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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 various UN agencies, development agencies, business and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). He has worked at Human Rights Watch as a senior researcher on business and human rights and 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 and holds a doctorate from Coventry University and MA from the University of York.