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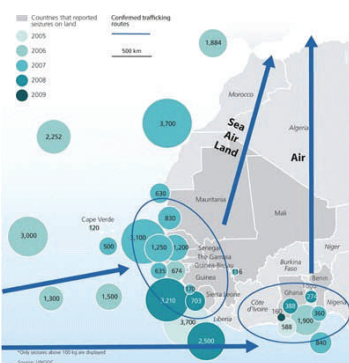
It has been a busy year at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies and, in order to share more widely our news, we have decided to re-launch our monthly "e-newsletter." You have before you the first issue. Peruse it and give us your reactions. We'll be changing the content monthly, of course, and also adjusting the format from time to time to suit our readers' needs and interests. The one constant will be our commitment to keeping you informed of Africa Center activities. So -- please read, enjoy, and let us know what you think. Ambassador William M. Bellamy (ret.), Director

ECOWAS Seminar on Transnational Organized Crime and Human Security in West Africa Held in Accra, Ghana.

The Africa Center for Strategic Studies welcomed in Accra, Ghana, on October 11 over 70 participants from West Africa and the International Community to the 2010 ECOWAS Strategic Level Seminar on Transnational Organized Crime and Human Security in West Africa.

The program, which ran through October 15, focused on transnational organized crime and human security in the region. Presentations by experts included recent findings on the organization, dynamics and extent of transnational crimes in West Africa; implications for national, sub-regional and global security including terrorism financing; and the impact of transnational crimes on ongoing democratization, anti-corruption, development and public health efforts in West Africa. The seminar was a forum for participants to renew the work thus far of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to combat transnational organized crime and to further develop the effectiveness of ECOWAS and its member countries in these efforts.

Speakers at the conference opening included the Ghanaian Minister of the Interior, The Honorable Martin A.B.K. Amidu, and His Excellency James Victor Gbeho, President of the ECOWAS Commission. Ms. Julie Furuta-Toy, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy, delivered welcoming remarks on behalf of the U.S. government. [Read More](#)



Cocaine and Instability in Africa: Lessons from Latin America, by Davin O'Regan

Africa is facing an increasingly menacing threat of cocaine trafficking that risks undermining its security structures, nascent democratic institutions, and development progress. Latin America has long faced similar challenges and its experience provides important lessons that can be applied before this expanding threat becomes more deeply entrenched on the continent – and costly to reverse.

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Nonstate Policing: Expanding the Scope for Tackling Africa's Urban Violence, by **Bruce Baker**

The increasingly internal nature of Africa's security threats is placing ever greater pressures on Africa's police forces. Yet severe resource and capacity limitations, combined with high levels of public distrust, leave most African police forces incapable of effectively addressing these expanding urban-based threats in the near term. This Security Brief examines the potential of nonstate policing organizations – community-based groups with local credibility and knowledge – to help fill this gap. [Read More](#)

"Africa's Fragile States: Empowering Extremists, Exporting Terrorism," by **Zachary Devlin-Foltz**

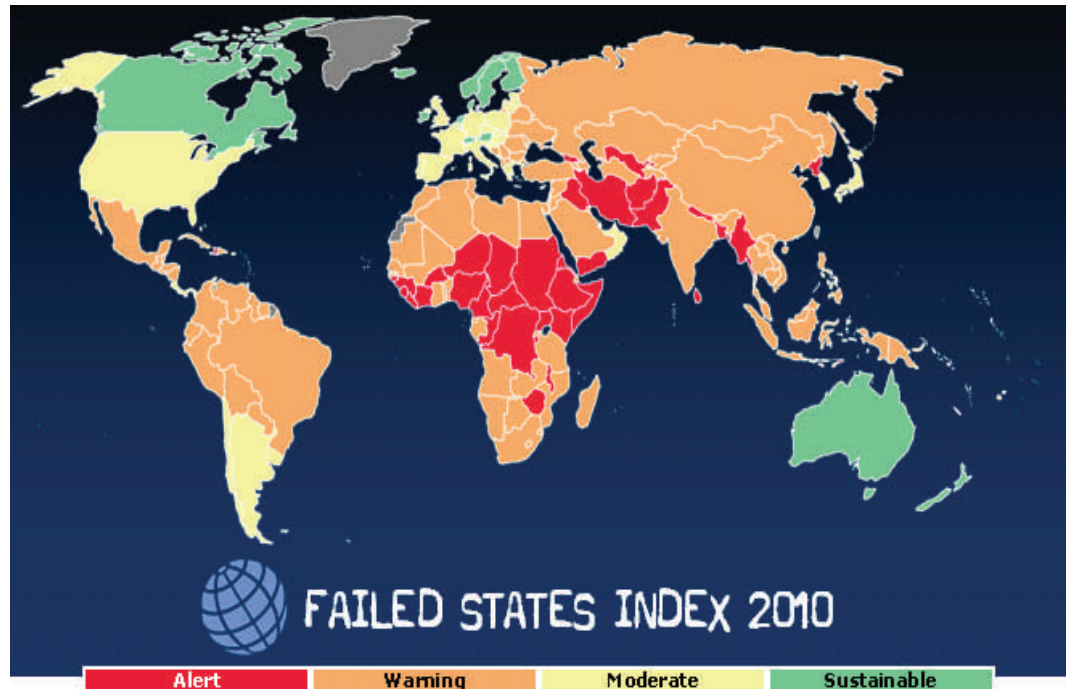
Persistent reports of extremist activity from every region of the continent, punctuated by the recent al-Shabaab bombings in Kampala—Uganda and advances in Mogadishu—Somalia, have deepened concern over the growth of extremism in Africa. This Africa Security Brief assesses the threat of extremism from the lens of state fragility – the context in which extremists find most fertile ground. By so doing, the Brief provides insights and guidance for the priority of shoring up Africa's fragile states – and marginalizing extremists. [\[ENGLISH\]](#) [\[FRENCH\]](#)

Retired Vice Admiral Moeller Joins Africa Center Faculty



The Africa Center for Strategic Studies is pleased to welcome [Vice Admiral Robert T. Moeller, U.S. Navy \(ret.\)](#), who is serving as a Senior Fellow for Defense Policy. Admiral Moeller joined the Africa Center in September. During his tenure here, he will pursue policy-directed research on African security issues.

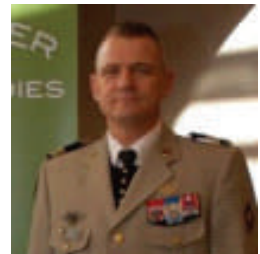
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ACSS Expert of the Month

Colonel Xavier Collignon has been the senior French representative to the Africa Center for Strategic Studies since August 2008. As a Marine Officer, he has acquired vast experience with Africa, ranging from academic periods to combat missions, in addition to cooperation with African militaries. Colonel Collignon's 25 years of service have led him to Africa numerous times, including operations inside Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gabon, the Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, and most recently Chad. Other assignments have included service in the former Yugoslavia at Sarajevo 1994-1995. Staff Positions have included a tour with the Army Press information center in Paris in 1996-2000, being the Chief of Operations of the 5th Marine Regiment in Djibouti from 2001 to 2003, and Chief of Crisis Response Cell "Cote d'Ivoire" in Paris, France from 2003 to 2006. His most recent assignment prior to coming to the Africa Center for Strategic Studies was as Commanding Officer of the 21st Marine Infantry Regiment from 2006 to 2008. Colonel Collignon is a graduate of the French Military Academy of St. Cyr, receiving his commission in 1986 as a lieutenant in the French Army. [Read More](#)



Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Visits The Africa Center

Vice Admiral William Landay III, U.S. Navy, Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, visited for the first time the Africa Center for Strategic Studies on Sept. 13. DSCA is the executive agent for the Department of Defense's five regional centers, to include the Africa Center, overseeing their financial and manpower issues. [Read More](#)



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Upcoming Events

- **African Defense Attaché Course** Washington, DC (Dec 2010)
- **Managing Security Resources in Africa** Washington, DC (Jan 2011)
- **TOPS** (Topical Outreach Program Series) Central Africa (Jan 2011)
- **Counter-Terrorism Workshop** West Africa (Feb 2011)
- **Next Generation of African Military Leaders** Washington, DC (Feb-Mar 2011)
- **TOPS** (Topical Outreach Program Series) East Africa (Feb/March 2011)
- **Introduction to African Security Issues** Washington, DC (April 2011)
- **African Air Chiefs Conference** East Africa (April 2011)
- **TOPS** (Topical Outreach Program Series) West & Southern Africa (April/May 2011)
- **Africa Executive Dialogue** Washington, DC (May 2011)

Please contact our [Registrar's Office](#) should you have a question about a particular program.

Panel Says Protecting Civilians during Peacekeeping Operations a Top Priority

"Whether we like it or not, protecting civilians is the very essence of peacekeeping—and how international peace operations are measured." Thus was the consensus view expressed by an expert panel convened by the Africa Center for Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 26 to assess means of improving civilian protection in peace operations in Africa.

Tens of millions of civilians have been killed in battles, displaced, or perished from indirect causes of the continent's armed conflicts, with more than a half-million civilians massacred in the past 20 years, according to a recent research [paper from the Africa Center, written by Paul D. Williams](#). Williams is Associate Professor in the Elliott School of International Affairs, Security Policy Studies Program, at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. [Read More](#)



Government of Senegal Conducts Workshop on Integration of Women in the Military

With support from the Africa Center for Strategic Studies' Regional Office for West Africa and U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), the Government of Senegal conducted a workshop in Dakar during Oct. 4-6 to discuss the integration of women into the military. [Read More](#)



Africa Center Faculty and Staff Conduct TOPS in Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland

[Brad Gutierrez, Ph.D.](#), the Africa Center for Strategic Studies' Chair of Security Studies, Ms. Emily Renard, [Community Affairs Specialist](#), and [Ms. Elisabeth Feleke](#), Program Manager for the Africa Center's [Regional Office West Africa](#) in Dakar, Senegal, completed a successful visit to Southern Africa during Aug. 3-17. During this period, they conducted several capacity building workshops and [Topical Outreach Program Symposiums](#) (TOPS), renewed friendships and acquaintances with community members, and met with many U.S. and African officials in Lesotho, Botswana, and Swaziland.



ACSS Community News



Burundi

Brigadier General Pontien Gacyubwenge has been promoted to Major General and appointed Minister of Defense. He is the third Minister of Defense in a row to be a member of the ACSS community. He previously served as Chief of Staff in charge of Training at Defense Headquarters. Minister Gacyubwenge attended the Senior Leader Seminar in February 2002.

- **OPC1 Onesphore Mbazumutima** has been appointed Head of Mission of the new contingent of Burundian police officers to support the United Nations Police and the African Union/United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID). He previously served as the Legal Advisor and Focal Point in charge of East African Community issues at the Ministry of Public Security. OPC1 Mbazumutima participated in the Small Arms and Light Weapons Workshop in August 2008 and works closely with the leadership of the Burundi Chapter.



Cameroon

Honorable **Hamadou Sali**, Parliamentarian and current member of the National Assembly's Commission on Defense and Security, assumed an additional role of President of the Administrative Council of the Cameroonian Rail (CAMRAIL). Honorable Sali was also elected the Executive Secretary for Cooperation for the ACSS Community Chapter in Cameroon last November. In 2008 he participated in the Senior Leaders Seminar in Washington and most recently (September 2010), he attended the Civil Military Relations Workshop also in Washington, DC.



Chad

Major Bermendora Silas Manna has written a paper on "Military Leadership and Human Security through the Work of the Chad Corps of Engineers," which will be published in an upcoming issue of the African Defense Forum. The paper is the second in a series of research projects undertaken by the Chad Chapter. A participant in the April 2007 Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course, Major Manna submitted the report to LTC Mona Jibril of Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa during the Africa Center's July 2010 TOPS visit to N'Djamena.



Kenya

Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) JAN Kamenju, a retired officer in Kenya's Air Force and founder/director of the Security Research and Information Centre, passed away on Aug. 16. An expert in Small and Light Weapon's issues, Colonel Kamenju participated in his first ACSS program on SALW in 2004 and facilitated a later SALW workshop in 2008. He was a good friend to the Africa Center and will be missed.



Rwanda

Superintendent Damas Gatare has been promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent and now serves as the Director of Community Policing for the Rwanda National Police. He previously served as the Officer in charge of Prisons and Community Policing for the Ministry of Internal Security. Chief Superintendent Gatare participated in the Small Arms and Light Weapons Workshop in August 2008 and the Enhancing Civil-Military Relations in Central Africa Workshop in September 2010.

- Major General **Caesar Kayizari** has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General and appointed Army Chief of Staff. He previously served as Army Commander of the 3rd Division. Lieutenant General Kayizari participated in Golden Spear in 2000 and in the Senior Leader Seminar in 2001. He has been an active member of the Rwanda Chapter since its inception and moderated a session at the February 2010 TOPS symposium.



Senegal

Capitaine de Vaisseau **Ousmane Ibrahima Sall** has been promoted to the rank of Admiral. Admiral Sall has participated in a number of ACSS programs, including the Health and Security Seminar in 2002, and two seminars on Maritime Safety and Security and assisted in the 2009 consultative discussion on the same subject.



São Tomé and Príncipe

Manuel Salvador Dos Ramos has been appointed Sao Tome and Principe's new Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Community. He previously served as the Ministry's Secretary General. Minister Salvador Dos Ramos attended the most recent iteration of the Senior Leaders Seminar in Lisbon, Portugal.



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