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Next Generation of African Security Sector Leaders Graduate

After four weeks of rigorous classroom and field studies work, 40 officers representing 25 African nations graduated March 25 from the Africa Center for Strategic Studies' 2011 Next Generation of African Security Sector Leaders Course at the Sheraton Hotel Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia.

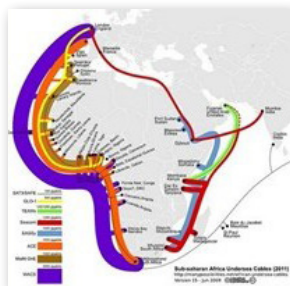
Conducted in English and French, the course provided the participants—mid-level African officers, mostly majors and lieutenant colonels in the army, police, and gendarmerie—with practical and effective tools upon which they could draw to contribute to the enhancement of their nations' security and development. The officers deepened their knowledge about professionalism, ethics, and leadership in the security sector.

The course featured lectures by experts in the military, security, government, and civil society sectors. There were extensive reading assignments, homework, and writing a comprehensive paper that the officers then defended orally in small group sessions.

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Africa Center Announces New Research Paper

The latest research paper from the Africa Center entitled "Africa's Evolving Infosystems: A Pathway to Security and Stability" documents the growing role that information technologies are playing in reshaping state-society relations in Africa, seen most dramatically in the popular protests in North Africa.



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Africa Center Director Ambassador William M. Bellamy (ret.), left; Professor Mathurin C. Houngnikpo, Academic Chair of Civil-Military Relations, center; and Associate Dean John Kelly, Ph.D. right; present graduation certificates to course participants.

Africa Center Loses Colleague and Friend



Vice Admiral Robert T. Moeller, U.S. Navy (ret.)

The Africa Center lost a trusted colleague and good friend March 28 with the passing of Vice Admiral Robert T. Moeller, U.S. Navy (ret.). Admiral Mueller had served as a Senior Fellow for Defense Policy at the Africa Center since September 2010 following his retirement from active military duty.

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Africa Center Hosts American University Students

Africa Center faculty and staff served as hosts March 24 for a group of American University international relations students and several International and Counter-Terrorism African fellows who are attending National Defense University in Washington, D.C.



Africa Center Deputy Director, Michael Garrison welcomes the American University students and their instructor.

The students and fellows were invited to meet together so they could learn more about the Africa Center and U.S. Africa Command as well as meet in a joint forum to discuss African security issues. Africa Center public affairs outreach specialist Michelle Cavalcanti, who organized the visit, said it proved beneficial in having the NDU fellows present since it offered the American University students perspectives on different security challenges from all regions of Africa.

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Next Generation Course Participants Visit Gettysburg and U.S. Army War College



French-speaking participants attending the Next Generation Course take a moment for a group photo in front of one of the many monuments honoring the soldiers who fought at Gettysburg on July 1-3, 1863

The 40 participants attending this year's Africa Center for Strategic Studies' Next Generation of African Security Sector Leaders Course traveled to Pennsylvania on March 22 to visit the Gettysburg National Military Park and U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks.

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U.S. Embassy in Malawi and Africa Center Assist U.S. Army Civil Affairs Unit

A team for the U.S. Army's 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion visited the Malawi community March 17 to discuss its civil affairs mission and program objectives in Malawi, which include populace and resource control, foreign humanitarian assistance, civil information management, nation assistance and support to civil administration.



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ACSS Community News



Burundi

Colonel **Adolphe Manirakiza** has been appointed Vice President of the National Council of Communications by President Pierre Nkurunziza. Colonel Manirakiza recently returned from Somalia where he served as Burundi's Information Officer and briefly attended the Inter-Army Command and Staff College prior to his appointment. He participated in the Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course in 2005 and the Community Leadership Conference in both 2007 and 2008 in his capacity as Secretary General of the Burundi Chapter.



Cameroon

Colonel **Hubert Onana** is the new Air Defense Attaché at the Cameroon Embassy in Washington, D.C. He will be serving in this capacity for three years. Prior to this position he served as an instructor at the National Defense Staff College in Yaoundé. Colonel Onana participated in the Next Generation of African Security Sector Leaders Seminar in 2009.

Captain **Emmanuel Belinga Ella** was initially commissioned in the Military Staff of the Navy in Yaoundé, but is now part of the personal staff of the President of the Republic (Department of Military Affairs). He has served in this capacity since June 2009. He was promoted to the rank of Commander as of January 1, 2011. Commander Ella participated in Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea Workshop in March of 2006 and The Maritime Security Ministerial Symposium in November 2006.



Comoros

Mr. **Ousseine Abdou** now serves as the Technical Advisor for the AIDS Global Fund

division of the National Board for the Fight against AIDS at the Ministry of Health. He previously served as the Director in charge of the Fight Against Diseases at the National Board of Health, a part of the Ministry of Health. Mr. Abdou participated in the Health and Security Seminar in 2009 and is an active member of the Comoros Chapter.

Lieutenant Colonel **Adinane Abdourahamane** has been promoted to the rank of Colonel. He remains Corps Chief of the National Army of Development. Colonel Abdourahamane attended the Senior Leaders Seminar in 2009.

Lieutenant Colonel **Moustoifa Mohamed Anrifi** has been promoted to the rank of Colonel. He remains a Regional Commander of the National Army of Development. Colonel Anrifi attended the Senior Leaders Seminar in 2004.

Lieutenant Colonel **Moissuli Djamala-Diny** has been promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed Commander of the newly created Coast Guard. Colonel Djamala-Diny previously served as an Advisor to the Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Defense. He attended the Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course in 2005.

His Excellency, Minister **Inzouddine Hodhoer** has been appointed Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, Communication, and New Technologies of Information Promotion. He previously served as the Minister of Health, Solidarity, and Gender. Minister Hodhoer attended the Senior Leaders Seminar in 2007 and provided opening remarks for the 2011 TOPS Symposium in Moroni.



Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mr. **Francis Buhendwa Rushinga** has been serving as Deputy Legislative Advisor with D.A.I. (Development Alternatives, Inc.) since January 2010. D.A.I. is currently leading a USAID project on Good Governance in the DRC. Mr. Rushinga participated in the Managing Security Resources Seminar in 2009.



Ghana

Brigadier General **Kwame Opong-Kykyeku** (ret.) of the Ghana Armed Forces recently received the Legion of Merit Award from the U.S. Army for his exceptional meritorious service as the Defense Attaché to the U.S. General Opong-Kykyeku was a participant at the African Defense Attaché Course in November 2005 and he has contributed to many other programs. General Opong-Kykyeku is an active member of the Ghana Community Chapter.



Guinea-Conakry

Commissioner General **Jean-Félix Sockat** was promoted from Colonel – Major to General and assumed a new position at the President's headquarters to oversee responsibilities of the Director of Protocol upon his completion of the Senior

Leaders Seminar in 2008. In October 2010, he took a new position as Director of Procurement at the Ministry of Economy. In this capacity, he is in charge of the regulation of procurements. General Sokat is also an active member of the Guinea Chapter leadership.



Mali

Mr. **Abdul Kader Ba** has been promoted to Secretary General of the Economic and Cultural Council of Mali. The Economic Council is one of seven institutions in Mali which includes elected officials and representatives of civil society. The Council is consulted to advise on all legal bills. Mr. Ba participated in the 2004 Senior Leaders Seminar.

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of Dr. General **Togola Fanta Kanipo**. Formerly a Colonel, General Konipo had recently been promoted to the rank of General and was named professor at the Medical School of Bamako University. General Konipo was a wonderful friend of the Africa Center and an active member of the Community Chapter in Mali.



Nigeria

Lieutenant Colonel **Lasisi Adejare Adegboye** has been promoted to Deputy Director of Administration for the Nigerian Army School of Infantry. He is currently finishing his Masters degree in Public Administration from Ahmadou Bello University Zaria, Nigeria. Colonel Adegboye participated in the 2006 iteration of the Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course.

Wing Commander **Emmanuel John Udenyi** has been promoted to Group Captain in the Nigerian Air Force. Group Captain Udenyi participated in the 2006 Next Generation of African Military Leaders Program.

Major General **Godwin George Umo**, a participant in the 2007 Senior Leaders Seminar shares that he is currently taking a year-long course in Executive Management at the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria.

Brigadier General **Shehu Ahmed Yusuf** has been appointed Brigade Commander in Calabar Cross River State. General Yusuf participated in the 2006 ECOWAS Training Needs Analysis Workshop, and is an active member and key organizer of the ACSS Community Chapter in Nigeria.

Commander **Alexander Dalin Bingel** has been promoted to the rank of Captain (Navy). Captain Bingel participated in the 2008 Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course.

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.



Republic of the Congo

Doctor-Captain **Rita Marianne Ondaye Nee Etoka** has been promoted to the rank of Doctor Commander. She participated in the Health and Security Seminar in 2009 and is an avid supporter of Community Chapter events in the Congo.

Commander **Felicien Mokobo** has been attending the National Gendarmerie Academy in Brazzaville. Since he attended the Next Generation of African Security Sector Leaders in 2010, he has also been promoted in rank.



Senegal

Lieutenant Colonel **Mamadou Toure** has been appointed Coordinator of the Civilian Observers of Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission. This Commission is a pluridisciplinary team (political affairs, rule of law, human rights, gender, socio-economic affairs, security, and media) posted in Yaounde, Calabar and Dakar. The Commission supports the peace-building process between the two parties under the UN Office West Africa (UNOWA) umbrella. Colonel Toure participated in the 2009 Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course.

Chef d'escadron **Alioune Gueye** has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Colonel Gueye has participated in a number of ACSS events, including the 2008 counterterrorism workshop, the 2009 Civil Military Roundtable. He was also an observer during the 2009 Combating Narcotics Trafficking in West Africa workshop.



Tanzania

Ambassador Dr. **Mohammed O. Maundi** has been appointed Director of the Mozambique-Tanzania Centre for Foreign Relations, a government institution that trains nationals of Tanzania, Mozambique, and other African countries in the fields of international relations and diplomacy. He previously served as the Tanzanian Ambassador to Ethiopia. Dr. Maundi attended the Senior Leader Seminar in 2003.

Upcoming Events

- **Developing Comprehensive Solutions to the Challenges of Radicalization**
Dakar, Senegal - April 2011
- **Introduction to African Security Issues**
Washington, DC - April 2011
- **African Air Chiefs Conference**
East Africa - April 2011
- **Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS)**
West & Southern Africa - April/May 2011
- **Senior Leaders Seminar**
Washington, DC - June 2011

Please contact our Registrar's Office should you have a question about a particular program.



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