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Africa Center for Strategic Studies Hosts Roundtable Discussion with Egyptian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Africa



Sudan and Somalia were the principal topics of discussion at a well-attended roundtable forum held Jan. 13 at the Africa Center with principal guests H.E. Ambassador Mona Omar, Egyptian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Africa and Ahmed Abu Zeid, Minister-Counselor at the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The gathering supported several of the Africa Center's goals in advancing U.S. security cooperation in Africa. Ambassador Omar and Mr. Zeid described in detail Egypt's policies in Africa, pointing to a range of shared values and common interests with the United States.

Africa Center Director [Ambassador William M. Bellamy \(ret.\)](#) welcomed Ambassador Omar and Mr.

Zeid, and introduced to the participants Kate Almquist, Adjunct Professor and Senior Fellow at the Africa Center, and Andre LeSage, PhD, Counter-Terrorism Fellow at National Defense University's Institute of National Security Studies. [Read More](#)

Africa Center Releases Security Brief on South Africa and Terrorism

The Africa Center for Strategic Studies is pleased to announce the latest Africa Security Brief, "Playing Ostrich: Lessons Learned from South Africa's Response to Terrorism" by Hussein Solomon.

While not often considered a hub in global terrorist networks, South Africa has seen a steady and growing pattern of domestic and al-Qaeda-linked terrorist activity over the past decade. Coinciding with the creeping expansion of terrorist threats in other parts of the continent, this Security Brief examines lessons learned from South Africa's experience and their potential relevance to other African countries and their security sectors."

[Click here to download a copy of the Security Brief](#)

French and Portuguese translations of this article will be posted on the website in the near future.



Playing Ostrich: Lessons Learned from South Africa's Response to Terrorism

By Hussein Solomon

- South Africa has come to occupy a central role in global terror networks in recent years.
- Despite growing evidence of the risks posed, South Africa has been slow to adopt and implement a more robust counterterrorism policy.

Mathurin C. Houngnikpo, PhD, Africa Center's Chair of Civil-Military Relations, speaks on VOA's "Washington Forum"



[Mathurin C. Houngnikpo, PhD](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sW_n8oFQdJQ), Africa Center's Chair of Civil-Military Relations, was the guest on a recent broadcast of the Voice of America's French-language talk show "Washington Forum," hosted by Timothee Donangmaye. Guest and host discussed the year's significant events in Francophone Africa including the stand-off in Cote d'Ivoire following presidential elections. The half-hour broadcast may be heard by clicking on the following URL or pasting it to an internet browser:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sW_n8oFQdJQ

Sudan Referendum Issues and Scenarios Examined

Peace or conflict, either could be the outcome of the January referendum which was held and 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 William M. Bellamy \(ret.\)](#) 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](#)



Transnational Threats and Prospects for Regional Collaboration Examined in Morocco



Africa Center Academic Dean [Monde Muyangwa, PhD](#), chaired the panel "Prospects for Regional Collaboration to Meet Transnational Threats" at the Northwest Africa Transnational Threats Seminar, which took place Jan. 11-14 in Rabat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. [Read More](#)

Africa Center's Associate Dean Welcomes 17th Air Force Foreign Policy Advisor



Brent Bohne, Foreign Policy Advisor for 17th Air Force/U.S. Air Forces Africa, came to the Africa Center for Strategic Studies Jan. 7 to further familiarize himself with its operations

and to discuss upcoming joint programs. [Read More](#)

CJTF-HOA-Bound Personnel Visit Africa Center



Fourteen military personnel, soon to report for their year-long tours of duty with Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, visited the Africa Center for Strategic Studies Jan. 7 to learn more about the center and to discuss how they and the center's faculty and staff could collaborate while they are stationed in Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, Uganda, Tanzania, and the Seychelles. [Read More](#)

Africa Center Launches West Africa TOPS Trip

Community Outreach Specialist Amelia Carvalho conducted an ambitious coordinating mission to four West African countries as part of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies' [Topical Outreach Program Series](#) (TOPS).

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ACSS Community News

Upcoming Events

- **Developing Comprehensive Solutions to the Challenges of Radicalization**
Dakar, Senegal (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)**

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



Burkina Faso

On 28 January, the chapter hosted its "Promotion Day" during which all community members who have received a promotion during the year received recognition. Of these, six people have been promoted to the rank of General. In addition, the Chapter, through its President, Mme **Fatimata Vicens**, received the Chevalier de l'Ordre National de Burkina Faso. This is a great honor for the Burkinabe chapter and we heartily congratulate them on their contribution to security in Burkina Faso!



Algeria

Lieutenant Colonel **Abdelhamid Khelia** has been promoted to Colonel. Colonel Khelia serves as the Deputy Director of the Multilateral Relations and Cooperation at the Ministry of National Defense. Colonel Khelia graduated from the Next Generation of African Military Leaders in 2006.



Nigeria

Colonel **Shehu Ahmed Yusuf** has been promoted to Brigadier General. General Yusuf currently serves as the Deputy Director of Exercise for the Nigerian Army. In addition, General Yusuf is very active in the Nigerian ACSS Community Chapter and assisted in the planning of the October 2010 Topical Outreach Symposium on Elections and Security. General Yusuf participated in the 2006 ECOWAS Training Needs Analysis Workshop.

Colonel **Cecil Osolease Esekhaigbe** has been promoted to Major General. General Esekhaigbe currently serves as the Defence Advisor to the Nigeria High Commission in London. General Esekhaigbe participated in the Africa's Center's first program, the 1999 Senior Leaders Seminar.



The Gambia

Major **Ramatoulie DK Sanneh** has been promoted to the rank of Colonel. Previously a Staff Officer, Administration for the Gambia Armed Forces, Colonel Sanneh now holds the position of Deputy Inspector General for the Gambia Armed Forces. Colonel Sanneh graduated from the 2009 Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course.



Malawi

Colonel **Velentino Phiri** of the Malawi Defense Force has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. He is now the Director of Training for the Malawi Defense Force. General Phiri participated in the 2008 Senior Leaders Seminar and the 2010 Community Leadership Conference. General Phiri is also an active member of the ACSS community in Malawi.



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