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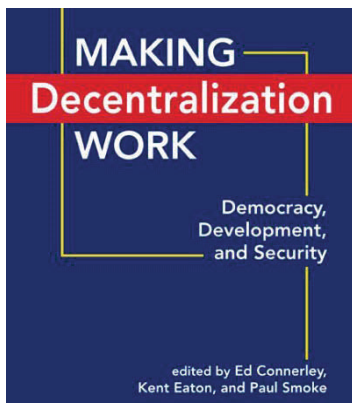
### Peace or Conflict: Sudan Referendum Issues and Scenarios Examined



Peace or conflict, either could be the outcome of the January referendum which is likely to divide North and South Sudan into two countries.

"Given the enormous importance and the extraordinary complexity of Sudan, the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA) of 2005 is the signature diplomatic achievement of the U.S. in Africa this past decade," said Africa Center Director [Ambassador \(ret.\) William M. Bellamy](#) at the opening of the one-day seminar, "Sudan: Regional Implications of Post-Referendum Scenarios." The seminar, co-sponsored by the Africa Center for Strategic Studies and The Center for Complex Operations at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., was held Dec. 16, three weeks prior to the planned Southern Sudan independence referendum. [Read More](#)

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### Africa Center's Research Director Co-Authors Publication Chapter

The Africa Center's Director of Research, [Joseph Siegle, PhD](#), is the co-author of a chapter in the recent publication "Making Decentralization Work: Democracy, Development, and Security," (London: Lynne Rienner) edited by Ed Connerley, Kent Eaton, and Paul Smoke.

Decentralization is often touted as an essential strategy for fostering stability, accountability and government responsiveness in Africa and throughout the developing world. But some argue that because decentralization can accentuate ethnic, political and geographic divisions that it can increase the risk of conflict between communities. This cross-national analysis finds a nuanced relationship. [Read More](#)

### Security Brief Examines New Governance of Africa's Security Sector

As many African countries continue down the path of democratic reform, Africa's defense and security forces must make fundamental changes to adapt to a democratic model of governance, including adopting higher standards of leadership in order to professionalize security forces. This is a key finding in the Africa Center for Strategic Studies' latest Security Brief, "Democracy and the Chain of Command: A New Governance of Africa's Security Sector," by Brigadier General Dominique Djindjere, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Burkina Faso. [\[ENGLISH\]](#) [\[FRENCH\]](#)



#### Democracy and the Chain of Command: A New Governance of Africa's Security Sector

By Dominique Djindjere

• Africa's senior defense and security officials must adopt higher standards of leadership to reshape Africa's security forces into professional bodies capable of handling contemporary security threats and earning the respect of civilian populations.

## Senior Military Advisor, Academic Affairs, Joins Africa Center Faculty



U.S. Army Colonel [Gene McConville](#) recently joined the Africa Center for a three-year assignment as Senior Military Advisor, Academic Affairs. Colonel McConville oversees curriculum and program development in the area of International Crisis Response and Management. Prior to joining the Africa Center, Colonel McConville was a Staff Officer, International Security Assistance Force/U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

He received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Armor Corps in 1983. [Read More](#)

## U.S. Department of Defense Africa Specialists Visit Africa Center to Help Strengthen Collaboration

A select group of Pentagon Africa specialists came to the Africa Center for Strategic Studies Dec. 2 to be briefed about its vision, mission, and goals, as well as to discuss how they could better cooperate in supporting U.S. security policy initiatives towards Africa.

[Colonel Michael Garrison](#), U.S. Army (ret.), Deputy Director of the Africa Center, welcomed the Africa regional desk officers and analysts, who represented the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Africa and the Joint Staff. [Brad A Gutierrez, PhD](#), Africa Center's Chair for Security Studies, presented an Africa Center overview and program update. [Read More](#), or [View Photos](#) from this event.



## African Embassy Staff Briefed on U.S. Policy Priorities in Africa

Eight African defense attachés and embassy personnel with security portfolios heard firsthand on Dec. 6 how the Africa Center for Strategic Studies can be an important

resource for them, as well as their ambassadors, during their tours of duty in Washington, D.C. On the opening day of the weeklong African Defense Attachés Seminar, Africa Center Director [Ambassador William M. Bellamy \(ret.\)](#) welcomed the participants and wished them success.

Ambassador Bellamy discussed some of the current security challenges on the African continent. He also spoke about how U.S. interests vis-à-vis the continent continue to evolve and he noted with concern the way that changes in the U.S. media landscape—particularly the growing fragmentation of the news industry—impact the formulation of U.S. foreign policy. [Read More](#)

## Africa Center Faculty and Staff Brief Visiting U.S. Defense and Service Attachés

Several U.S. military officers and a government civilian employee bound for assignments as attachés in Africa visited the Africa Center for Strategic Studies on Dec. 2. They came to learn more about the Africa Center's academic and outreach programs and to discuss areas of mutual interest and concern before they report to their new posts.

The attachés are destined for Chad, Gabon, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, and Sudan.

[Colonel Michael E. Garrison](#), U.S. Army (ret.), Deputy Director of the Africa Center, welcomed the group and presented a briefing reviewing the Africa Center's fiscal year 2011 programs. [Read More](#), or [View Photos](#) from this event.





## Africa Center's Chair for Civil-Military Relations Addresses Senegalese Armed Forces Conference

In the last decade, civil-military relations in Africa have reflected the new political frontier taking hold of the continent including democratic governance and the de-legitimization of military interventions and disengagement from politics. Particularly, the role of the military in making democracy an enduring reality on the continent has become the subject of great debate in West Africa.

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### Upcoming Events

- **TOPS** (Topical Outreach Program Series) Central Africa (Jan 2011)
- **Developing Comprehensive Solutions to the Challenges of Radicalization**  
Dakar, Senegal (11-15 April 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.

### Africa Center Faculty and Staff Conduct TOPS in Benin and Nigeria

The Africa Center for Strategic Studies' most recent Topical Outreach Program Series took place in Benin and Nigeria during Oct. 17-21. The first stop was Benin where the topic of elections and security was especially pertinent because the country is preparing for national elections.



Some 90 attendees, to include the Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy, ranking Beninese military, and other Benin Chapter members, attended the one-day symposium on Oct. 20. [Mathurin Hounnikpo, PhD](#), Chair of Civil-Military Relations at the Africa Center, spoke about the challenges that can occur before and after elections. An additional event was held at the Armed Forces Headquarters to discuss some of the practical challenges security officials may face during elections. The Africa Center also hosted a Community Reunion Meeting during the visit. Community Affairs Specialist Ms. Emily Renard managed this TOPS visit. [Read More](#), or [View Photos](#) from this event.

### Africa Center Helps Support 2010 Maritime Safety and Security Conference

The U.S. Departments of Defense and State held their 2010 Maritime Safety and Security Conference in Stuttgart, Germany, on Oct. 13-14. Hosted by U.S. Africa Command and supported by the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, the conference was entitled "2010 Africa Maritime Safety and Security towards Economic Prosperity." [Read More](#)

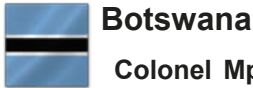


### International Alumni Chapter Hosts North/South Sudan Discussion

The [International Alumni Chapter](#) in Ethiopia, which is affiliated with the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, hosted a discussion Nov. 8 about the remaining obstacles to the Sudanese referendum scheduled for Jan. 9, 2011. The Sudanese vote is widely expected to result in splitting the country into two separate political entities.

The discussion of Sudan is part of the Africa Center's efforts to support United States foreign and security policies by strengthening the strategic capacity of African states to identify and resolve security challenges in ways that promote civil-military cooperation, respect democratic values, and safeguard human rights. [Read More](#)





## Botswana

**Colonel Mpho Churchill Mophuting** has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and appointed as the Commandant of the Force Training Establishment. Brigadier Mophuting participated in the 2006 Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course where he was the recipient of the Carlton W. Fulford Leadership Award. Since then, Brigadier Mophuting has participated in numerous Africa Center programs, including the 2010 Topical Outreach Symposium. He is an active member of the Botswana Community Chapter. Brigadier Mophuting is also a PhD candidate at the University of Botswana.



## Nigeria

**Commodore Andrew Adebawale Dacosta** has been promoted to Director of Training at the Naval Headquarters, Abuja. Previously, Commodore Dacosta served as Deputy Director of Policy for the Nigerian Navy. In addition, Commodore Dacosta has obtained a Masters Degree in International Affairs and Strategic Studies from the Nigerian Defence Academy Post Graduate School in Kaduna. Commodore Dacosta participated in two Maritime Safety and Security Seminars in 2006.



## Kenya

**Major General Njuki Mwaniki**  
Promoted to Lieutenant General and  
Appointed Army Commander

It was recently announced that Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki has promoted Major General Njuki Mwaniki to the rank of Lieutenant General and appointed him Army Commander of the Kenya Armed Forces. [Read More](#)



## Senegal

**Lieutenant Colonel Cheikh Wade** has recently been promoted to Colonel. He is currently serving at Head of the Operations Cell for the AU Mission in Somalia. Colonel Wade attributes his new post in part to his participation in the 2007 Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course, where he received the Carlton W. Fulford Leadership Award. Colonel Wade was selected as recipient of the award based on his intellectual achievement, personal values, and leadership potential.



## Tanzania

**Professor Eginald Mihanjo** has assumed the role of Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education (FAHE) at St. John's University of Tanzania. He previously served as an Associate Professor at the university. Professor Mihanjo attended the Senior Leader Seminar in June 2006 and serves as the President of the Tanzania Chapter.



## Uganda

**Superintendent of Police Moses BINOGA** has been promoted to the rank of Commissioner of Police and appointed Commissioner, Crime Intelligence Committee and Head, Anti-Human Sacrifice and Trafficking Task Force in the Uganda Police. Commissioner Binoga previously served as the Head of Training at the Uganda Police's Counterterrorism Headquarters. He attended the East Africa Counterterrorism Seminar in November 2007 as a Senior Delegate. 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.



## Zambia

**Colonel Joyce Ng'wane Puta** has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and appointed as the Defense Attaché to China. She has participated in numerous Africa Center programs both as a participant and a facilitator. She is an active member of the Zambia community and a member of the Zambia Chapter Planning Committee. Most recently, she participated in the 2010 Community Leadership Conference in Mauritius.

- **Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Kabanda** has been promoted to the rank of Colonel. Colonel Kabanda serves on the Directing Staff at the Defence Services Command and Staff College. He participated in the 2008 Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course as well as the 2010 Community Leadership Conference. Colonel Kabanda is also an instrumental member of the Zambia Chapter Planning Committee.



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