

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

## **AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8**

8:00 a.m.      **Registration**

8:15 a.m.      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, National Defense University President

### **PLENARY SESSION**

8:40-9:20      **Keynote Presentation:**  
MH 155      **General Carter Ham**, Commander, U.S. Africa Command; former Commander, U.S. European Command ( confirmed)

### **PANEL ONE**

9:20-10:30      **Political and Security Issues in the Horn of Africa**  
MH 155      *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 food security become a threat multiplier? What are the general security concerns posed by porous borders? What lessons can be drawn from experiences with violence and criminal activity on other borders? How do we effectively address security concerns without threatening national sovereignty, human rights or traditional ways of life (nomadic)?*

**Moderator:**      Dr. Jennifer Cooke, Center for Strategic International Studies

**Panelists:**      Ambassador John Herbst, Center for Complex Operations  
Ambassador David Shinn, Adjunct Professor of International Affairs  
Ambassador Johnnie Carson, State Department

10:30-10:45      **Break**

### **PANEL TWO**

10:45-12:00      **Environmental Issues**  
MH 155      *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 delivering aid?*

**Moderator:** Lawrence Freeman, EIR Magazine African Desk

**Panelists:** Aaron Salzberg, Special Coordinator for Water Resources,  
State Department (tentative)  
Patricia McArdle, Solar Cookers International  
Ousmane Badiane, International Food Policy Research Institute

12:00-1:00

**Lunch Speaker: Amb Scott Gration, U.S. Ambassador to Kenya (tentative)**

### 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 USSOUTHCOM and disaster response in Haiti to current issues in Africa? What projects are currently under development to address these concerns?*

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

**Panelists:** Patrick Meier, Crisis Mapping at Ushahidi  
John Crowley, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative  
Jason Alexander, All Partners Access Network

2:00 p.m.

**Break**

### PANEL FOUR

2:15-3:30  
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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 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, World Food Program

**Panelists:** Governor Scott McCallum, Aidmatrix  
Nancy Jean-Louis, USAID  
Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, formerly United Nations

### PANEL FIVE

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

*How has US African Command's mission, especially in the Horn of Africa, evolved in light of recent operations? 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:** Dave Davis, George Mason University

**Panelists:** Major General Barbara Faulkenberry ( tentative), USAFRICOM  
Dr. Marie Besancon, CJTF-HOA AFRICOM  
Daniel Kasmierski, OSD Science and Technology (tentative)

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