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Speakers’ Biographies

Dr Alex Vines OBE is head of the Africa Programme at Chatham House and director for Area Studies and International Law. He chaired the UN Panel of Experts on Côte d’Ivoire from 2005 to 2007, and was a member of the UN Panel of Experts on Liberia from 2001 to 2003. He has also been a UN election officer in Mozambique and Angola, and served as a consultant for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Prior to this he worked at Human Rights Watch as a senior researcher on business and human rights. He is also a senior lecturer at Coventry University. He was awarded an OBE in 2008 in recognition of his work, including founding and developing Chatham House’s Africa Programme.

HE Georges Rebelo Chicoti has served as Angolan Minister for External Relations since 2010, having previously served as Vice Minister for External Relations since 1992. Before taking up his role in the Angolan government he worked for Imperial Bank in Toronto, then as a consultant to the Canadian International Development Agency and as Assistant Professor at the Institute for International Relations at the University of Ottawa. He holds a masters degree in Economic Geography and International Economic Relations from the University of Abidjan, and two PhDs from the Université Paris-Est Créteil and the Institute for International Relations at the University of Ottawa.

James Duddridge MP is the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, with responsibility for Africa, the Caribbean and Overseas Territories. He is the Conservative Member of Parliament for Rochford and Southend East, and previously chaired the All Party Parliamentary Group on Africa. Prior to becoming an MP, Mr Duddridge worked for Barclays Bank. His career there included postings to the Bank of Swaziland and Banque Belgolaise in Côte d’Ivoire. Mr Duddridge was seconded as service delivery director by Barclays Bank of Botswana in 2001.

Professor David Birmingham is Emeritus Professor at the University of Kent, having previously held the Chair of Modern History. He has held a number of academic positions in Ghana, Cameroun, Congo and Tanzania, and at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London. His recently published books include A Short History of Modern Angola, Empire in Africa: Angola and its Neighbours, Portugal and Africa and Frontline Nationalism in Angola and Mozambique.
Soren Kirk Jensen is an associate fellow of the Africa Programme at Chatham House. His research focuses on promoting transparency and accountability in extractive industries, the revenue side of public financial management and fiscal revenue diversification in resource-rich African countries. Soren has worked extensively on Angola, in addition to other countries in southern Africa and the Gulf of Guinea. He is the owner of Independent Policy Analysis, a consultancy specialising in public finance management in developing countries. His previous roles in Angola include work as a Programme Manager at Catholic Relief Services, a Poverty and Structural Adjustment Analyst at Eurodad and a Consultant at the International Monetary Fund. He has a Masters in International Development Studies and Public Administration from Roskilde University, Denmark, and completed Postgraduate Diploma courses in Public Financial Management at the Centre for Financial and Management Studies at SOAS.

HE Miguel Gaspar Fernandes Neto has been the representative of the Republic of Angola to the Court of St. James since 2012. He was previously Angola’s Ambassador to South Africa, to Ethiopia and the African Union, and to Nigeria. He has also previously held the post of Director for Africa in the Angolan Ministry for External Relations. In 1989 he was designated as Roving Ambassador of the Republic of Angola by presidential decree.

Dame Margaret Anstee served at the United Nations for over four decades, becoming the first woman to rise to the rank of Under Secretary-General and to head a UN peacekeeping mission. From 1992 to 1993, Dame Anstee was the UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative to Angola and has documented this experience in her book Orphan of the Cold War: The Inside Story of the Collapse of the Angolan Peace Process. Dame Anstee served in eight countries as the UN Development Programme’s Resident Representative. She is the author of a UN report on the technical cooperation needs of developing countries. Dame Anstee was awarded the inaugural UNA-UK Sir Brian Urquhart Award for Distinguished Service to the UN on United Nations Day in 2011.

John Flynn CMG is a political advisor to Chevron. He previously worked at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, serving in Angola as Chargé d’Affaires in 1978 and Ambassador from 1990 to 1993. He has also held FCO posts in Zambia, Uruguay, Brazil and Spain, and was High Commissioner to Swaziland and Ambassador to Venezuela.

António Monteiro was Portugal’s Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2004 to 2005. He was also previously the head of Portugal’s temporary mission to Angola’s peace process structures in 1991, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations and Ambassador of Portugal to France. António was chair of the UN Security Council, a member of the panel of the Secretary-General for the referendum in South Sudan and UN Elections High Commissioner in Côte d’Ivoire. He is currently chairman of the board of directors at Millennium Banco Commercial Portoguês, and holds non-
executive membership of the boards of directors of SOCO International and the Banco Privado Atlântico in Angola.

Tony Dykes is the director of Action for Southern Africa. Prior to this, he was head of Southern Africa at Christian Aid from 1993 to 2007. Tony also worked as Director of Information and Programmes at World University Service, an educational charity. Tony has worked on Southern Africa for over 25 years, visiting Angola for the first time in 1994 and frequently returning to the country.

Theodore Giletti is a director of Banco Angolano de Investimentos SA, a director of Angola Capital Partners LLC and an investment committee member of Fundo de Investimento Privado - Angola. He has over thirty years of banking experience with firms including the Bankers Trust Company, the Union Bank of Switzerland, Warburg Dillon Read and Standard Chartered Bank. Theodore has worked in the former Soviet Union, Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. He began his career as an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and presently serves as Treasurer on the Executive Committee of the US-Angola Chamber of Commerce.

Darryl Willis is Regional President for BP in Angola. His previous roles at BP include serving as vice president of reservoir development, vice president of subsurface for North America Gas and performance unit leader for the Wyoming asset. Darryl has also worked as vice president for upstream technology in Moscow at BP’s Russian partnership, TNK-BP. He has also been an asset manager for North America Gas and assistant executive of the upstream executive office based in London. He previously held a range of geoscience roles at Amoco in USA and Vietnam. Darryl has a MSc in management from the Sloan Business School at Stanford University and an MSc in geology and geophysics from Louisiana State University in New Orleans.

John Kolodziejski is editor of Universo, the quarterly magazine that showcases the work of Sonangol. He has previously worked as an economic correspondent for Dow Jones News-wires and the Wall Street Journal in Rio di Janeiro. John was a freelance correspondent and documentary researcher in Brazil, producing material for the Financial Times, Business Week, the BBC, Channel Four and ABC. John is a graduate of Swansea University.

Ricardina Pederneira is the representative of the Angolan Industrial Association (AIA) in the UK and the Netherlands, and was the Chairperson of the Angolan Women’s Association (UMARU) from 2005 to 2008. She is the vice President of the Portuguese cultural association, Academia do Bacalhau. She has written a range of law articles addressed to the Portuguese community in the UK and France, and is the author of Do Business in Angola. Ricardina is a qualified solicitor, and runs an independent solicitors firm in London.
Dr Aslak Orre is head of the Chr. Michelsen Institute’s cooperation programme with the Angolan institute Centro de Estudos e Investigação Científica. Aslak’s key areas of research are local government reform and the politics of decentralisation, corruption and anti-corruption, as well as parties and opposition in Africa. Other avenues of exploration include the role of China in Africa, public space, press freedom, taxation and tax reform in Angola. He has participated in a wide range of short- and long-term studies in Mozambique and Angola, including consultancies for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation and the Mozambican government. Aslak has been instrumental in establishing a new Masters course in Development and Resource Economics at the University of Angola.

Fr. José Manuel is a Dominican priest from Angola. He is the Catholic Chaplain to the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) since 2012. He co-founded Mosaiko Institute for Citizenship (formerly known as Centro Cultural Mosaiko), the first non-profit institution to explicitly take the promotion of human rights in Angola as its mission. He was Mosaiko’s first General Director from 1997 to 2010. Fr José holds a BA in Philosophy, a Licentiate in Theology, a Graduate Diploma in Law, an MA in Human Rights Law and is concluding the Legal Practice Course.

Nick Roseveare MBE is the chief executive of Mines Advisory Group. Nick’s previous roles include working as the chief executive of Bond and in management roles at Oxfam, where his positions included global humanitarian director and director of Oxfam’s West Africa region. Nick holds membership of the BBC appeals advisory committee and the advisory council of the International Centre for Not-for-Profit Law. He was on the management board of the SPHERE Project established in Geneva to promote global minimum standards in disaster response. Nick was awarded an MBE in 1997 for his services to development in Mozambique.

Chi Onwurah MP has been the Labour Member of Parliament for Newcastle upon Tyne Central since 2010. She is the chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Angola, and also chairs the APPG on Africa. Ms Onwurah was a member of the national executive of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, and is an executive of its successor organisation, Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA). She is a chartered engineer and was head of telecoms technology for Ofcom before entering parliament. She is the Labour Party’s shadow minister for culture and the digital economy.