



# NSD-S Hub Virtual Engagement 2020

## RECORD OF MOST RELEVANT VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT ATTENDED

Organizer	Type of Event	Title	Date	Remarks
<b>Brookings Institution</b> 	Seminar	<a href="#"><u>Why Think Tanks Matter: the role of Think Tanks in times of Crises</u></a> The Brookings Doha Center (BDC) and the Al Jazeera Center for Studies held a panel discussion about the role of think tanks in times of crisis, as part of a joint annual series on “Why Think Tanks Matter.”	19 Feb	Attended in preparation for the World Bank Group Conference in Washington DC (02-04 Mar)
<b>Brookings Institution</b> 	Seminar	<b>Understanding the Drivers of inequality in Africa and Implications for human development (<a href="#"><u>part 1</u></a>) (<a href="#"><u>part 2</u></a>)</b> the Africa Growth Initiative at Brookings and UNDP co-hosted an event featuring a high-level panel of experts in inequality and African economic development to discuss the economic, governance, and security implications of the diverse and evolving inequalities across the continent.	21 Feb	Attended in preparation for the World Bank Group Conference in Washington DC (02-04 Mar)
<b>Global Initiative against International Crime</b> 	Podcast	<a href="#"><u>The Impact: coronavirus and Organized Crime</u></a> Special edition weekly podcast will look at how the ongoing Coronavirus is impacting organized crime around the world – and how the illicit economy may affect our ability to respond to the virus	Apr to May	12 podcast, about 30 minutes each, on organized crime.
<b>Woodrow Wilson Center</b> 	Virtual Round Table	<a href="#"><u>COVID-19 and Africa: On-the-Ground Perspectives from Five African Countries</u></a> Perspectives from five African countries—South Africa, Libya, Ethiopia, the DRC, and Côte d'Ivoire—to learn how COVID-19 is unfolding in these countries, how the governments and the people are responding, and what the impact and challenges have been so far. We will also look ahead to COVID-19’s likely impact on peace, security, and development in these countries in the coming years.	9 Apr	
<b>Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)</b> 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>The implications of the coronavirus crisis on the Middle East</u></a> Covid-19 Webinar Series: Crisis, Risk and Consequences . Session 2.	9 Apr	



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<p><b>Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS)</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Unpacking the Covid-19 Crisis in Africa</u></a></p> <p>The CSIS Africa Program virtual event in a series of partnerships with premier research institutions across Africa. Experts from the Institute for Security Studies (ISS Africa) and the University of Pretoria join CSIS Africa Program Director, Judd Devermont to discuss the political, economic, and health implications of the coronavirus pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa.</p>	13 Apr	
<p><b>Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Covid-19: The uses and misuses of technology during the Covid-19 crisis</u></a></p> <p>Covid-19 Webinar Series: Crisis, Risk and Consequences . Session 3.</p>	16 Apr	
<p><b>United States Institute of Peace</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Coronavirus and Conflict: The Security Sector Response</u></a></p> <p>As the coronavirus pandemic sweeps the globe, troubling developments about how security forces are responding have been reported from places already mired in violence and conflict. That USIP event will look at creative solutions on how to respond to the confluence of coronavirus and conflict.</p>	17 Apr	
<p><b>Chatham House</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Implications of the Covid-19 Pandemic for African Economies</u></a></p> <p>Dr Hafez Ghanem discusses the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for African economies and their development and poverty reduction efforts, and assesses the priorities and obstacles for establishing a comprehensive response to the crisis.</p>	21 Apr	
<p><b>Chatham House</b></p> 	Virtual Roundtable	<p><a href="#"><u>America's China Challenge</u></a></p> <p>With Robert Zoellick, former president of the World Bank Group. This event is part of the Chatham House Global Trade Policy Forum.</p>	22 Apr	



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Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis (INEGMA) 	Virtual Roundtable	<a href="#"><u>Confronting Covid-19 outbreak and Oil Crisis: Assessing UAE Resilience &amp; Implications.</u></a> Virtual Roundtable on impact of COVID-19 virus and oil crisis on UAE, testing country's resilience and governance, and exploring wider regional ramifications. Session chaired and hosted by Riad Kahwaji and main presenters were Dr. Abdulkhalek Abdullah, a Political Science Professor from UAE, and Mr. Mohammed Baharoon, Director General of Bhuth Public Policy center in Dubai.	22 April	
Chatham House 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>Civil society responses to the Covid-19 crisis in sub-Saharan Africa</u></a> Indigenous civil society organizations, including religious institutions, NGOs and community-based organizations, play a crucial role in mobilization to prevent viral spread and provide care. In this webinar, Professor Amy S. Patterson from the University of the South examines how lessons from previous health mobilization efforts by civil society in Africa might apply to the COVID-19 crisis.	23 April	
Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>Covid-19: The impact on global terrorism and violent extremism</u></a> Covid-19 Webinar Series: Crisis, Risk and Consequences. Session 4.	23 April	
Chatham House 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>What Could the Economic Impact of Covid-19 be on Africa?</u></a> Dr Hafez Ghanem discusses the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for African economies and their development and poverty reduction efforts, and assesses the priorities and obstacles for establishing a comprehensive response to the crisis.	24 Apr	
Chatham House 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>Implications of the covid-19 Pandemic for Food Security and Resilience in Africa</u></a> Dr Arif Husain from the World Food Programme gives his assessment of the potential impact that the COVID-19 pandemic will have on food security in Africa and what can be done to prevent a food security emergency.	27 Apr	



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<p><b>Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS)</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Covid-19's Impact on the Defense Budget and Defense Supply chain</u></a></p> <p>CSIS Defense Budget Analysis Program and the Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group had a discussion on the effects of the Covid-19 crisis on the defense supply chain and its implications for the defense budget. Todd Harrison, director for Defense Budget Analysis, and Andrew Hunter, director of the Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group, discussed the impact of the coronavirus on the national security sector.</p>	27 Apr	
<p><b>Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Jihadi perception of Covid-19: Mr Munir Zamir</u></a></p> <p>This video clip is a segment from a full webinar on the impact of the Covid-19 virus on global terrorism and violent extremism, part 4 of our Covid-19 Webinar Series: Global Crisis, Global Risk and Global Consequences. Mr Munir Zamir - Counter-Terrorism and CVE consultant and, PhD Candidate at the University of South Wales; he speaks about the jihadi perception of COVID-19, from both a religious and operational perspective.</p>	27 Apr	
<p><b>Atlantic Council</b></p> 	Interview	<p><a href="#"><u>Discussion with the Africa CDC</u></a></p> <p>The Africa Center hosts a virtual conversation with Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. John Nkengasong on the response to COVID-19. Africa CDC is at the forefront of the continent's response and has called this pandemic an "existential threat" to Africa due to many African countries are met with significant obstacles.</p>	28 Apr	
<p><b>United States Institute of Peace</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>China's impact on Conflict Dynamics in the Red Sea Arena</u></a></p> <p>Over the last decade, China has become more engaged internationally, including in conflict zones and fragile states of strategic interest to the United States. The USIP is convening a series of bipartisan Senior Study Groups (SSGs) to examine China's influence on conflict dynamics around the world. This report, the third in the SSG series, examines China's presence and impact in the Red Sea arena—with a focus on the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.</p>	28 apr	<a href="#">Link to the paper</a>



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<p><b>Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS)</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Russia's "Private" Military Companies: The Example of the Wagner Group</u></a></p> <p>Russia frequently employs semi-state "private" military companies, like the Wagner Group, for example. It has been used in Ukraine, Syria, Sudan, CAR, Libya, Mozambique, and Mali (so far). Wagner is tightly connected to Russia's military Intel organization (the GRU), and funded by one of Vladimir Putin's close associates, Yevgeny Prigozhin. What implications does the Wagner Group pattern have for the interests and future operations of the US and its allies?</p>	28 Apr	
<p><b>Brookings Institution</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Implications for Peace and Security in the Middle East</u></a></p> <p>The Brookings Doha Center (BDC) hosted a webinar discussion about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on peace and security in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).</p>	30 Apr	
<p><b>Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS)</b></p> 	Debate and Panel	<p><a href="#"><u>CSIS Debate Series: Do Human Rights Protections Advance Counterterrorism Objectives?</u></a></p> <p>Does democracy foster economic growth? Do human rights protections advance counterterrorism objectives? Does great power competition hurt or empower the continent? Does the U.S. even need a foreign policy for sub-Saharan Africa? The CSIS Africa Debate Series offers an opportunity to question and refine policy objectives to meet a changing political landscape.</p>	4 May	
<p><b>Chatham House</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Implications of the Covid-19 Pandemic for African Elections and Democracy</u></a></p> <p>2020 was anticipated to be a year of landmark elections across Africa, including general elections scheduled in Somalia, as well as a re-run of annulled presidential elections in Malawi. Dr Christopher Fomunyoh discusses the likely impact of COVID-19 on elections and democracy in various African countries, as well as the responses and measures to meet the challenges.</p>	6 May	
<p><b>Institute for Security Studies (ISS)</b></p> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Governing Africa during and Beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic</u></a></p> <p>How will COVID-19 compound Africa's governance challenges, and is the continent prepared?</p>	6 May	



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<b>GLOBSEC</b> 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>NATO's Deterrence and Defence Agenda</u></a> NATO Assistant Secretary General Patrick Turner is discussing how NATO's <a href="#"><u>#deterrence</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>#defence</u></a> agenda is keeping Allies safe and adapting to the struggles of the current <a href="#"><u>#COVID19</u></a> pandemic.	7 May	
<b>Elcano Royal Institute</b> 	Virtual Roundtable	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus and the Maghreb: challenges to stability and Reform</u></a> This virtual round table will analyze the responses of governments, the possible social consequences of the health crisis and the implications for political stability in the Maghreb of the socio-economic crisis caused by the Great Lockdown. All this in a context of growing demands for political reform and good governance.	7 May	
<b>Center for Global Development (CGD)</b> 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>Supporting Africa in the Fight against Covid-19 and Beyond</u></a> 54 of the 55 African Union (AU) member states have now reported cases of COVID-19; Africa could likely be the next epicenter of the outbreak. Ensuring that health financing is mobilized quickly and effectively to support national responses and essential health services across Africa is of paramount importance. AU, Gavi, and the Global Fund join a discussion hosted by the CDG on the key issues and challenges currently facing Africa.	11 May	
<b>Joint Organization*</b>	Virtual Conference	<b>Transatlantic Security Jam, Securing the Post-Covid Future</b>	12 to 14 May	Video not available. Report to be issued by organizers.
<b>United States Institute of Peace</b> 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>Conflict and the Pandemic: Tackling Covid-19 in Fragile Settings</u></a> USIP, World Bank Group and USIP exams international efforts to respond to the first- and second-order impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in fragile states. Panelists draw lessons from other recent outbreaks to consider what works in tackling pandemics, as well as how actors can work together to ensure responses to the COVID-19 crisis do not exacerbate existing drivers of fragility. Additionally, the panel will examine how to manage long-term social and economic consequences, including how the COVID-19 response can help lay the foundation for strengthened governance and more effective institutions.	13 may	

\* International Business Machines Corp (IBM), armed Forces Communications & Electronics association (AFCEA) and Pfp Consortium.



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<b>Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)</b> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Africa First! – Igniting a Growth Revolution</u></a></p> <p>2020 Virtual Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development 'Sustaining Peace in the Time of COVID-19'. The open session 'Strategic Dialogue on Global Trends: Africa First! – Igniting a Growth Revolution', in partnership with the Institute for Security Studies</p>	13 May	2020 Virtual Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development 'Sustaining Peace in the Time of COVID-19': 20 webinars in various topic focus in general in Africa and the Middle East ( <a href="#">link</a> ).
<b>Institute for Security Studies (ISS)</b> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Turning Africa's vision into reality</u></a></p> <p>What needs to be done to unleash Africa's potential and ignite a growth revolution?</p>	15 May	
<b>Office of the Special Advisor on Africa</b> 	Virtual Conference	<p><b>COVID-19 And Silencing the Guns In Africa: Challenges And Opportunities</b></p> <p>Two and a half years ago, OSAA launched the Africa Dialogue Series with two main objectives: promote policy discussions on issues of critical relevance to Africa; and ensure that Africa is high on the agenda of the United Nations (UN).</p>	20 to 22 May	Africa Dialogue Series 2020 - Webinar series on the theme ( <a href="#">program</a> )
<b>Chatham House</b> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>The Future of African Development: Levers of Support Through the Coronavirus Pandemic</u></a></p> <p>Abebe Aemro Selassie discusses the levers available to support African countries as they navigate the crisis, expectations of African governments and development partners, and prospects ahead.</p>	22 May	
<b>Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)</b> 	Webinar	<p><a href="#"><u>Gulf Security in The Time of Coronavirus</u></a></p> <p>As the coronavirus pandemic spreads on both shores of the Gulf, the importance of shared forums for discussing common challenges and implementing common strategies dramatically reveals itself. Iran is one of the countries hardest-hit by COVID-19 in the Middle East and has long had complicated relations with its Arab neighbours. Yet, many GCC countries, including those traditionally perceived as Iran's main adversaries, have offered almost immediate help to Teheran, sending humanitarian support and tons of medical supplies</p>	25 May	



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<b>Chatham House</b> 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>Subsidies and IUU Fishing</u></a> This session discusses opportunities and challenges related to eliminating subsidies that contribute to overfishing, overcapacity and IUU fishing, and take stock of the negotiations on fisheries subsidies that are taking place within the World Trade Organization (WTO).	28 May	
<b>Chatham House</b> 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>COVID-19 and the Future World Order</u></a> As the coronavirus outbreak looks to increase already rising US-China tensions, the speakers outline their views on its implications for the current world order. They assess how global value chains might be restructured following the pandemic and discuss what role actors in Asia and Europe might play in the construction of a post-coronavirus world order.	29 May	
<b>Brookings Institution</b> 	Webinar	<a href="#"><u>How COVID-19 and the oil shock will reshape the Middle East</u></a> Brookings Center for Middle East Policy hosted a virtual panel event to discuss how COVID-19 is likely to reshape the Middle East.	2 Jun	
<b>Center for Maritime Law &amp; Security (CELAWS) (Ghana)</b> 	Virtual Roundtable	<a href="#"><u>Gulf Of Guinea Oceans Governance Dialogue: COVID-Piracy, Coastal Communities, Needed Responses</u></a> GULF OF GUINEA OCEANS GOVERNANCE DIALOGUE: Covid-Piracy, Coastal Communities, Needed Responses.	8 Jun	
<b>Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)</b> 	Webinar Series	<b>Migration in the Mediterranean</b> The coronavirus pandemic is having a profound impact on global migration and mobility trends. <a href="#"><u>Session 1 - The Big Freeze: Europe-Africa Migration Trends after COVID-19</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Session 2 - Looking for Shelter: African Refugees and the Global Pandemic</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Session 3 - Sorry, we're closed: regular migration from Africa to Europe</u></a>	9 jun 16 Jun 23 Jun	



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Chatham House 	Webinar	<a href="#">Deep Technology in Africa</a> African countries stand to benefit a great deal from potentially transformative scientific discovery and innovation in engineering. At this online event, speakers discuss African deep technology, the support that start-ups require and the investment landscape, as well as the transformative potential of such innovation.	10 Jun	
Chatham House 	Webinar	<a href="#">Finding Solutions to Insecurity in Cabo Delgado</a> At this online event, the speakers explore the structural causes, drivers and dynamics of the armed attacks in Cabo Delgado, including the regional and international aspects of the situation.	16 Jun	
George Marshall Center (GMC) 	Virtual Roundtable	<b>The Coronavirus and the Mediterranean Crossing: Irregular Migration during a Pandemic</b>	17 Jun	Video not available. Report to be issued by organizers.
Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) 	Webinar	<a href="#">The impact of Covid-19 on Africa</a> Covid-19 Webinar Series Session 12: The impact of Covid-19 on Africa This webinar episode will explore events and conflicts and their consequences, from the current state-of-play of public health in Africa to issues of human rights and governance to strategic implications regarding trade, debt relief and the potential security implications.	18 Jun	
Chatham House 	Webinar	<a href="#">How Can We Increase Youth Representation in Government?</a> For democracy to function, it is important that the local government reflects all its people. Proper representation translates into power, and young people are building bridges across societies as well as fundamental stakeholders in creating social change. In this webinar policymakers from the European Parliament and YIAGA Africa discuss the challenge of youth unemployment with members of the Common Futures Conversations community.	22 Jun	



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Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis (INEGMA) 	Virtual Roundtable	<a href="#">The Growing U.S.-Chinese Tension and its Implications on the UAE</a> Virtual round-table where prominent UAE academics discussed the growing tension between US and China and how it could likely impact the UAE and other Arab Gulf States. Speakers and lead commentators explored ways in which the US-China rivalry could affect the UAE foreign policy, economy and energy sector. The rise of isolationism in US versus growing globalization in China will eventually leave its mark on the region. They spoke about best ways to walk the thin line between the two competing global powers. The session was moderated by Riad Kahwaji.	23 Jun	
Chatham House 	Webinar	<a href="#">How images frame China's role in African</a> Images play a key role in how development is understood. For instance, images depicting trade, labour, agriculture and migration in Africa—China relations can appear to tell a story of unfolding industrialization and modernization—what we recognize as development. This webinar demonstrates the importance of visual politics to policy-making.	23 Jun	
Chatham House 	Webinar	<a href="#">Maintaining Momentum in Sudan's Transition: Delivering International Support</a> Panellists assess the progress made so far in Sudan's transition, potential roadblocks now and ahead, and how an enhanced international response can consolidate progress and address key challenges.	29 Jun	
Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS)	Webinar	<a href="#">How Covid-19 Changed the Global Economy</a> Economy Disrupted, Episode 3	29 Jun	
Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS)  CENTER FOR STRATEGIC & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	Webinar	<a href="#">A Conversation with António Vitorino of the International Organization for Migration</a> CSIS Humanitarian Agenda will speak with leadership across humanitarian institutions about the challenges their organizations face during Covid-19. António Vitorino, Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), discussed how IOM is adapting and responding to the pandemic.	29 Jun	