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PROGRAMME

“ The Russian presence in Sub-saharan Africa – French and Polish Perspectives”

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Welcoming words by CCFEF (Nicolas Maslowski), IHEDN (Odette Tomescu-Hatto, Christina Venard), Casimir Pulaski (Bart Kot), Kering (Aleksandra Szylkiewicz)

- *„Russian rising presence in Sub-Saharan Africa: drivers, tools and prospects“, Emmanuel Dreyfus (IRSEM)*
- *„Controlling the narrative. Russia's soft power in Africa“, Jędrzej Czerep (PISM)*
- *„Russian military presence“, Aleksander Olech (INE)*

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