

Ms. Virginia Gamba – Summary CV

Professor Gamba is Director of SaferAfrica since 2001¹. The four programmes of the organization are the NEPAD/AU peace and security programme, the arms management and disarmament programme, the Tanzania National Action Plan for Arms Management and Disarmament, and the Governance and Development Programme. The areas of operation are Sub-Saharan Africa and Central and South America.

Since 1975 Professor Gamba has served in various capacities as follows:

- Deputy Director of the Institute for Security Studies of South Africa (1996-2000) where she explored the links between uncontrolled small arms proliferation with the impact of communities and regional security in Africa and author and compiler of three volumes of Society Under Siege (ISS) publication on the role and impact of small arms on crime and societal violence in Africa and of The Southern African Experience (arms management and disarmament) 2000.
- Programme Director for the Conflict Resolution and Disarmament project of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (1994-1996) – exploring the links between disarmament, demobilization and peace support operations in four regions of the world and editor of the 11 publications that comprised the UNIDIR series on disarmament including Arms Management and Peace Support Operations (UN publication)
- Director of the Programme for Arms Control, Disarmament and Demobilization of the Peace and Security Programme at the MacArthur Foundation of Chicago where she financially supported emerging projects for conversion, nuclear and conventional disarmament and the emerging links of crime and illicit small arms trafficking in the period 1990-1992 of the end of the Cold War.
- Lecturer and associate professor at the Department of War Studies, King's College London 1987-1990 undertaking research on the manner in which crisis prevention could be applied to North-South conflict areas as well as lecturing on Latin American emerging security issues (non military threats to security in The Americas) and author on those years of Strategy in the Southern Seas (pinter) and the Falklands/Malvinas War as a Model for North/South Crisis Prevention (Harper/Collins).
- Visiting Lecturer and Associate professor of the University of Maryland in the Department of Public Affairs on issues of Latin American Security Policy 1986 and fellow of the United States Institute for Peace for the report of the evolution of counter-terrorism policies since 1948.
- Director of the Centre for Military Transformation of the Argentine Republic 1984-1986 in assistance to civilian control over the military instrument during the democratic transition – CCAEM- and lecturer at the Argentine Institute for Diplomats and at the Argentine Senate (training senators on issues of the Defence Law).
- Researcher into the dynamics of the Falklands/Malvinas war of 1982 (books produced were three: El Peon de la Reina (Sudamericana), Estrategia Intervencion y Crisis (Sudamericana), and Signals of War (in association with Professor Lawrence Freedman of King's college) (faber and faber).
- Researcher on Latin American Security Issues for the university of Piura on the Andean Pact project for the study of the emergence of global drug trafficking concerns (1981)
- MSc (econ) in Strategic Studies of the University of Wales at Aberystwyth

¹ SaferAfrica is an independent research, policy and implementation support agency serving regions affected by conflict to improve their capacity to sustain peace, security, safety and development. Clients of SaferAfrica are most Sub-Saharan regions and ten national governments as well as one region of Latin America and three Latin American governments.

- BA (Hons) in Spanish and Latin American Studies of the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK
- Philology Bachelor of the University of Salamanca, Spain.

Other relevant information:

- Professor Gamba shared the Nobel Peace Prize as formal member of the Pugwash Executive Council (1995) with Professor J. Rotblat. She served the Pugwash Executive Council from 1985-1996)
- Professor Gamba is a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies of London since 1987.
- Professor Gamba has acted as co-opted expert for the following initiatives:
 - The Stockholm Initiative on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration – Chair of working group one. (2005)
 - The United Nations Report on Emerging Challenges to Peace and Security (2003/4) –member of resource body with the nominal charge of the area of small arms and light weapons.
 - The International Peace Academy project on the Economic Dimensions of Conflict (chair of working group II) (2001-2003)
 - The creation of Armswatch as an organization (Rockefeller Foundation) (1990) – creation of the structure.
 - The Yale/UN study on innovative uses for peacekeeping forces (1987-1990) – core member
 - She has been honorary professor of the United States University for Defence (technical college), the US Army War College, the US Naval War College, the Canadian Naval War College, the UK Joint Forces course (Camberley), the Argentine Naval, Army, Air Force and Gendarmerie colleges, Yale University, Oxford University, and Princeton. Her areas of expertise as lecturer are: small arms control, disarmament policies, crisis prevention, theory and practical of conventional deterrence, civil-military relations and constructs, transformation of conflict, naval strategy, boundary disputes and conflict resolution, peace keeping evolution, and coercive international relations.

Professor Gamba is an Argentine national, resident in South Africa. She was born in 1954 and educated in Bolivia, Peru, Switzerland, Spain and the UK. Virginia Gamba is married and has a daughter (9).