenleaf in October 2006.

Mark White is DFID's Security Sector Reform Adviser, a post he has held since December 2006. Prior to this posting he spent 2 years as the manager of DFID's Security Sector Reform and Justice Sector Development programmes in Sierra Leone, during which time significant progress was made in concretely linking security sector reform to development through the Poverty Reduction Strategy process, and the transfer of ownership of key policy and financial decisions to the Sierra Leonean security sector institutions. In his position as Conflict Adviser for Central Asia, South Caucasus and Moldova, he has represented DFID in the past on the Russia/CIS Global Conflict Prevention Pool.