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SESSION II

SUSTAINABLE PEACE FOR DEVELOPMENT: FACTORING IN HISTORY

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H.E. AMBASSADOR OSMAN KEH KAMARA
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H.E. Ambassador Osman Keh Kamara, serves as the Special Adviser to the African Union's Commissioner for Peace and Security on Silencing the Guns. Prior to his appointment, he was the Ambassador of Sierra Leone to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. During his distinguished career, his excellency has been vocal on various issues including advocation for the Practical Steps in Silencing the Guns on the continent, Reform of the UN Security Council, making a case for refugees, children, internally displaced persons, and gender parity. Ambassador Keh Kamara holds an LLB Hons. (Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone), MPA (Columbia University, New York, USA), Post-Graduate Diploma (Rhodes Academy of Ocean Law and Policy, Greece).



MR. MICHAEL KINGSLEY-NYINAH

Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for Africa, United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs-Department of Peace Operations (DPPA-DPO)

Mr. Michael Kingsley-Nyinah is currently Acting Assistant Secretary General for Africa, and Director of the Central and Southern Africa Division in the UN Secretariat Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (DPPA/DPO). His Division oversees political and operational support to 19 countries and two peacekeeping operations (MINUSCA and MONUSCO) in central and southern Africa. From September 2016 to December 2019, he was Director for Africa Division I in the former Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), covering Sudan, South Sudan, Abyei and Somalia.

Prior to joining the peace and security pillar at the United Nations Secretariat, he was based in Damascus for nearly five years as Director of Syria Operations with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). He had previously served with UNRWA as Assistant Director of Operations, and as Chief of Staff at its Headquarters in Gaza. Mr. Kingsley-Nyinah spent a significant part of his career in protection, legal advice and leadership roles with UNHCR in various field, emergency and Headquarters functions in South East Asia, Africa and Europe – from Indonesia, Bosnia Hercegovina, Kenya, Somalia, Malawi and Mozambique, to Geneva, Kosovo and London.

Early in his career, he taught international law at the University of Ghana, African history and politics at Temple University, and international conflict and negotiations at Harvard College. He also taught a course on refugee law and protection at Webster University in Geneva. He retains an interest in negotiations and alternative dispute resolution.

A lawyer by profession, Mr. Kingsley-Nyinah holds LL.M degrees in international law from Harvard Law School and Temple University.

Michael Kingsley-Nyinah is a national of the Republic of Ghana



MS. FATMA MOSTAFA
Consultant, Heritage Education for Youth and Museum Education Management

Ms. Fatma Mostafa holds a Master degree in Museum`s Studies (Educational standard for Egyptian museums). She is currently a PhD researcher in Heritage Conservation and Museum Studies (Creating heritage learning experiences for children). She has more than twenty years of experience in the field of developing heritage interactive exhibitions and educational programs. She was the only Egyptian member in committee of developing Children museum exhibitions.

Ms. Mostafa developed the educational strategy, plan and visitors profile for children museum with Indianapolis children museum USA. She has implemented a number of workshops in Sudan and Emirates to train educators in cultural institutions and museums Curator on education management and creation of interactive educational exhibits. She has also setup educational departments (exhibitions, strategies, jobs description and programs) for three museums in Sudan.

Ms. Mostafa has worked with many international institutions (National Geographical, Adler museum in USA, international companies...).



MR. OLASUPO SHASORE
Legal Practitioner and Founding Partner of Africa Law Practice NG & Co

Olasupo is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and a partner at Africa Law Practice NG & Co(ALP NG & Co), a leading commercial law firm in Nigeria. Well known for his representation of multi nationals and state sovereigns in many disputes in the Supreme and Appellate courts of Nigeria, he is also a notable investigative historian and author. He has served as Chairman of the Lagos History Committee that produced the seminal work "The History of Lagos; from earliest times" with some of the country's leading academic historians. After serving in law enforcement and public administration, as Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice of Lagos State 2007-2011. He made more time for his part time research and writing. Resulting in the award-winning narrative history works: "Possessed- A history of the Crown Colony of Lagos" (Q Books 2014) "King & Colony - A short history of the British Possession of Lagos" (Q. Books 2015) "A Platter of Gold - Making of Nigeria" (1906 - 1960) (Q Books 2016). He is the Chairman Nigeria Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council and member of its international advisory board; Chairman of the Nigeria Commonwealth Walkaway Committee; Chairman Lagos Theatre Festival (LTF) Foundation LTD/GTE. He serves on several private and statutory boards and is a frequently consulted advisor on Energy & Infrastructure as well as an expert on Nigerian law at foreign/international tribunals. He is passionate about Nigeria's unsung heroes and promoting international history particularly Nigeria's heritage within world history. A self-styled 'amateur' investigative historical researcher, he advocated for the return of history to the educational curriculum of Nigeria's school's system and for an inclusion of a more accurate medieval and colonial African story. In a combination of both of his keen

interests he is one of the pioneer Trustees of 'The Legal History Society of Nigeria'; he recently worked as writer and presenter of the seven-part documentary series "Journey of an African Colony" and 'A Platter of Gold: 'Untold Nigeria'



MR. CHARLES AKIBODE

Expert on Cultural Heritage, formerly head of the Cultural Heritage Institute of Cabo Verde, member of the International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route Project

Mr. Charles Akibode is a Researcher at the Institute for Cultural Heritage in Cabo Verde. Mr. Akibode is also a UNESCO Consultant for the World Heritage Rankings of African Sites (Cidade Velha, Cabo Verde; Grand-Bassam, Ivory Coast; Mbanza Kongo, Angola; Cultural Landscape of Lake Chad, Nigeria - Niger - Chad - Cameroon; Bimbia, Cameroon). He directed the Third Round of UNESCO's Periodic Report of African World Heritage Sites and is a member of the International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route and the African World Heritage Fund. He is also a resource person for capacity building in French-speaking and Portuguese-speaking countries under the World Heritage Center. Mr. Akibode served as the former President of the Cape Verde Cultural Heritage Institute and the former Culture Adviser to several Ministers.



PROFESSOR SHAHID VAWDA

Lecturer at School for African and Gender Studies, Anthropology and Linguistics, University of Cape Town

Professor Shahid Vawda is a Professor and Archie Mafeje Chair in Critical Humanities and Decoloniality, and Director of School of African and Gender Studies, Anthropology and Linguistics. He has taught a wide range of topics, including courses on Heritage and Representation. His main areas of teaching include Social theory; Pre-colonial Southern African societies; Political sociology and anthropology; Third world development; and Tourism and Development. Professor Vawda has served on various boards and committees, has written over 90 research publications and presented several papers at conferences. His current research is focused on The Social Life of Museums, Urbanization, Migration and Social Dynamics and a Survey of the Perceptions of Communities Towards Traditional Authorities. Professor Vawda graduated with BA degree in Anthropology and Sociology from the University of Durban-Westville, an MA degree in Social Anthropology from The Queen's University of Belfast, and a PhD from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.



DR. JULITTA ONABANJO

East and Southern Africa Regional Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Dr. Julitta Onabanjo is the Regional Director for UNFPA, East and Southern Africa. UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency whose mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

Dr. Onabanjo provides strategic oversight, support and technical expertise to 23 Country Offices and partners in the region, who work on the ground to improve people's lives by equipping them with policy advice, training and support. Furthermore, the Regional Office focuses its efforts on impacting the lives of women and young people by empowering them and placing gender equality and human rights at the heart of this.

Dr. Onabanjo is a public health specialist with wide ranging field and executive experience having worked in Nigeria, Eswatini, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and the UNFPA Headquarters. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in biology from the University of London and a Medical Doctor degree from the University of Zambia, in addition to a Master's Degree in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



MS. CANDICE WELSCH

Deputy Director, Division for Operations, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Ms. Candice Welsch is the Deputy Director of the Division for Operations of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). In this role, she oversees UNODC's network of field offices around the world as well as the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Section and the Health Branch. Previously, Ms. Welsch was the Chief of the Implementation Support Section of the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch where she led a team based in both Vienna and the field that provided technical assistance to countries in preventing and combating corruption under the United Nations Convention against Corruption. Ms. Welsch also held positions in the Justice Section and the Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch of UNODC, during which time her work focused primarily on issues relating to criminal justice, piracy off the coast of Somalia, human trafficking and international cooperation in criminal matters. Prior to joining UNODC, Ms. Welsch worked as the senior legal officer to the judges of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, a UN-backed international war crimes tribunal, in a case that involved sexual slavery, forced marriage, child soldiers and attacks against UN peacekeepers. At the national level, Ms. Welsch was a federal prosecutor at the Department of Justice Canada where she prosecuted cases relating to drugs and organized crime and worked in the central authority responsible for extradition and mutual legal assistance with countries around the world. Ms. Welsch has an LL.M. in international criminal justice (University of London), a master's degree in international law (Université de Paul Cézanne), law degrees in both common law and civil law (McGill University) and a bachelor of arts in politics (Queen's University).

MODERATOR



MS. ANNE LEMAISTRE
Director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
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Ms. Anne Lemaistre holds a master's degree in law and international relations, obtained in Paris in 1988, on research related to the 1970 UNESCO Convention. She then took a specialization course on the conservation of built heritage (International Centre for Studies for the Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Property). She started her career for UNESCO in Peru and the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris at the Division of Cultural Heritage. From 2004 to 2010, Anne Lemaistre headed the World Heritage Centre's Policy and Statutory Implementation Unit, overseeing in particular the effective implementation of the World Heritage Convention. She was then the Representative of UNESCO in Cambodia and since 2019 in Côte d'Ivoire.