



“Horn of Africa Food Security Crisis: Implications for United States Africa Command”

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Registration**

8:30-8:33 a.m. **Welcome and Administrative Remarks**

Dr. Linton Wells II, **Director**, Center for Technology and National Security Policy

8:33-8:40 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, **President**, National Defense University

PLENARY SESSION

8:40-9:20
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Keynote Presentation I:
General Carter Ham, Commander, U.S. Africa Command

PANEL ONE

9:20-10:30
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Political and Security Issues in the Horn of Africa related to food
What is the scope of the food security crisis? What are its geo-strategic implications? Who are the players? How are they positioned to handle the crisis? What are the political/security risks? Could lack of food security become a threat multiplier? What lessons can be drawn from experiences with violence and criminal activity and porous borders? How do we effectively address security concerns without threatening national sovereignty, human rights or traditional ways of life (nomadic)?

Moderator: Ambassador William Garvelink, **Senior Advisor**, Center for Strategic International Studies

Panelists: Ms. Amanda Dory, **Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense**, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
Ms. Rajakumari Jandhyala, **Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa**, USAID
Ambassador Richard Roth, **Senior Advisor to Assistant Secretary Johnnie Carson**, State Department
Ambassador David Shinn, **Adjunct Professor of International Affairs**, George Washington University

10:30-10:45 **Break**

PANEL TWO

10:45-12:00
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Environmental Issues

What are the current negative trends for water/power/food availability in the Horn of Africa? What steps need to be taken to address these concerns? How have environmental factors, especially deforestation, contributed to the famine in the Horn of Africa? What do the current crises (and past) in the Horn of Africa teach us about our current mechanisms for mitigating them?

Moderator: Mr. Lawrence Freeman, **Chief of the Africa Desk**, Executive Intelligence Review Magazine

Panelists: Dr. Nicku Kyungu Mordi, **President and Founder**, Africa Transformation Embassy
Ms. Patricia McArdle, **Member Board of Directors**, Solar Cookers International
Dr. Eric Rasmussen, **Professor**, San Diego State University
Dr. John M. Ulimwengu, **Research Fellow**, International Food Policy Research Institute

12:00-12:30 **Keynote Presentation II** Dr. Rajiv Shah, **Administrator**, USAID

12:30-1:00 **Lunch**

PANEL THREE

1:00-2:00
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Open Information Sharing

How can we employ open information sharing (such as crisis mapping) to improve disaster response in the Horn of Africa? Can we apply any of the lessons from disaster response in Haiti, Japan and elsewhere to current issues in Africa? What projects, or other developments are currently under way or other development to address these concerns?

Moderator: Dr. Linton Wells II, **Director**, Center for Technology and National Security Policy

Panelists: Mr. Al Johnson, **Office of the Chief Information Officer**
Department of Defense
Mr. Daniel Kasmierski, **OSD Science and Technology**
Advisor, USAFRICOM
Dr. Patrick Meier, **Director**, Crisis Mapping at Ushahidi
Mr. John Scicchitano, **Program Manager for FEWS NET**, USAID

2:00 p.m. **Break**

PANEL FOUR

2:15-3:15
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Non-Governmental and International Organizations: Building Local Capacity

How have the ways NGOs and IOs operate changed in recent years? What are some examples of sustained, positive outcomes being generated recently by

NGOs/IOs? What aspects of capacity-building work including institution building should be emphasized to improve outcomes and counter negative perceptions? How do NGOs/IOs integrate with US-led efforts in the region? How will these change, given the possibility of budget cuts in the US?

Moderator: Mr. Allan Jury, **Director of the D.C Office**, World Food Program

Panelists: Ms. Nancy Lindborg, **Assistant Administrator**, USAID Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Dr. Clare Lockhart, **Co-founder and CEO**, Institute for State Effectiveness
Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, **President**, Connect U.S. Fund, formerly United Nations

3:15

Break

PANEL FIVE

3:30-4:45
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US Africa Command's Approaches and Way Ahead

How has US African Command's mission, especially in the Horn of Africa, evolved in light of recent developments? What roles can USAFRICOM best play in meeting humanitarian crises, such as the focus of this conference? What challenges will it face? How can they be anticipated and mitigated?

Moderator: Ambassador William Bellamy, **Director**, Africa Center for Strategic Studies

Panelists: Major General Barbara Faulkenberry, **Deputy Director for Logistics**, USAFRICOM
Mr. Bruce Zanin, **Agriculture and Food Security Advisor**, USAFRICOM
Dr. Marie Besancon, **Team Lead Officer, Socio-Cultural Research Advisory Team**, CJTF-HOA AFRICOM
Mr. Mark Anthony White, **Senior Development Advisor**, USAFRICOM

4:45

Closing Remarks: Dr. Christine Youngblut, **Adjunct Research Staff Member**, Institute for Defense Analyses