

“Examining African-led Peace Operations”

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Luncheon Discussion 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Delegates Dining Room 1-3 at the United Nations, 4th floor

Over the last two decades, African institutions have assumed increasing responsibility for peace and security on their continent. A [recent study](#) by the RAND Corporation and the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) analyzes in more detail, what these peace operations have been able to accomplish despite the obstacles. At the Luncheon Discussion, the lead author, [Ambassador James Dobbins](#) will give an overview of the key findings. Based on a number of case studies, he will highlight the comparative advantage of African-led missions over other types of deployments, as well as the recurring challenges that they continue to face. He will also present proposals for improving African-led peace operations and for strengthening their international support. Special focus will be given to the relationship with the UN and its peace operations.

Agenda

Welcome:

- **Luise Rürup**, Executive Director, FES New York
- **H.E. Fatima Kyari Mohammed**, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the UN

Input:

- **H.E. James Dobbins**, Senior Fellow and Distinguished chair in Diplomacy and Security, RAND Corporation
- **Stephanie Pezard**, Ph.D., Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation
- **Professor Martin Revayi Rupiya**, Innovation and Training Manager, African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)

Responses:

- **H.E. Jerry Matjila**, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the UN

Moderator:

- **Volker Lehmann**, Ph.D., Senior Policy Analyst, FES New York