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Somalia workshop podcast: 'Reflections on "African Solutions" in Somalia and beyond'

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This podcast was part of the workshop on Somalia: Negotiating the balance between 'African Solutions' and international responses. recently hosted (11th July 2012) by the School of Government and the Institute of Conflict, Cooperation and Security (ICCS).

'Reflections on "African Solutions" in Somalia and beyond'
Dr Knox Chitiyo, Chatham House

This presentation reflected on African involvement in responding to crises in four case studies. Knox argued that Libya was 'not Africa's finest moment', reflecting misjudgement by African leaders of international determination to respond to the attacks on Benghazi in particular.

In Cote d'Ivoire he suggests African actors' roles in negotiating the intervention and its outcomes was significant and is unfairly overlooked in most analyses. Zimbabwe was cited as an example of a positive, though imperfect, attempt to resolve crises without outside interference.

Finally Knox highlighted the role of local actors in Somalia, and diaspora particularly, which again is little-recognised. He concluded by arguing an 'Africa plus', or hybrid, approach is the future of African crisis management, and that greater recognition, and external support to build capacity, is needed for the many roles African actors play beyond military responses.

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