



International academic Workshop

Peace, Development and Cooperation in West Africa: (new) challenges and directions in turbulent times.

Immeuble Bitty-Lokho, Point E
27th –29th September 2023, Dakar - Senegal

Program

Wednesday, September 27th

Cultural event

Thursday, September 28th

09:00-09:30

Opening remarks

Philipp GOLDBERG, *Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Peace and Security Centre of Competence Sub-Saharan Africa*

Prof. Dr. Heinz Gerhard JUSTENHOVEN, *Institute for Theology and Peace*

Prof. Dr. Michael STAACK, *Helmut-Schmidt-University*

09:30-11:45

Panel I: “The Beginning of the End of Françafrique?” / “Ending Françafrique? Changes and Perspectives on Franco-African relations”

- What does/would the possible end of Franceafrique mean for the West African region and France?- How should the European-African and Franco-African relations look like in the future after the possible end of Francafrigue?

Input : *Dr. Serigne Bamba GAYE, International consultant, Senegal*

Commentary : *Dr. Sampala Fati BALIMA, International expert in defence and security, conflict and migration, Burkina Faso*

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Michael Staack, Helmut-Schmidt-University Hamburg*

11:45-12:15

Coffee break

12:15-13:30

Panel II: “ECOWAS under pressure”

(Coup d'état - i.a. Burkina Faso, Niger; third term elections; impact of the RUS-Ukraine War).

-Is ECOWAS (still) able to act in regional crisis situations?

-What future role can ECOWAS play in terms of political and economic integration?

Input: *Djiby SOW, Senior Researcher Institute for Security Studies, Regional Office Dakar, Senegal*

Commentary: *Fatima AL ANSAR, Founder and CEO at Tilwalte School, Mali*

Chair: *Mamourou Manet SIDIBE, Program Manager FES PSCC*

13:30-15:00

Lunch break

15:00-17:00

Panel III: “Impact of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on the socio-economic development in the West African region”

- What are the socio-economic and political consequences of the Russian-Ukraine-War on the West African region?

- What ist the perception of the War within the West Africa region?

Input : *Dr. Sanwé Médard KIENOU, Professor-Researcher at the Nazi Boni University in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso*

Commentary : *Alexandre TENDENG, Director of CARITAS Saint-Louis, Senegal.*

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Heinz-Gerhard JUSTENHOVEN, Institute for Theology and Peace, Hamburg*

19:00-21:00

Dinner : Place to be confirm

Friday, September 29th

09:00-10:45

Panel I: “Niger after the military coup”

- What are the consequences of the ECOWAS’ sanctions against Niger for the country and the West Africa Region?
- What will be the possible scenarios for the solution of the crisis in Niger?
- What will/should be the consequences of the military coup in Niger on the international counter-terrorism efforts in the Sahel?

Input : *Dr. Moulaye HASSANE, Centre National d’Etudes Stratégiques et de Sécurité du Niger, Niamey*

Commentary: *Prince AIHOU, Helmut-Schmidt-University, Hamburg*

Chair: Paul SEDZRO, Helmut-Schmidt-University, Hamburg

10:45-11:15

Coffee break

11:15-13:00

Panel II: “Senegal: ahead of the 2024 presidential elections”

- Who will be the candidate of the ruling party after Macky Sall’ s decision not to seek a third term?
- What will be the consequences of Ousmane Sonko’ s arrest for the presidential elections?
- What kind of impact have the recent developments on stability and societal cohesion in Senegal?

Input : *Pr. Mouhamedoune FALL, Gaston-Berger University, Saint-Louis, Senegal*

Commentary: *Alfred GOMIS, Coordinator of WANEP-Senegal, Dakar*

Chair: *Adji Khadijatou NDIAYE, Program Manager FES PSCC, Dakar*

13:00-15:00

Lunch break

15:00-17:00

Panel III: “Consequences of current developments for the German West Africa Policy”

- What can/should Germany learn from recent developments in West Africa?
- What is Russia doing better than the European Union in West Africa?
- What does it tell us about the European and German engagement within the region?
- How should Germany ‘s engagement in West Africa look like in the future?

Input: *Marcel MAÏGA, Fokus Sahel, Berlin*

Commentary: *Sonja NIETZ, Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg*

Chair: *Rémy Arsène DIOUSSE, Program Manager FES PSSC, Dakar*

17:00-17:30

Concluding remarks

19:00-21:00

Dinner