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Keynote address: Africa's security Challenges and Senior Military Leadership

Brigadier General Dominique Djindjere is the Armed Forces Chief of Staff of Burkina Faso. He attended officer's training school at the Royal Academy of Meknès in Morocco as an officer cadet from 1975-78. In October 1978, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. After supervising recruits and serving as an instructor at the Armed Forces Artillery and Training Units, he served as aide-de-camp to President Saye Zerbo (1981-82). After a five-year period in a command position in the Military Engineers Battalion (1982-87), he was appointed Director of Military Engineering in 1989. From 1994-98, he was Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, and then Chief of Staff of the Army from 1999-2000. On January 1, 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, and has served as Armed Forces Chief of Staff since July 2009. As an engineer officer, General Djindjere attended practical training and proficiency courses in the United States in 1979-80 and then in 1991. In 1987, he attended a proficiency course for infantry officers at the Georges Namaoana Military Academy in Burkina Faso. He also holds a university-level military diploma awarded by the Combined Armies Defense College in Paris following a course of studies there from 1998-99. More recently, in June 2002, he was an observer at the International Forum on Africa, which addressed the topic of conflict prevention, held at the National Defense Graduate Studies Institute (IHEDN) in Paris. Since 2002, General Djindjere has participated in a number of ACSS programs on promoting democracy, and served as a moderator at the Senior Leader Seminar held in Washington, D.C. in 2004. He is an Officer of the National Burkinabé Order, an Officer of the Legion of Honor, and a Knight of the Order of the Mono awarded him by the Republic of Togo.