

IMPLEMENTING THE EU'S NEW STRATEGIC APPROACH TO THE GREAT LAKES REGION

Tuesday 7 March 2023, 11:00-15:00 CET, Egmont Institute, Rue des Petits Carmes 15, 1000 Brussels

11:30-11:40

Welcome Remarks

Viola Fee Dreikhausen

Associate Analyst for Conflict Research, EU Institute for Security Studies

11:40 – 11:50

SESSION I: THE RENEWED EU GREAT LAKES STRATEGY AND THE WAY AHEAD

Opening remarks and moderation: Nina Wilén

Director of the Africa Programme, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations

11:50-12:20

First intervention: *a renewed EU engagement in the Great Lakes*

Bernard Quintin

Deputy Managing Director for Africa, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Second intervention: *the impact of geopolitical transformations*

Thierry Vircoulon

Associate Research Fellow Sub-Saharan Africa Centre, French Institute of International Affairs (IFRI)

Third intervention: *Great Lakes foresight: conflict scenarios and policy implications*

Josaphat Musamba

PhD researcher, University of Ghent

12:20 – 13:00

Q&A

13:00-14:00

Sandwich lunch

14:00-14:45

SESSION II: AVENUES AND PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION (PARTICIPANT DISCUSSION)

Moderator: Erik Kennes

Senior Research Fellow of the Africa Programme, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations

14:45-15:00

Conclusions and key takeaways

Nina Wilén

Director of the Africa Programme, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations

Viola Fee Dreikhausen

Associate Analyst for Conflict Research, EU Institute for Security Studies

LIST OF SPEAKERS

Josaphat Musamba Bussy

Josaphat Musamba is a Congolese researcher based at the Conflict and Human Security Research Group, a research unit located at CERUKI / ISP in Bukavu. He has worked for several NGOs in Eastern Congo as Consultant and Liaison Officer. Josaphat Musamba has ten years of experience as a researcher on armed groups, conflicts, and security, and was part of the DR Congo UN Group of Experts 2016 – 2017. He holds a master's degree from the Catholic University of Louvain (UCLouvain). In 2019, he started a PhD programme at Ghent University.

Bernard Quintin

Bernard Quintin is the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) for Africa at the European External Action Service (EEAS), a position he has held since November 2020. Previous to working as DMD, he worked as the Head of Cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs Philippe Goffin, and as Deputy Head of Cabinet for the Minister for Foreign and European Affairs, Didier Reynders. Between 2016 and 2019 he was the Belgian Ambassador to Bujumbura. He holds a BA in History and an MA in International Politics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Thierry Vircoulon

Thierry Vircoulon graduated from the French Public Management Institute and the Institute for Political Studies in Paris (Science Po). He holds a masters degree in Political Science from Sorbonne University. He worked as the Central Africa project director for the International Crisis Group in Kenya (2010-15), taught at Science Po (2013-19) and has been working for the French Institute of International Affairs (IFRI) since 2016. He is presently the coordinator of the Central and Eastern Africa Observatory of IFRI, does consultancy research and contributes to the global organised crime index.