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PROGRAM SCHEDULE FY2012

MANAGING SECURITY RESOURCES IN AFRICA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dates: October 2011

Description: The seminar provides a capacity-building opportunity for practitioners and policymakers who are responsible for resource management in Africa's security sector.

Audience: Mid-level military and civilian officials with resource management responsibilities

COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE – HORN OF AFRICA (CJTF-HOA) SECURITY SEMINAR

NORFOLK, VA

Dates: October 2011

Description: The Africa Center provides a two-day Horn of Africa Security Seminar annually to the incoming CJTF-HOA staff as part of their task force training program conducted at 2nd Fleet Headquarters in Norfolk. This program supports U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) advanced African security studies programs and provides the new staff with in-depth presentations on critical sub-regional security issues impacting the CJTF-HOA area of operations.

Audience: CJTF-HOA HQ staff and liaison officers

SECURITY SECTOR REFORM AND TRANSFORMATION COUNTRY PROGRAM

GUINEA**

Dates: October 2011

Description: This is the first in a series of Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS) programs devoted to security sector reform and transformation in West Africa. Each of these programs will serve as a consultative session in order to determine the parameters of security sector reform/transformation. Topics include: national security strategy development, civil-military relations, transnational threats, defense resourcing, etc. The Africa Center will partner with the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), the Department of State, Defense Institutional Reform Initiative and other Department of Defense training institutions, and any other appropriate USG agencies.

Audience: Africa Center community members (alumni) and security professionals from Guinea

AFRICAN EXECUTIVE DIALOGUE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dates: November 2011

Description: The African Executive Dialogue is the Africa Center's pinnacle program. The program is designed to provide an opportunity for officials in the upper echelons of African and United States governance structures (e.g., ministers, chiefs of defense, permanent secretaries, heads of African Union and its regional economic communities or their deputies) to engage in in-depth discussions about a pressing strategic issue facing the African continent. This inaugural Dialogue will address some of the key trends – population, climate, food, and water – and how they can evolve and transform into security threats for African states and citizens. The Dialogue will also focus on how African countries, especially their security sectors, can best anticipate and respond to these emerging challenges.

Audience: Executive-level African and U.S. military and civilian leaders

MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY PROGRAM

MOZAMBIQUE**

Dates: November 2011

Description: This program builds on the All-Africa Maritime Safety and Security Seminar held in Tanzania in 2010. The seminar will focus on national and regional approaches to develop and implement maritime security strategies in Mozambique. Specifically, the focus of the program will be on the nexus between maritime security and development in Mozambique. The seminar will also explore regional dynamics (South Africa, Tanzania, and Kenya), and share lessons learned and experiences from other regions and countries (Cape Verde and Ghana).

Audience: African officials responsible for maritime portfolios joined by U.S. and European Union maritime experts

TOPICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM SERIES (TOPS)

CHAD AND DJIBOUTI**

Dates: January 2012

Description: TOPS is designed to deepen relationships with ACSS community members by offering focused outreach and topical academic programs on U.S. policy and contemporary African security issues. TOPS events often include thematic alumni conferences, strategy sessions for community members, and special events at the request of local U.S. Embassies.

Audience: Approximately 50 ACSS community members and other security professionals in Chad and 30 in Djibouti

As of 1 December 2011

PREVENTING TERRORISM IN EAST AFRICA

RWANDA**

Dates: January 2012**Description:** Over the past decade, violent extremists have committed acts of terrorism resulting in large-scale destruction and civilian deaths both in the region and beyond. To date, more attention has been paid to security, intelligence, and law enforcement efforts to stop terrorist attacks occurring in Africa; relatively less attention has been paid to understanding, preventing, and mitigating the key drivers that lead to violent extremist acts on the continent. This workshop will take a strategic look at current trends in radicalization in East Africa; assess key drivers enabling recruitment, community support, and environments conducive for violent extremist organizations to operate; discuss ways of developing more holistic approaches between governments and civil society in order to address radicalization challenges; and share best practices across countries and sub-regions.**Audience:** Participants will be drawn from East Africa, the United States and other select countries. They will include security, development, and other civilian officials representing a number of target ministries and organizations.

U.S. AFRICA COMMAND (USAFRICOM) ADVANCED AREA STUDIES SEMINAR

GERMANY

Dates: January 2012**Description:** This graduate-level seminar for USAFRICOM staff is designed to provide a thorough examination of leading threats and challenges in Africa; major historical, political, economic, and cultural forces affecting the African security landscape; and the interests and constraints shaping the security-related policies and programs toward Africa of the United States government and other influential external actors. The conference will serve contractors and U.S. government personnel in U.S. Africa Command who already have knowledge about the continent and may have visited, worked, or lived on the continent.**Audience:** USAFRICOM staff

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COMOROS**

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AFRICAN DEFENSE ATTACHÉ SEMINAR

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dates: February 2012**Description:** This seminar is designed to acquaint African defense attachés and African embassy personnel who have security portfolios with the structures and workings of the U.S. government & policies pertaining to Africa.**Audience:** African defense attachés and local African embassy personnel assigned to the Washington, D.C. area

TRANSNATIONAL THREATS SYMPOSIUM: ILLICIT COMMONS

JOINT ACSS, CHDS, NESA, AND GCMC PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dates: February 2012**Description:** A multi-center, four-day seminar on the illicit commons, this seminar will focus primarily on the increased flow of cocaine from South America, through West and North Africa, into Europe. The seminar will leverage this case to discuss broader challenges of the illicit commons, especially the transnational security threats posed by international terrorism, varieties of illegal smuggling and trafficking, and environmental/health problems within, between, and among regions. Discussion in this conference will center on strategic responses, particularly the sharing of best practices between regions and the development of solutions among regions. Issues for discussion will include supply-and-demand dynamics; interdiction policies; anti-corruption measures; counterterrorism actions; rule of law (ROL) coordination; security sector reform (SSR); and so on.**Audience:** Civil and military representatives from Africa, Latin America, the United States, and Europe

MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY (MSS) SEMINAR

BENIN**

Dates: TBD 2012**Description:** This program builds on the West African Maritime Safety and Security programs conducted in 2006 in Ghana and Benin, the all-Africa Maritime Safety and Security Seminar held in Tanzania in 2010, and the CEEAC-ECOWAS MSS conference held in Germany in 2011. The seminar will focus on developing a strategic regional maritime security framework, as an important next step toward aligning regional strategies for maritime cooperation in Central and West Africa.**Audience:** African officials with maritime portfolios joined by U.S. and European Union maritime experts

NEXT GENERATION OF AFRICAN SECURITY SECTOR LEADERS COURSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dates: March 2012**Description:** This program provides mid-grade (major/lieutenant commander to lieutenant colonel/commander) African military officers and *gendarmes* with practical and effective tools they can draw upon to contribute to their nations' security and development. The program will address the key themes of leadership, ethics, and strategic analysis of security issues.**Audience:** Mid-level military officers and *gendarmes* with significant responsibility and recognized leadership potential

TOPICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM SERIES

GHANA**

Dates: March 2012**Description:** TOPS is designed to deepen relationships with ACSS community members by offering focused outreach and topical academic programs on U.S. policy and contemporary African security issues. TOPS events often include thematic alumni conferences, strategy sessions for community members, and special events at the request of local U.S. Embassies.**Audience:** Approximately 75 ACSS community members and other security professionals in Ghana

INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN SECURITY ISSUES

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dates: April 2012**Description:** This is an introductory-level seminar designed to provide a basic understanding of political, social, military, and economic aspects of security in Africa and to introduce major U.S. policies and programs regarding Africa.**Audience:** U.S. government officials with little or no background in African security issues but who have duties/responsibilities relating to Africa

SECURITY SECTOR REFORM AND TRANSFORMATION COUNTRY PROGRAM

SIERRA LEONE **

Dates: April 2012**Description:** The second in a series of Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS) programs devoted to security sector reform and transformation in West Africa, each program will serve as a consultative session in order to determine the parameters of security sector reform/transformation. Topics include: national security strategy development, civil-military relations, transnational threats, defense resourcing, etc. The Africa Center will partner with the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), the Department of State, Defense Institutional Reform Initiative and other Department of Defense training institutions, and any other appropriate USG agencies.**Audience:** Africa Center community members (alumni) and security professionals from Sierra Leone

SECURITY SECTOR REFORM AND TRANSFORMATION COUNTRY PROGRAM

COTE D'IVOIRE**

Dates: April 2012**Description:** The third in a series of Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS) programs devoted to security sector reform and transformation in West Africa, each program will serve as a consultative session in order to determine the parameters of security sector reform/transformation. Topics include: national security strategy development, civil-military relations, transnational threats, defense resourcing, etc. The Africa Center will partner with the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), the Department of State, Defense Institutional Reform Initiative and other Department of Defense training institutions, and any other appropriate USG agencies.**Audience:** Africa Center community members (alumni) and security professionals from Côte d'Ivoire

TOPICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM SERIES (TOPS)

BENIN AND NIGERIA**

Dates: April 2012**Description:** TOPS is designed to deepen relationships with ACSS community members by offering focused outreach and topical academic programs on U.S. policy and contemporary African security issues. TOPS events often include thematic alumni conferences, strategy sessions for community members, and special events at the request of local U.S. Embassies.**Audience:** Approximately 100 ACSS community members and other security professionals in Benin and 50 in Nigeria

AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCES JOINT WARRANT OFFICERS SEMINAR

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dates: April 2012**Description:** This is the third iteration of the USAFRICOM-sponsored program which promotes discussions focusing on U.S. policy towards Africa, security challenges in Africa, peace support operations, counternarcotics, counterterrorism, health and readiness, civil-military relations, and maritime security.**Audience:** Senior African defense force non-commissioned officers and warrant officers

SECURITY SECTOR REFORM AND TRANSFORMATION COUNTRY PROGRAM

BURKINA FASO **

Dates: May 2012**Description:** The fourth in a series of Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS) programs devoted to security sector reform and transformation in West Africa, each program will serve as a consultative session in order to determine the parameters of security sector reform/transformation. Topics include: national security strategy development, civil-military relations, transnational threats, defense resourcing, etc. The Africa Center will partner with the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), the Department of State, Defense Institutional Reform Initiative and other Department of Defense training institutions, and any other appropriate USG agencies.**Audience:** Africa Center community members (alumni) and security professionals from Burkina Faso

SECURITY SECTOR REFORM AND TRANSFORMATION COUNTRY PROGRAM

NIGER**

Dates: May 2012**Description:** The fifth in a series of Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS) programs devoted to security sector reform and transformation in West Africa, each program will serve as a consultative session in order to determine the parameters of security sector reform/transformation. Topics include: national security strategy development, civil-military relations, transnational threats, defense resourcing, etc. The Africa Center will partner with the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), the Department of State, Defense Institutional Reform Initiative and other Department of Defense training institutions, and any other appropriate USG agencies.**Audience:** Africa Center community members (alumni) and security professionals from Niger

TOPICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM SERIES (TOPS)

CAPE VERDE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, GABON**

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SENIOR LEADERS SEMINAR

WASHINGTON, D.C

Dates: June 2012**Description:** The seminar focuses on a comprehensive definition of security that reflects African realities and challenges by accounting for human and traditional security concerns, emerging threats, and good governance. The primary program deliverable will be a concrete set of recommendations to guide the development of security strategies within participating countries.**Audience:** One senior military and one senior civilian official from each invited African country, approximately 75 participants

TOPICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM SERIES (TOPS)

BURUNDI **

Dates: June 2012**Description:** TOPS is designed to deepen relationships with ACSS community members by offering focused outreach and topical academic programs on U.S. policy and contemporary African security issues. TOPS events often include thematic alumni conferences, strategy sessions for community members, and special events at the request of local U.S. Embassies.**Audience:** Approximately 100 ACSS community members and other security professionals in Burundi

EASTERN AFRICA REGIONAL CHAPTER WORKSHOP

TANZANIA**

Dates: June 2012**Description:** This workshop will focus on efforts to improve whole-of-government coordination and regional cooperation to counter illicit networks and irregular threats in East Africa. By leveraging the Africa Center community (alumni network), it targets decision-makers who can implement the best practices and recommendations developed during the program in their home countries.**Audience:** Mid- to senior-level community members (alumni), including government officials, regional organizations, and civil society actors working on pertinent matters

SECURITY SECTOR REFORM AND TRANSFORMATION (SSR/T) WORKSHOP

SENEGAL**

Dates: July 2012**Description:** The SSR/T Workshop will bring African security sector decision makers together to discuss the challenges of implementing security sector reform initiatives and strategize on the best ways to overcome those challenges. The regional program will be preceded by a series of Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS) programs devoted to security sector reform and transformation in West Africa.

Audience: Approximately 40-50 senior West African community members (alumni) and other leaders from the security sector, including military, police, *gendarmerie*, and relevant government departments handling security and defense issues will attend the culminating workshop. Invitees may also include representatives from the U.S., Europe, and Latin America.

TOPICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM SERIES (TOPS)

MADAGASCAR, NAMIBIA, SWAZILAND, MALAWI**

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Audience: Approximately 50 ACSS community members and other security professionals in each of the countries visited

AFRICA ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM

TBD

Dates: July 2012

Description: This fourth Academic Symposium, in support of USAFRICOM, intends to enhance understanding of Africa security issues, USAFRICOM and its mission, and objectives among academic communities in Africa, Europe and the United States.

Audience: African, European and U.S. academics with expertise in African security-related subjects

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Audience: USAFRICOM staff

TOPICAL OUTREACH PROGRAM SERIES (TOPS)

MALI **

Dates: August 2012

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Audience: Approximately 100 ACSS community members and other security professionals in Mali

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MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY SEMINAR

DJIBOUTI**

Dates: September 2012

Description: This program builds on the All-Africa Maritime Safety and Security Seminar held in Tanzania in 2010. This program focuses on national and regional approaches to develop and implement maritime security strategies in the broader Horn of Africa region. Specifically, the program will focus on reviewing the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct in the context of the wider maritime security dynamics around the Horn of Africa. The program will also provide an opportunity to bring the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia into a conversation with neighboring states by focusing on seam issues.

Audience: African officials with maritime portfolios joined by U.S. and European Union maritime experts

***Note: all African venues are tentative pending U.S. Embassy and Host Nation approval.*

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