

**South African Council on International Relations (SACOIR)****SACOIR Project: South Africa's strategic role on the continent****Programme****As of 15 June 2017**

**Purpose:** Over three successive interactive seminars, the SACOIR working group on Africa (the core group) will engage experts in DIRCO, relevant state actors, and members of the non-state sector to assist with:

1. An examination and assessment of South Africa's current place, role and standing in Africa;
2. determining its will and capacity to lead Africa's renewal in governance, development and security; and
3. recommend appropriate steps to decision-makers in government and the non-state sector.

**Seminar One:** July 2017  
Johannesburg Country Club

This first seminar, hosted by JIAS, will take the form of an exploration. It will focus on the first purpose as defined above.

The SACOIR working group on Africa and other interested members will gather to interact with a range of invited academic speakers and practitioners from DIRCO.

This exercise will form the basis for exploring the following two objectives as formulated above.

The working group will make use of a budget as detailed elsewhere.

DIRCO will assist with seminar logistics.

Proposed programme(as of 1 June 2017)

July	Session	Speakers	Notes
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> of July	Opening Session (Formal Dinner)	Welcome: Peter Vale Speaker: Greg Treverton MC: Anthoni van Nieuwkerk	1
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chair: Peter Vale, JIASTheme One: Africa in global and governance perspective		
0800	Registration, tea and coffee		
0830	Session One Opening, welcome	Aziz Pahad, Chair of SACOIR	2
0900	Session Two The impact of global trends on Africa	EU and Brexit: Elizabeth Sidiropoulous, SAIIA Russia: Alex Mezyaev PRC: Garth Shelton, Wits IR Discussion followed by tea	3
1100	Session Three African governance: A status report	APSA: Chris Landsberg, UJ AGA: Nicole Fritz, SALC International Law: Frans Venter, UP Discussion	4
1300	Lunch		
1400	Session Four Africa's growth and development prospects	Trudie Hartzenberg, TRALAC Pundy Pillay, Wits	5
1500	Session Five Defining the leadership for Africa's renewal	John Tesha, CAF Vusi Gumede, TMALI Siphamadla Zondi, SACOIR Cheryl Hendricks, UJ	6
1700- 1900	Session Six Wrap-up	Summary and conclusions followed by a cocktail reception	7
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chair: Vasu Gounden, ACCORDTheme Two: Regional perspectives		
0800	Registration, tea and coffee		
0830	Session Seven Southern Africa	Anthoni van Nieuwkerk, Wits/SACOIR DIRCO representative (Key issue: Zimbabwe – Brian Raftopoulous, UCT)	8
0930	Eight West Africa	Ade Adebayo, UJ DIRCO representative (Key issue: Terrorism – Na'eem Jeenah , AMEC)	9
1100	Nine East Africa	Gilbert Khadiagala, Wits IR DIRCO representative (Key issue: Somalia –Kwezi Mngqibisa, ACCORD)	10
1200	Session Ten North Africa	Richard Cornwell, independent analyst DIRCO representative (Key issue: Libya – Amb Dangor)	11
1300	Lunch		
1400	Session Ten Central Africa	Claude Kabemba DIRCO representative (Key issue: Great Lakes Region: Welile Nhlapo)	12
1500	Session Eleven Wrap-up	Closure, vote of thanks	13
1600 - 1800	Session Twelve Reflection	Members of the core group: Setting the agenda for the second meeting: 'the will to lead'	14

## Notes

1. At the dinner, programme speakers and a small group of guests will be invited to listen to guest speaker Greg Treverton, on the theme of unfolding global political and security trends under the Trump administration and its impact on Africa. A short version of his presentation will be offered the next day at the seminar. His written submission will be circulated prior to the start of the seminar.
2. The Chair of SACOIR and the organisers will explain the logic and flow of the three interactive seminars, and the ultimate purpose/s.
3. Because of multiple speakers we propose 'panel discussions' throughout, rather than academic presentations. The programme does not reflect speaker's titles. Powerpoint to be avoided at all costs. The programme allows 10-15 min each followed by discussion and then tea.
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6. 10-15 min each followed by discussion and tea. We anticipate that not all the proposed speakers will be available, thus allowing space for more discussion.
7. Chair of the day and rapporteur to put heads together to summarise the key features of 'Africa in global and governance perspective'.
8. 10-15 min each followed by discussion.
9. 10-15 min each followed by discussion and tea.
10. 10-15 min each followed by discussion.
11. 10-15 min each followed by discussion.
12. 10-15 min followed by discussion.
13. Chair of the day and rapporteur to put heads together to summarise the key issues emerging from the discussion of Africa's regions – key regional drivers of integration and disintegration, and South Africa's interests in those particular regions.
14. Members of the core group remain to discuss the plan for the next seminar. Concludes with dinner.