

## AGA October 2017

Panel Discussion 2 (4:00pm – 5:15pm)

### **Private security client perspectives on procurement and contracting with ICoCA Member Companies**

#### Description

This session aims to address procurement challenges and best practices in contracting private security in high risk or complex environments. Speakers representing both the private and public sectors will offer various perspectives.

#### Speakers

##### **Moderator:**

**Sean McFate**, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

Dr. Sean McFate is an author, novelist and expert in foreign policy and national security strategy. Currently, he is a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, a think tank, and a professor of strategy at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and the National Defense University.

McFate's career began as a paratrooper and officer in the U.S. Army's storied 82nd Airborne Division. He served under Stanley McChrystal and David Petraeus, and attended elite training programs, such as the US Army's jungle warfare school in Panama.

After this, McFate became a private military contractor in Africa. Among his many experiences there, he dealt with warlords, raised small armies, worked with armed groups in the Sahara, transacted arms deals in Eastern Europe, and prevented an impending genocide in the Great Lakes region.

In the world of international business, McFate was a Vice President at TD International, a boutique political risk consulting firm with offices in Washington, Houston, Singapore and Zurich. Additionally, he was a manager at DynCorp International, a consultant at BearingPoint (now Deloitte Consulting) and an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.

McFate co-wrote the novels *Shadow War* and *Deep Black* (William Morrow), part of the Tom Locke series based on his military experiences. *New York Times* bestselling author Mark Greaney said: "I was blown away.... simply one of the most entertaining and intriguing books I've read in quite some time."

He also authored the non-fiction book *The Modern Mercenary: Private Armies and What They Mean for World Order* (Oxford University Press) which details how war is changing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The *Economist* called it a "fascinating and disturbing book."

A coveted speaker, he has spoken at the British House of Commons, top universities and popular audiences. He has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *MSNBC*, *Fox News*, *NPR*, *BBC*, *Economist*, *Vice/HBO*, *The Discovery Channel*, *American Heroes Channel* and other outlets. He has published articles in *Foreign Policy*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Republic*, *African Affairs*, *Military Review*, *Daily Beast*, *Vice*, *Salon* and *War on the Rocks*. As a scholar, he has authored eight book chapters in edited academic volumes, and published a monograph with the U.S. Army War College on how to raise foreign armies.

McFate holds a BA from Brown University, a MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and a PhD in international relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He lives in Washington, DC.

**Speakers:**

**Mike Croll**, Independent Consultant

Mike Croll has held senior security leadership appointments with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, The European Union's Diplomatic Service (the EEAS) and the United Nations Department of Safety and Security. In these roles he was responsible for contracting a range of security services including multi million dollar contracts in high risk environments and in multiple locations. He has also worked within the private security sector, with an international NGO, and he served in the British Army as a bomb disposal officer

**Sean McMurtry**, Asset Protection Manager at Tullow Oil (Kenya)

Sean is a highly experienced security risk and crisis response manager with significant experience across the Middle East, and Africa in particular. The exposure gained by living and working in these environments over the past 16 years has allowed Sean to develop a deep understanding of regional security risk and conflict dynamics. His contextual awareness, enhanced sense of empathy and understanding of international best practice such as IFC Performance Standards and the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights positions him well to design and deliver conflict sensitive security programs in support of large scale development activities across the region.

**Lisa Reilly**, Executive Director of the European Interagency Security Forum (EISF)

Lisa Reilly joined the European Interagency Security Forum (EISF) in 2011. She has over 16 years experience in the development and humanitarian response sector, working overseas in a variety of programme management roles in both Africa and Asia. Returning to the UK in 2009 Lisa took up a position with RedR as Security Trainer developing and implementing personal security and security management courses, as well as undertaking a number of short-term consultancy projects backstopping and evaluating humanitarian response programmes.

Starting as an engineer, Lisa's security knowledge comes from implementing programmes in various conflict and post-conflict countries, subsequently enhanced through working with a variety of sector experts and on a number of research projects since her return to the UK.

In her role of Executive Director, Lisa exercises overall responsibility for the EISF Secretariat, supporting the collaboration and exchange of information and best practice between EISF members and EISF's wider network of humanitarian security risk specialists, as well as liaising with and acting as a resource for UN agencies, academic institutions, donors, etc, to develop appropriate policies and best practice in security risk management.

**Gregory Starr**, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, Former UN Under Secretary General for Safety and Security

Gregory Starr served as Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, from November 15, 2013 through January 20, 2017. In this capacity, Mr. Starr was in charge of the security and law enforcement arm of the U.S. Department of State.

Diplomatic Security is responsible for providing a safe and secure environment for the conduct of U.S. foreign policy throughout the world. Mr. Starr led a force of Special Agents, Diplomatic Couriers,

Security Engineering Officers, Security Technical Specialists, General Service staff, and other specialists.

From May 2009 until January 2013, Mr. Starr served as United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security. Reporting to the Secretary General, he lead the UN Security Management System, overseeing the formulation of security policies and the implementation of programs to best ensure the conduct of UN political, humanitarian, and relief activities in a secure environment around the globe.

Prior to his UN role, he previously served as Director of the Diplomatic Security Service from April 2007 until his retirement in May 2009. He returned to Diplomatic Security on February 1, 2013 as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, and acting Assistant Secretary. He became Assistant Secretary upon US Senate confirmation and Presidential appointment on November 15, 2017.

Through his career Mr. Starr has lived in Washington DC and New York, as well as living in Israel, Tunisia, Senegal, and Kinshasa, Zaire (presently the Democratic Republic of the Congo).

A New York native, Mr. Starr received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in Forensic Science from the George Washington University.