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Speakers' Biographies



Mr Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah

President, Centre for Strategies and Security in Sahel Sahara; Former UN Special Representative of the Secretary General to Burundi and Somalia; Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mauritania; and Member of the Panel of Experts on Peacebuilding

University Studies Economy and Political Science in Grenoble and Paris.

1969 / 1984: Minister of Commerce and Transport Ambassador to the United States; to the Benelux States and the European Union in Brussels, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

1985 / 1996: United Nations as Director at Headquarters, New York and Special Representative to the Secretary General (SRSG) in conflict affected Burundi 1993 / 95.

1996 / 2002, World Bank as the manager of the Think Tank Global Coalition for Africa chaired by Robert Mc Namara in Washington DC.

2002 / 2011 back to the United Nations as the Special Representative of the Secretary General to West Africa and later to Somalia. Then to the Headquarters for Special missions.

In 2015 and 2019 member of the UN Secretary General Advisory Group of Experts on the Review of Peace Building Architecture and leader of the Secretary General Team to review the UN Office for the Central Africa Region (UNOCA).

Founding member of Transparency International and is member of its Consultative Council. He also is member of a number of Advisory Boards of profits and non-profits organizations.

He has published two books on his UN experience on conflict management: *la Diplomatie Pyromane* in 1996, Calmann Levy France; *"Burundi on the Brink in 2000*, US Institute of Peace and recently his *Mémoires: "Plutôt mourir que faillir "* Ed Descartes et Cie, Paris 2017 translated in Arabic 2020.



Mr Luis Carrilho

Police Adviser, Department for Peace Operations, United Nations

Mr Luis Carrilho was appointed United Nations Police Adviser in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in 2017. Mr. Carrilho previously served as Chief Superintendent with the Polícia de Segurança Pública in Portugal. He served as United Nations Police Commissioner in three United Nations peacekeeping operations, notably in the Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) (2014-2016), the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) (2013-2014) and the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor Leste (UNMIT) (2009-

2012). He also served in the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) (2000-2001) and the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) (1996-1998). Mr. Carrilho previously worked in the office of the President of the Republic of Portugal as the Head of Security and as the Commander of Close Protection of the Security Police in Lisbon. He studied at the Instituto Superior de Ciências Policiais e Segurança Interna.



Mr Jeffrey Feltman

Former Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, United Nations and Senior Fellow, United Nations Foundation

Mr Jeffrey Feltman is the John C. Whitehead Visiting Fellow in International Diplomacy in the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution. His research includes examining United Nations and other mediation efforts to draw lessons about potential improvements in multilateral conflict prevention and resolution in an increasingly polarized global context. He is also a senior fellow at the Washington-based United Nations Foundation. Before joining Brookings, he served for nearly six years as the under-secretary-general for political affairs at the United Nations in New York. In that capacity, he traveled extensively and was the chief foreign policy advisor to both Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. Feltman frequently briefed the Security Council in both public and closed-door sessions on a wide variety of peace and security issues, including on thematic issues such as terrorism and nuclear proliferation, as well as on country-specific conflicts. From 2016 until his April 2018 retirement from the U.N., he also was the special envoy for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1559 (2004). As part of his U.N. responsibilities, Feltman was the chairperson of the U.N.'s Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and the executive director of the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Center from July 2012 until July 2016. United Nations special envoys and special representatives heading U.N. political missions reported to the secretary-general through Feltman and received guidance from him. He oversaw U.N. mediation and conflict prevention work and also served as the U.N.'s focal point on election assistance to approximately 50 countries annually. Feltman was a U.S. foreign service officer for over 26 years, focusing largely on the Middle East and North Africa. Feltman was the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs from 2009 until his retirement from the State Department, with the rank of career minister, in May 2012. Before his 2004-08 tenure as U.S. ambassador to Lebanon, Feltman also served in Erbil, Baghdad, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Tunis, Amman, Budapest, and Port-au-Prince. Feltman is a two-time winner of the Presidential Service Award, as well as a recipient of State Department awards, including several Superior Honor Awards and the James Clement Dunn Award for Excellence in Leadership. The American Foreign Service Association conferred the Christian A. Herter Award for Constructive Dissent and also the Sinclair Language Award. A native of Greenville, Ohio, Feltman has a master's in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a bachelor's degree in history and art from Ball State University. In May 2013, Ball State University awarded Feltman an honorary doctorate. He is a member of the American Academy of Diplomacy and the American Council on Germany.



Major General (Retd) Robert Gordon

Former Force Commander UNMEE, and Senior Mentor, UN Senior Mission Leadership Courses

Major General Robert Gordon was educated at Wellington College, Berkshire and at St Catharine's College Cambridge University (BA Hons and MA Modern History). He was commissioned into the 17th/21st Lancers (a tank regiment) in 1970 and had a full career in the British Army on many overseas operations, including commanding the UN Sector South West Bosnia (UNPROFOR). Having been the Army's Director of Strategic Communications, he commanded the British Army in the North of England and Scotland at which time he was also Governor of Edinburgh Castle. He was appointed Force Commander of the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) in October 2002 with HQs in Asmara and Addis Ababa and served on contract with the UN until late 2004. He retired from the British Army in 2005, formed his own consulting company and since then has worked on projects for UN DPKO, UN OIOS, UNDP in Iraq, the World Bank, the British Government and many others as an international lecturer, mentor and consultant on peacekeeping operations. He lectures regularly on UN peacekeeping at international military staff colleges. In 2006-2007 he co-wrote and helped develop the UN's first strategic level doctrine (the "Capstone Doctrine") for peacekeeping. From 2006 - 2012 he was Special Adviser to the late Pearson Centre of Canada in Ottawa. He has been since 2006, the Senior Adviser to the Challenges Forum whose Secretariat is based at the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) Sweden. In 2005, he helped develop UN DPKO's senior mission leadership (SML) training programme and since then has been senior mentor for all 26 of the UN's SML courses. He was the Director of Studies for all the AU SML courses up to 2010 and their regional equivalents in East and West Africa. From 2007-2009 he was the senior mentor for the training and development of the African Standby Force's capability in East Africa (EASBRICOM). Since 2010 to date he has been the facilitating mentor for UN DPKO/DFS' SMART and MAST training programmes. He is a regular speaker and mentor on Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) courses and is currently the Chairman of the Board and a course author of the Peacekeeping Operations Training Institute in Virginia. From 2013 to 2016 he was contracted to UNDP as their Senior Security Sector Adviser in Iraq to help develop Iraq's National Security Strategy. Most recently in 2018 he worked under contract for UN DPKO/DFS to review and rewrite the UN's Policy on Authority, Command and Control in UN Peacekeeping Operations.


Mr Richard Gowan
United Nations Director, International Crisis Group

Mr Richard Gowan, is UN Director, International Crisis Group, where he oversees Crisis Group's advocacy work at the United Nations, liaising with diplomats and UN officials in New York. Prior to joining the International Crisis Group, Richard was a Consulting Analyst with International Crisis Group in 2016 and 2017. He has worked with the European Council on Foreign Relations, New York University Center on International Cooperation and the Foreign Policy Centre (London). He has taught at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University and Stanford in New York. He has also worked as a consultant for the organisations including UN Department of Political Affairs, the UN Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Rasmussen Global, the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Global Affairs Canada. From 2013 to 2019, he wrote a weekly column ("Diplomatic Fallout") for World Politics Review. Richards areas of expertise include The United Nations system, Security Council, Peacekeeping, European Security, and Early Warning and Conflict Prevention.

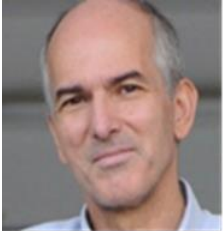

Ms Annika Hilding Norberg
Head, Peace Operations / Peacebuilding, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Ms Annika Hilding Norberg leads the Geneva Center for Security Policy's (GCSP) work on peace operations and peacebuilding through dialogue, research and policy development, and education and training. Her focus is on strengthening leadership for peace at all levels (with an emphasis on UN and EU civilian, military and police missions and operations, but also leadership more broadly). She serves on the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Management Committee. Prior to joining the GCSP, she was the Founder and Director of the International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations (Challenges Forum), a joint platform of then 22 countries, incl. the five Permanent Members of the UN Security Council. The Challenges Forum is aimed at strengthening the planning and conduct of UN peace operations. The Challenges Forum originates from when Ms Hilding Norberg served as President of the Grimshaw Club, the London School of Economics (LSE) International Relations Society, and was subsequently established in 1996 as part of her research studies at the LSE on comparative approaches to peace operations. Ms Hilding Norberg coordinated the Challenges Forum based at the LSE (1996-2000), the Swedish National Defence College (1997-2002) and the Folke Bernadotte Academy, an agency of the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2003-2017). She served on the Board of Directors for the Peace Operations Training Institute (2010-2013). Ms Hilding Norberg holds a BSc of International Relations from the LSE, an MA in International Politics from the Free University of Brussels, language certificates from the Moscow State University (1991) and the Universidad del Pais Vasco (1992). Ms Hilding Norberg is main editor of some 80 CF and other reports and policy briefs. She has lived, studied and/or worked in ten countries. In 2008, Ms Hilding Norberg was awarded the Silver Medal of the Swedish Royal Academy of Military Science for her contributions to strengthening UN peacekeeping.


Ms Victoria K. Holt
Vice President, Henry L. Stimson Center, and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations during Obama/Biden Administration, United States

Ms Victoria K. Holt is a Vice President at the Henry L. Stimson Center. Her areas of expertise focus on issues relating to international security and multilateral tools, including peace operations and conflict prevention, the United Nations and Security Council, protection of civilians, crisis regions and U.S. policy-making. Prior to joining Stimson, Ms Holt was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Security in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs (IO) at the U.S. Department of State, serving from 2009 to early 2017. In that role, she was responsible for U.S. policy and guidance for U.S. actions in the UN Security Council and for its mechanisms. She oversaw the Office of Peace Operations, Sanctions and Counter-terrorism, and the Office of United Nations Political Affairs. She led the development of U.S. diplomatic initiatives, including the 2015 Leaders' Summit on U.N. Peacekeeping, hosted by President Obama to increase capacities for UN operations. Ms Holt was a Senior Associate at the Stimson Center, where she co-directed the Future of Peace Operations program from 2001-2009, writing and speaking widely on UN and regional peace operations, the protection of civilians and atrocity prevention, targeted sanctions, rule of law and U.S. policy. Ms Holt served on the Genocide

Prevention Task Force as the lead on military options and wrote a pioneering report on UN missions and the protection of civilians. Ms Holt served earlier as Senior Policy Advisor in the Bureau of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of State during the Clinton Administration, following a role as Executive Director of a bipartisan campaign to pay U.S. arrears to the United Nations. Previously, she served on Capitol Hill for members of the House of Representatives, first as Senior Legislative Assistant to Rep. George Hochbrueckner and then as Legislative Director for Rep. Tom Andrews, both members of the House Armed Services Committee, from 1987 to 1994. Ms Holt also worked at Washington-based policy institutes on international affairs and nuclear weapons issues. She is a graduate of the Naval War College and Wesleyan University.



Mr Charles Petrie

Former United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Representative of the Secretary-General for Burundi and Member of the Advisory Group of Experts on Peacebuilding

Mr Charles Petrie is former Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Representative of the Secretary General, Resident Coordinator and a member of the Advisory Group of Experts on Peacebuilding. Charles Petrie has had close to 30 years' experience working in contexts of conflict and famine, much of it with UN system (Sudan, Somalia, Rwanda, the Middle East, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Afghanistan). From mid-2003 to end 2007 he was the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative for Myanmar, and then until very early 2010 as UN Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for Somalia. He resigned from the UN at the end of 2010 at the level of Assistant Secretary General as the Secretary General representative's to Burundi. Since leaving the UN, he has been the special policy advisor to the President of Somalia, and the coordinator of the Myanmar Peace Support Initiative. In March 2012, Charles Petrie led an internal review of the UN's actions in Sri Lanka (2008-2009). The report subsequently served as the basis for the Secretary General's Rights-up-Front policy. In the first half of 2015, Charles Petrie was designated as one of seven experts commissioned by the UN Secretary General to review the UN's peace building efforts. The report they produced contributed to the formulation of the joint UN General Assembly (262) and UN Security Council Resolutions (2282) on 'Sustaining Peace'. Finally, as concerns the United Nations, Charles Petrie is providing mentoring support to a number of newly appointed UN Resident Coordinators in ongoing conflict and post-conflict contexts.