Bauermeister, KOBUS: Director of the Administrator-General’s office, seconded from the office of the South African State President.
Beavan, Keith: UN staff member, UNTAG Regional Director at Tsumeb.
Berker, Hans: Judge President of the High Court of Namibia.
Bessinger, Niko: internal SWAPO leader, designated principal SWAPO Liaison Officer with UNTAG until the return of the external leadership in June 1989.
Bilger, Joachim: a politico-legal adviser in the SRSG’s office.
Bjurner, Anders: senior official of the Swedish Foreign Ministry.
Botha, Pik: South African Foreign Minister.
Bugayev, Oleg: UN staff member; Director of Internal Audit.
Bushmen: or San, an ancient people living in and on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, legendary hunters and trackers whose skills were much used by the South African Defence Force in the border wars of the 1970s and 1980s.
Bwakira, Nicolas: UNHCR’s senior representative in Namibia.
CCN: Council of Churches in Namibia.
Cias, Abdou: UN staff member, UNTAG Director of Administration.
CVI POL: also called UNCI POL, United Nations Civilian Police, a component of UNTAG, later becoming part of most other peacekeeping and peacemaking operations.
Code of Conduct: Code of political behaviour drawn up jointly by UNTAG and the Namibian political parties proposing to participate in the election, signed by the SRSG and the parties on 12 September 1989.
Coetzer, Piet: Deputy Director-General of SWABC.
Cohen, Linda: UN staff member, Regional Director of the Kavango region.
Crocker, Dr Chester: Assistant Secretary of State for Africa in the Reagan government of the USA, author of the concept of ‘constructive engagement' with South Africa.
Dayal, Viru: UN staff member, Chef de Cabinet of the UN Secretary-General in New York.
De Klerk, FW: President of South Africa after the resignation of PW Botha in August 1989.
De Rougemont, Nicolas: ICRC representative in Namibia.
Diallo, Binta: UN staff member, UNTAG District Chief of the Keytumhoop.
Dibuma, Major-General Timothy: Military Adviser to the Secretary-General of the UN.
Diergaardt, Hans: Namibian Baster Captain.
Dobson, Sue: ANC ‘mole’ who infiltrated South Africa’s information services and, after being assigned to its operations in Namibia, sought political asylum when an internal investigation seemed to put her at risk.
Dodson, Christine: UN staff member, head of UN Staff Training.
Dos Santos, Eduardo: President of Angola.
Dreyer, General Hans: Koevoet Commander in northern Namibia.
DTA: Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, a Namibian inter-ethnic political party, principal rival to SWAPO.
Eckhard, Fred: UN staff member, UNTAG spokesman from June 1989 to March 1990.

Ekandjo, Jerry: internal SWAPO leader.
Eksteen, Rian: South African Ambassador to the UN.
ELCIN: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia.
Engelbrecht, Angel: retired Windhoek journalist.
Eros airport: small municipal airport serving Windhoek (much of UNTAG’s flying was done to and from here).
Fanning, Steven: UNTAG Police Commissioner.
FAPLA: Forças Armadas Populares de Libertação de Angola/Massed Popular Forces for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA military wing and official Angolan army up until 1992 when it was transformed into FAA).
FN: Federal Convention of Namibia, a Namibian political party.
Felsinger, Heather: UN staff member in the SRSG’s office.
Fitzgerald, Peter: UN CIVPOL Police Superintendent in northern Namibia.
Frangipani Campino, Anna: UN staff member, political officer in the SRSG’s office in Namibia.
Frontline States: loose association of some of the African states bordering on South Africa (Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, later joined by Zimbabwe and Nigeria, not including Lesotho or Swaziland).
Geingob, Hage: SWAPO Election Director, President of the Constitutional Assembly, first Prime Minister of Namibia.
Geldenhuys, General Jannie: South African Chief of the Defence Staff.
Glitzenberg, Hans: UN staff member, UNTAG Regional Director at Keetmanshoop.
Goldstein, Mitchell: UN staff member, UNTAG Chief of Security.
Gomez, Luis Maria: UN staff member, Assistant-Secretary-General for financial matters, acting Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management at UNHQ during Ahtisaari’s absence in Namibia.
Gouding, Sir Marrack (Mig): UN official, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping at UNHQ in New York.
Gouws, General Dolf: head of the South West African Police (SWAPOL).
Guerassiev, Vladimir (Slava): UN staff member, Police Liaison Officer in the SRSG’s office, all-purpose troubleshooter.
Gurirab, Theo-Ben: SWAPO Foreign Secretary.
Hajim, Omar: UN staff member, Deputy Director of the SRSG’s office from April to November 1989.
Hamutenya, Haibp: SWAPO Secretary for Information.
ICRC: International Committee of the Red Cross.
International Commission of Jurists: Geneva-based lawyers’ organisation dedicated to the rule of law throughout the world.
Irwin, Michael: UN staff member, head of UN Medical Services.
Issac, John: UN staff member, professional photographer.
Jobarteh, Ebo: UN staff member, UNTAG Regional Director at Otjiuo.
Johannes, Axel: internal SWAPO political organiser during 1973–90, often imprisoned for his political activities.
Joint Committee: group of five countries which negotiated the south-western Africa peace agreements, thus enabling the Namibian settlement to go ahead (Angola, Cuba, South Africa, US and USSR; UNTAG also attended its meetings).

Joint Committee’s Intelligence Committee: committee of the Joint Committee created in July 1989 to facilitate assessment of reports of military activities along the Namibian-Angolan border.

Joint Committee on All Aspects of Impartiality: joint committee, chaired alternately by the directors of the AG’s and the SRSG’s offices, with a membership which depended on the agenda. Set up by the AG and the SRSG, it held 18 meetings altogether, mostly weekly, between May and November 1989. Its flexible agenda included all and any matters which were considered by both parties to have possible negative consequences for the SCR 435 process.

Kaiserstrasse: Windhoek’s main city street until independence (now Independence Avenue).

Kalahari Sands: international hotel in the centre of Windhoek.

Kandetu, Bob: Assistant to the agenda.


Kalahari: desert in central South Africa.

Kelley, Marion: Chief Legal Adviser to SWAPO.

Katutura: Windhoek’s black township.

Kaunda, Kenneth: President of Zambia.

Kelley, Peggy: UN staff member, senior officer in the SRSG’s office.

Koevoet: means ‘crowbar’, the counter-insurgency wing of SWAPO.

Komati, Thomas: plaintiff in legal action brought against the Namibian authorities as a result of the public flogging of himself and many other SWAPO members for their political activity, 1973.

Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, of Washington DC: NGO maintaining a close watch on events in Namibia.

Legwaila, Joseph (Joe): Deputy SRSG (from June 1989).

Liebenberg, John: photographer and journalist.

Lister, Gwen: Editor of The Namibian newspaper.

Lubowski, Anton: Chief Legal Adviser to SWAPO, member of the Windhoek Bar, assassinated September 1989. At the time of his assassination he was simultaneously Secretary of Finance of the National Union of Namibian Workers (NNUW), Director of NAMALAW (a legal research group) and Assistant Director of Finance and Administration for the SWAPO Election Directorate.

MacBride, Sean: lawyer, first UN Commissioner for Namibia, sometime Irish Foreign Minister, winner of Nobel and Lenin peace prizes, sometime Secretary-General of the International Commission of Jurists.

Malan, General Magnus: South African Minister of Defence.


Mayanja, Rachel: UN staff member, Police Liaison Officer in the SRSG’s office.

McGuire, Roger: US Chief Observer.

Meyer, Major General Willem Christoffel: head of the South West Africa Territory Force (SWATF).

Mount Etjo: game reserve north of Windhoek where some important international meetings were held.

MPLA: Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola, one of the two principal Angolan liberation movements.

Mochimba, Aaron: brother-in-law and aide to President of SWAPO, Sam Nujoma, political organiser for internal SWAPO during 1974–5.

Mudge, Dirk: politician and farmer, former leader of the DTA.

Muehlinge, Peter: SWAPO Secretary for Defence.

Mutsvangwa, Christopher (‘Frontline Chris’): Zimbabwean diplomat in Namibia.

Namibian, The: Windhoek English daily newspaper.

NCDP: Namibia Christian Democratic Party, a Namibian political party.


Negga, Blandina: UN staff member, Regional Director of the Gobabis area.

NNDP: Namibia National Democratic Party, a Namibian political party.

NNF: Namibia National Front, a Namibian political party.


NPF: National Patriotic Front of Namibia, a Namibian political party.

NPP-435: Namibia Peace Plan 435, all-party lobby group campaigning for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 435, which contained the Namibian Settlement Plan.

Nujoma, Sam: President of SWAPO, ultimately President of the Republic of Namibia.


Okun, Herbert: US Ambassador to the UN, Deputy Chief of Mission.

O’Linn, Brian: Senior Counsel (SC), later High Court Judge, Chairman of AG-appointed commission dealing with allegations of intimidation.

Omuyad, Hisham: UN staff member, UNTAG’s Director of Elections.

Ombili Foundation: unexplained armed group with advanced communications apparently working to support the DTA and UNITA in late 1989 from a base in the bush in eastern Ovamboland.

Omega: one of a number of camps strewn along the Namibian-Angolan border set up by the SADF for the Bushman soldiers and their families.

Onongo, Edward (Ed): UN staff member, senior official in the SRSG’s office.

Ondangwa: large town in north-central Namibia.

Opande, Brigadier-General Daniel (Danny): UNTAG Deputy Force Commander.

Opoku, Kwame: UN staff member, Legal Adviser to UN in Vienna, principal Legal Adviser to UNTAG.

Oshakati: largest town in north-central Namibia, administrative centre for Ovamboland.

Owambo: largest population group in Namibia, largely resident in Ovamboland, in the north of Namibia.


Pienaar, Advocate Louis: South African Administrator-General of Namibia.

PIM: Pre-Implementation Meeting, held in Geneva in November 1980, intended to have been a final meeting prior to the implementation of Security Council Resolution 435.

PLAN: People’s Liberation Army of Namibia (SWAPO’s military wing).

Prem Chand, Lieutenant-General Dewan: UNTAG Force Commander.
Council Resolutions 385 and 435 were adopted.

Rahim, Hussein: UN staff member, UNTAG Regional Director at Mariental.

Rappard, William: Swiss member of the League of Nations Mandates Commission.

Renwick, Sir Robin: UK Ambassador to South Africa.

Ribeiro, Alberto: Angolan Ambassador to Namibia.

Richard, Lord Ivor: British Ambassador to the

Rappard, Safari

SADF: South African Defence Force.

Roux, Gerhard:

Rirusko, Shearar, Sommerfeld, Soggot, Smuts,

SerContein, Sereni, Danielle: UN staff member, a Senior Aide in the SRSG’s office.

Sommersfeld, Ingeborg: Chief Assistant to the Director of the office of the SRSG.


SWA House: South West Africa House, official residence of the Administrator-General of Namibia.


SWANU: South West Africa National Union, a Namibian political party.

SWAPO: South West Africa People’s Organisation, leading Namibian political party and leader of the liberation movement.

SWAPO-D: SWAPO-Democrats, a Namibian political party.

SWAPOL: South West Africa Police.

Swart: South West Africa Territory Force.

Szasz, Pau: retired UN staff member, formerly a Director in the office of Legal Counsel at UNHCR, detailed to join UNTAG and assist with its legal work (especially electoral and constitutional).

Taapopi, Esreel: sometime President of the SWAPO Youth League.

Thatcher, Margaret: Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Thirty-eighth floor (38th floor): top floor of the UN Secretariat building in New York where the Secretary-General has his offices, hence, these senior UN staff working in or nearby the Secretary-General’s office.

Tiewul, Sylvanus: UN staff member, Deputy Director of the SRSG’s office, husband of Rachel Mayanja.

Times of Namibia, The: Windhoek English daily newspaper.

Tintenpalast: means ‘the paper palace’, principal government building in central Windhoek.

Tjongarero, Daniel (Dan): senior official of internal SWAPO.

Toivo ja Toivo, Andimba: one of SWAPO’s founding members, famous for i.a. his address to the court at the conclusion of the trial of himself and 36 other SWAPO members on charges of terrorism.

Troskie House: UNTAG-HQ in Namibia.

UDF: United Democratic Front, a Namibian political party.


UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, also the organisation, a quasi-autonomous UN body based in Geneva.


UNITA: União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola/National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, one of the two principal Angolan liberation movements.


Urquhart, Sir Brian: Under-Secretary-General of the UN for Special Political Affairs (including Peacekeeping) until 1987.

Van Dunem, Pedro: Angolan Foreign Minister.


Venter, Piet: Director-General of the South West African Broadcasting Corporation (SWABC).

Viall, John: Chief Legal Adviser to the Administrator-General of the DTA.

Von Hirschberg, Carl: sometimes known as ‘South Africa’s Good Cop’, Senior representative of the South African Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Namibia, seconded to the AG’s staff.

Waldbier, Kurt: Secretary-General of the UN during the time of the negotiation and adoption of Security Council Resolutions 385 and 435.

Windhoek Advertiser, The: Windhoek English daily newspaper.

Windhoek Observer, The: independent Windhoek English weekly newspaper.


Yakoumopoulou, Lena: UN staff member in the SRSG’s office, in charge of UNTAG daily radio broadcasts.