

Round-table

**Understanding the potential of defence and security forces
(DSF) in preventing violent extremism
in West Africa**

Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday 13 December 2022
Maison de la Paix, 9th floor, Pétale 5, 15:00-17:45

AGENDA

14 :30-15 :00	<i>Guests' arrival</i>
15 :00-15 :10	Welcome and presentation of agenda and panellists (former Amb. Jean Daniel Bieler)
15 :10-15 :20	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea AEBY, Peace and Security Advisor, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN and other international organisations in Geneva • Anne BENNETT, Director of the Sub-Saharan Africa Programme – DCAF
15 :20-16 :00	Presentation of key findings of the study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol MOTTET, Senior Advisor, Peace and Human Rights Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs – FDFA, Suisse • Ariane INKESHA, Programme Coordinator – DCAF
16 :00-17 :30	Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Général Améyi Célestin GUIDIMEY, Expert consultant, Vice President of the Presidential Committee for the Control of National Security Missions, Benin • Madeleine MEMB, MediaWomen4Peace, Cameroun • Mahamadou SAVADOGO, Risk management specialist, consultant on violent extremism, Burkina Faso • Cristina Finch, Head of the Gender and Security Division – DCAF <p>Moderator : former Amb. Jean Daniel Bieler</p> <p><i>Open discussions</i></p>
17 :30-17 :45	Closing remarks
17 :45	<i>Coffee</i>

Questions for the panel

- In your experience, can the defence and security forces play a role in preventing violence? (**Général Guidimey**)
- If so, do their mandates, cultures and training prepare them for this? (**M.Savadogo**)
- How and with whom can the SDF build the culture of dialogue? Where do you see the spaces for this conversation to take place? (**Mme Memb**)
- Why is it important to consider gender in PVE approaches? How can this aspect be integrated and at what levels? (**Mme Finch**)