

Dr Alex Vines

Research Director, Area Studies and International Law; Head, Africa Programme



Summary

Alex Vines has been head of the Africa programme at Chatham House since 2002 and in 2008 became director for Regional Studies and International Security. In 2012 Alex was appointed director for Area Studies and International Law.

He chaired the UN Panel of Experts on Côte d'Ivoire from 2005 to 2007, and was a member of the UN Panel of Experts on Liberia from 2001 to 2003.

He has also been a UN election officer in Mozambique and Angola, and served as a consultant for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

He worked at Human Rights Watch as a senior researcher on business and human rights. He is also a senior lecturer at Coventry University.

He was awarded an OBE in 2008 in recognition of his work including founding and developing Chatham House's Africa programme.

Expertise

- Political risk in sub-Saharan Africa
- Emerging powers in sub-Saharan Africa
- UK and EU policy toward Africa
- Extractive industries and investment in Africa

Experience

2012	Research Director, Area Studies and International Law, Chatham House
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2002	Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House
2013	Fellow (Hon.), Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos
2012 – 2013	Visiting Lecturer, Peace Studies, University of Bradford
2009	Senior Lecturer (previously Lecturer), Department of International Studies and Social Science, and Co-Director, African Studies Centre, Coventry University
2008 – 2012	Director of Regional and Security Studies, Chatham House
2005 – 2007	Member, later Chair, UN Panel of Experts on Côte d'Ivoire
2001 – 2003	Member, UN Panel of Experts on Liberia
2002 – 2010	Senior Researcher, Business and Human Rights, Human Rights Watch (part-time)
1999 – 2002	Associate Fellow, British-Angola Forum, Chatham House
1993 – 2002	Researcher/Senior Researcher, Arms and Africa Divisions, Human Rights Watch
1997	MacArthur NGO Fellow, Department of War Studies, King's College, University of London
1994 – 2000	Research Associate, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford
1994	Electoral officer, UNOMOZ, Mozambique
1992	Electoral officer, UNAVEM II, Angola
1990 – 1993	Africa Analyst, Control Risks
1990	Consultant, Centre for Southern African Studies, University of York
1989	Research Assistant, National Museums and Monuments, Masvingo, Zimbabwe
1988	Graduate Scholar, British Institute in Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

Journal Editorial and Advisory Boards

South African Journal of International Affairs; Africa Review (journal of the African Studies Association of India) and Journal of Southern African Studies