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Africa: Vital to U.S. Security?

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 0745 – 0845 **Registration** Room 107, Eisenhower Hall
- 0845 – 0855 **Administrative Remarks** Baruch Auditorium, Eisenhower Hall
- 0855 – 0900 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Ambassador Johnnie Carson, *Senior Vice President, National Defense University*
- 0900 – 1000 **Opening Keynote: U.S. Policy Toward Africa**
Honorable Jendayi Frazer, *Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs*
- 1015 – 1145 **Panel 1: Africa’s Security Challenges**
- What unique challenges does Africa face (i.e., geography, environment, history) and how do these impact regional and global security?
 - Do Africans/Europeans define African security threats differently than the Americans? How so?
 - What are the most pressing regional security threats and what role do you see for the U.S., the UN, the EU, and others in mitigating those threats? How well are countries and international organizations cooperating to address regional security threats? Where are the greatest gaps in threat assessment and strategies?
 - Where do security challenges in and of Africa fit in the overall U.S. strategic calculus and global priorities?
 - What are other key countries (EU, China, India, and others) doing in Africa that impacts regional security and U.S. interests?
- Moderator: **Dr. Monde Muyangwa**, *Academic Dean, Africa Center for Strategic Studies*
- Panelist: **Honorable Chester Crocker**, *James R. Schlesinger Professor of Strategic Studies, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University*
- Panelist: **Dr. David Gordon**, *Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council*
- Panelist: **Professor Margaret Vogt**, *Deputy Director, Africa Division II, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations*
- 1145 – 1200 **Break**
- 1200 – 1330 **Luncheon** Room 155, Marshall Hall
Speaker: **Ambassador Princeton Lyman**, *Ralph Bunche Senior Fellow and Director of Africa Policy Studies, Council on Foreign Relations*
- 1330 – 1345 **Break**

1345 – 1515 **Panel 2: Energy and Security**

- What is the relative importance of African oil and gas production to U.S. energy consumption?
- What is Africa's role in the global energy market? Is it likely to increase or decrease in the future?
- How is the development and increased consumption of petroleum products by China and India affecting the competition for African oil and the political landscape?
- What are positive and negative political, economic, and social consequences of African energy production?
- Are there models of good management of energy resources in Africa that have resulted in overall improvement of economic, social and security conditions?
- What are the vulnerabilities of the energy infrastructure and what are the prospects for disruption of oil and gas flow from Africa?
- How could governments (regional and non-regional), international organizations and energy companies support Africa's efforts to enhance energy security?

Moderator: **Dr. Raymond Gilpin**, *Academic Chair, Defense Economics, Africa Center for Strategic Studies*

Panelist: **Mr. Ian Gary**, *Policy Advisor for Extractive Industries, Oxfam America*

Panelist: **Honorable David Goldwyn**, *President, Goldwyn International Strategies, LLC*

Panelist: **Honorable Vicky A. Bailey**, *Partner, Johnston and Associates*

1515 – 1530 **Break**

1530 – 1700 **Panel 3: Public Health and Security**

- How will the HIV/AIDS pandemic affect Africa over the long-term? Do we have policies in place to deal with the projected decreases in military and police forces, laborers, skilled workers and leaders, and increase in the number of AIDS orphans?
- Are we striking the right balance between prevention and treatment efforts? Can treatment programs be sustained over the long term?
- What are the risks of social unrest associated with giving certain sectors of the population (military, government officials) access to treatment while others have more limited access?
- How can the U.S., Western governments and international organizations influence the leadership in African countries to make the fight against HIV/AIDS a national priority?
- What gaps exist in our ability to identify, understand and combat pandemics like Ebola or the Marburg virus, and how might these gaps impact our ability to deploy U.S. or other forces in or from an affected region?

Moderator: **Mr. Randy Cheek**, *Senior Policy Analyst, the National Strategic Gaming Center, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Panelist: **Dr. J. Stephen Morrison**, *Executive Director, CSIS Africa Program*

Panelist: **Mr. George Fidas**, *Visiting Professor, Joint Military Intelligence College*

Panelist: **CAPT Eugene McCray, M.D.**, *Acting Deputy Director, Coordinating Office for Global Health, Centers for Disease Control*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

0810 – 0830 Optional Tours of NDU Library Special Collections, Marshall Hall and Roosevelt Hall (National War College)

0845 – 1015 **Panel 4: Terrorism and Transnational Threats – Causes and Enablers**

- What factors in various African countries impede or enhance the development of violent extremism and terrorism?
- Do certain religious movements in Africa foster extremism and terrorist activity?
- What role do other transnational threats such as organized crime have in providing resources and financing for terrorist organizations?
- To what extent are ungoverned territories and porous borders exploited to develop new bases for terrorist operations and training?
- What success have we had in enhancing or developing indigenous African capabilities to counter terrorism and/or extremism?

Moderator: **Ambassador Robert Oakley**, *Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Panelist: **His Excellency Amine Kherbi**, *Ambassador of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria to the U.S.*

Panelist: **Ms. Theresa Whelan**, *Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs*

Panelist: **Ambassador David Shinn**, *Adjunct Professor, the George Washington University; former Ambassador to Ethiopia and Burkina Faso*

1015 – 1030 Break

1030 – 1200 **Panel 5: Peacekeeping and Conflict Prevention Efforts – What progress are we making?**

- How have U.S. military commitments in Afghanistan and Iraq affected our security cooperation activities, particularly the training of African militaries?
- What kinds of security cooperation and military training programs are other countries conducting in Africa? What are their impacts on African security and U.S. interests?
- Have we struck the right balance between devoting resources to military training and peacekeeping forces like ACOTA and GPOI, and devoting resources to other non-military programs to prevent conflict?
- How can the U.S., the U.N. the EU and the G-8 coordinate their policies and programs to improve peacekeeping and conflict prevention and avoid duplication of efforts?
- What are the best roles for AU and African regional organizations and how can they be strengthened?
- Are there successful regional programs that could serve as a model for other African regional organizations?

Moderator: **Dr. James Schear**, *Director of Research, Institute for National Strategic Studies*

Panelist: **Lt. Gen. Seth Obeng, (Ret.)**, *former Chief of Defence Staff of the Ghana Armed Forces and former Chairman of the ECOWAS Defence and Security Commission*

Panelist: **Ms. Victoria Holt**, *Senior Associate, Future of Peace Operations Project, Henry L. Stimson Center*

Panelist: **Ms. Elena Kim-Mitchell**, *Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Stability, U.S. Department of State*

1200 – 1220 **Break**

1220 – 1400 **Luncheon** Room 155, Marshall Hall

Speaker: Honorable Salim Ahmed Salim, *Special Envoy of the African Union for the Peace Talks on Darfur, former Secretary General of the Organization for African Unity*

1400 – 1415 **Break**

1415 – 1545 **Panel 6: Enhancing African and U.S. Security**

- Does the U.S. have a comprehensive and resourced strategy that is focused on the relevant security challenges we face in Africa?
- Given the policy priorities of the U.S. government, what are our realistic strategy options?
- How can we most effectively influence positive outcomes in Africa? Should the U.S. focus its resources on developing bilateral relations with key states, working through regional organizations such as ECOWAS or partnering with other major powers, international organizations and NGOs?
- What other countries are having an impact on African security and how do these efforts affect U.S. interests?

Moderator: **Dr. Stephen Flanagan**, *Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies and Vice President for Research, National Defense University*

Panelist: **Ambassador Herman J. Cohen**, *President and co-founder of Cohen & Woods International*

Panelist: **Mr. John Prendergast**, *Special Advisor to the President, International Crisis Group*

Panelist: **Dr. Cindy Courville**, *Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs, National Security Council*