



Transforming National Security: AFRICOM- An Emerging Command



A National Defense University and Forces Transformation and Resources Seminar
Fort Myer, Building 405 (Recreation Center)
February 19th and 20th, 2008

DAY 1: February 19th

08:30-8:45 Registration

08:45-8:50 Introduction

- **Dr. James Keagle**, Director, Transforming National Security Short Course Series, CTNSP-NDU

08:50- 10:00 Why AFRICOM Matters - Keynote Speaker

- **VADM Robert Moeller**, AFRICOM, Deputy to the Commander for Military Operations

10:00-10:45 A State Department Perspective

- **Ms. Linda Thomas-Greenfield**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, United States Department of State

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Panel I: Points of View

- **Moderator: Major General Arnold Fields (Ret)**, Deputy Director, Africa Center for Strategic Studies
- **H.E. Alhaji Usman Baraya**, Chargé d' Affaires, A.I., Embassy of Nigeria
- **Colonel (Ret) Leonard O. Owambo** - Immediate former Defense, Military, Naval & Air Attache of the Republic of Kenya to the United States

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Panel II: AFRICOM's Relationships with the UN, the AU, and Other IGOs

- **Moderator: Dr. Hans Binnendijk**, Director, Center for Technology and National Security Policy, NDU
- **Ambassador Nancy Soderberg**, Distinguished Visiting Scholar and Director of Public Policy Initiatives, University of North Florida
- **Ambassador Mark Bellamy**, Senior Fellow in Residence, Africa Program and International Security Program, CSIS

14:30-14:45 Break

14:45-17:15 Panel III: AFRICOM Missions and Challenges

- **Moderator: Major General Arnold Fields (Ret)**, Deputy Director, Africa Center for Strategic Studies
- **Mr. Homer Harkins**, Interagency Education Division Chief, Joint Special Operations University
- **Mr. Michael J. Bittrick**, Deputy Director for Security Affairs, Office of Regional and Security Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs, United States Department of State

- **Major Shannon Beebe**, Senior Africa Analyst, Office of the United States Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence
- **Dr. Lin Wells**, Force Transformation Chair, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Technology and National Security Policy, NDU

DAY 2: February 20th

08:45-09:00 Recap of Day I

- **Dr. James Keagle**, Director, Transforming National Security Short Course Series, CTNSP-NDU

09:50-10:00 Is Africa Ready for AFRICOM? Is AFRICOM Ready for Africa?

- **Ambassador George Moose**, Senior Fellow, LMI Government Consulting

10:00-11:15 Panel IV: Interagency Issues: Civil-Military Relations

- **Colonel Thomas Baltazar**, Director of the Office of Military Affairs of the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID
- **Colonel Dan Pike (Ret)**, Director, Geographic Team, Office of African Affairs, OSD-Policy
- **Mr. Doug Brooks**, President, International Peace Operations Organization

11:15- 11:30 Break

11:30-12:15 Lessons Learned-NORTHCOM

- **Mr. Bernd “Bear” McConnell**, Director, Interagency Coordination Directorate, HQ NORAD & USNORTHCOM

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15- 14:00 SOUTHCOM Lessons Learned

- **Captain Kevin Hutcheson (USN)**, Deputy Director for Interagency Integration, SOUTHCOM J9 Interagency Partnering Directorate

14:00-15:15 Panel V: Relationships between AFRICOM and Civilian Entities Operating in Africa

- **Moderator: Mr. Kenneth Bacon**, President, Refugees International
- **Mr. Sean McFate**, Program Director, National Security Initiative, The Bipartisan Policy Center
- **Major Shannon Beebe**, Senior Africa Analyst, Office of United States Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence

15:15-15:30 Break

15:30-16:30 Emerging Issues

- **Ms. Theresa Whelan**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense