Title: Dilemmas of Security Commercialisation in Africa: emerging Insights from Nigeria and South Africa

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Summary

This project seeks to undertake a comparative study on the dilemmas of regulating corporate security entities in Africa through the examination of empirical cases from Nigeria and South Africa. In a nutshell the overall goal of the proposed research is to investigate the opportunities and threats presented by the proliferation of private security companies, and why their regulation and governance have been problematic for state policy makers in the respective countries. Through the study, it is expected that there will be a generation of intellectual and policy debates on the development dilemmas of security privatisation in Africa. Through the consideration of the research findings by stakeholders, it is anticipated that there will be a robust generation of policy-relevant options for transforming security institutions and practices in a way that promotes human security.