

## Peace and Development Advisor Fellowship Programme – 4<sup>th</sup> Cohort 2 – 6 December 2019: Stockholm, Sweden Climate-related security risks and sustaining peace *Profiles of the participating Fellows*

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**Giordano Segneri** is currently PDA in the United Nations office in Tunisia where since 2014, he has headed the unit of the Resident Coordinator Office in charge of political analysis, conflict prevention and sustaining peace. In this endeavor, he led the All-of-UN approach for the prevention of violent extremism, designed the Sustaining Peace framework, and guided the UN to implement the UN-WB Pathways for Peace recommendations through a Peacebuilding Fund initiative. Giordano has recently started to engage the UN in the efforts around Climate Risk and conflict. In the past he has served the UN, NGOs, and the ICRC mostly in Middle East, North and Sub-Saharan Africa on policy and coordination support for UN Country Teams or political missions across Libya, Jordan, Senegal and Mauritius. He held positions as country representative and project manager for INGOs in Gabon and Mozambique, and as ICRC delegate in Iraq. He has over 15 years of experience working in conflict-affected and transitional contexts. Giordano holds a PhD on "Multiculturalism, Communications and Complex Organizations" (Rome, 2013) and a master's degree in Philosophy (Perugia, 2001).



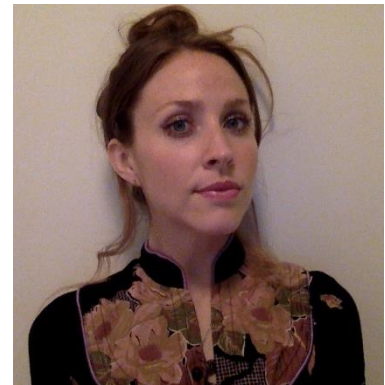
**Kehinde Bolaji** is the Regional PDA for the Caribbean. He previously led the Governance and Peacebuilding Team at the UNDP Nigeria Country Office from December 2014 to April 2018. During the period, he supported the UNDP leadership in strengthening the humanitarian-development nexus in the response to Boko Haram insurgency through the implementation of integrated community stabilization programme. He also led initiatives that contributed to violence mitigation, notably the peace process for the 2015 general elections and the access to justice and rule of law initiatives in the North-East of Nigeria. He coordinated projects on preventing violent extremism, strengthening civil society engagement in fighting corruption, localization of SDGs and parliamentary capacity strengthening. Between 2008 and 2014, Kehinde worked at the Headquarters of the Economic

Community of West African States (ECOWAS) as a Political Affairs Officer, during which he contributed to regional policy development, regional mediation initiatives and capacity strengthening initiatives for governance and peacebuilding institutions in the region. Prior to joining ECOWAS, Kehinde served as a Research Fellow at the National Defence College, Nigeria, during which he designed and facilitated delivery of courses on conflict early warning and peace support operations. Kehinde holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.



**Laura Lima** is the PDA for Mozambique. She is an expert on Security and Conflict Studies and Gender. At UNOPS, she was the manager of the Country Programmes in Liberia and Mozambique and the Gender Portfolio. She has experience working in Kenya, South Africa, Brazil, Mozambique, and Liberia. She holds a post-doctorate on Gender-Based Violence and Conflict in the Global South from the London School of Economics and a PhD on International Security and Politics (Abersytwyth University, Wales). She is the author of *Worlding Brazil: Intellectuals, Identity and Security* (Routledge, 2014) and *Critical Theory in International Relations and Security* (Routledge, 2013). She is Brazilian and speaks Portuguese, English, Spanish and Dutch.

**Madeline Brennan** prior to her current role as Peace and Development Specialist in Bangladesh, worked at the International Peace Institute in New York where she was involved in the production of policy research and analysis on issues relating to peace, security, sustainable development, and humanitarian affairs. Within the same period she was a Political Analyst and Reporter for UNHCR, reporting to the Regional Representation in Canberra, Australia on political developments in the Asia-Pacific region. Before leaving her native Australia, Madeline worked in the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at The University of Sydney where she helped coordinate a range of human rights and peace advocacy initiatives. She has previous research, analysis, and project support experience with various NGOs including Save the Children, Oxfam, and Ducere Foundation. Madeline holds a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies from The University of Sydney, Australia, and a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Politics. Her research interests include climate change induced displacement, the intersection of human rights and the environment, and the relationship between climate change, resource insecurity, and civil unrest.



**Mads Knudsen** in his current role as programme analyst for UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa, based in Nairobi, he works with realising the Humanitarian – Development – Peace Nexus in cross-border and sub-regional contexts. He leads inter-agency coordination of peacebuilding projects with UN Country Teams in the African Great Lakes region. Mads has negotiation experience from the intergovernmental arena in the UN, EU and OECD contexts within climate change and sustainable development. Mads has documented skills in business development and in his most recent role for development consultant COWI A/S contributed to secure contracts worth 35 million \$ in the area of climate change adaptation and renewable energy. He is a Master of Science in Geography and Geoinformatics from the University of Copenhagen. He specialises in the interaction between political economy and land use and land cover change caused by climate change.

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Before taking up this post, he served as the Assistant Resident Representative at UNDP Maldives where he led the work of developing the new country programme and oversaw resource mobilization of the country office apart from policy analysis and supporting the national partners in the localization and rollout of the SDGs. Nasheeth also led the UN Maldives joint programme on Low Emission Climate Resilient Development focusing on strengthening community resilience in one of the atolls in the Maldives. Prior to this, he was working as the Project Coordinator for Rule of Law and Access to Justice, working with different national and local stakeholders to build national capacity in the legal and justice sector and improve access to justice. Before joining UN/UNDP he worked for a local NGO with the focus on Human Rights. He also has experience working on Evaluation of American Red Cross Projects undertaken post the South Asian Tsunami. Nasheeth holds a Master's in international development from University of Bath, England and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from University of East London.



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**Santiago Daroca** is currently the PDA in Guatemala. In his previous assignments he has worked at UNDP's Regional Hub in Panama as a conflict prevention specialist, supporting several Country Offices on issues of conflict prevention, prospective scenarios and democratic dialogue. He has also worked at UNDP Bolivia, participating in the elaboration of several national and sub-national human development reports, as well as in UNDP's support to different processes of dialogue and consensus building. He was also part of the PAPEP-Bolivia team, where he co-designed and coordinated the implementation of conflict prevention and peace-building projects. In Geneva, he joined the Social Movements and Civil Society Program of United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), where he participated in studies on the dynamics and actions of civil society in different countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He has studied sociology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. He has a master's degree in

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**Zebulon Suifon Takwa** joined the UN in Nigeria as the PDA in Nigeria in July 2014. He supported efforts for the 2015 and 2019 peaceful outcome of the general elections in Nigeria and provided technical support to the National Peace Committee. He has also been involved in the resolution of the Boko Haram insurgency in the Lake Chad Basin Commission countries; herders-farmers crisis; and other conflict issues in Nigeria. Takwa also led the UN Team on the Governance and Peacebuilding component of the joint Recovery and Peace-Building Assessment – RPBA (2016) of the North-East of Nigeria by the UN, World Bank and the European Union. He served close to five (5) years (2019-2014) with the African Union (AU) Commission in Addis Ababa, where he headed the continent-wide Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development efforts. Prior to that, Takwa served as Liaison Officer to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in Abuja, Nigeria (2003-2008), a position he combined with his functions of Early Warning and later Director of Programmes of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP). He is a Fellow, Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP), Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Takwa has published in journals, contributed to book chapters and is currently working on many experience-oriented manuscripts. Takwa hold a PhD in History from the University of Yaoundé I, with sores of professional trainings in many parts of the world. Takwa is Cameroonian by nationality.

