



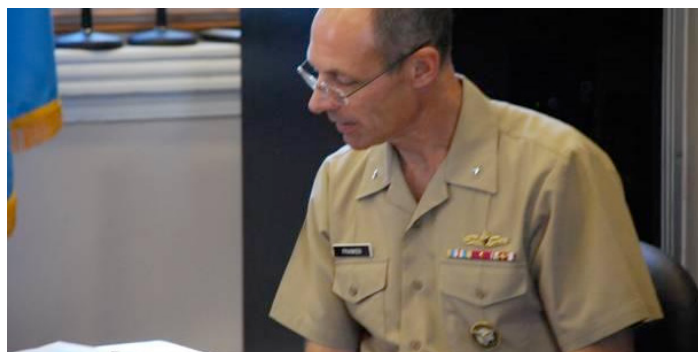
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Center for Strategic Studies - Newsletter

New CJTF-HOA Commander, RADM Franken Visits ACSS

ACSS welcomed Rear Admiral Michael T. Franken recently as he prepares to assume his new duties as CJTF-HOA Commander. ACSS Deputy Director Michael Garrison briefed Admiral Franken on the Center's work with an in-depth look at priority programs, including transnational threats, the upcoming African Executive Dialog, and the Introduction to African Security Issues Seminar.

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Incoming Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa Commander, Rear Admiral Michael T. Franken

ACSS Hosts Workshop on Political and Strategic Challenges in Somalia



ACSS Director, Ambassador William Bellamy (ret.) greets workshop attendees.

On April 5 and 6, 2011, the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) co-sponsored a workshop hosted in Paris in partnership with the French Institute of Strategic Research (Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'Ecole Militaire, IRSEM) on the political and strategic challenges of the conflict in Somalia. About 80 people attended the seminar, including diplomats, military and civilian experts, researchers, and NGO members.

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Africa Center Welcomes Chief of the Defense Staff for the Republic of Ghana

The Africa Center welcomed to its offices April 1 Lieutenant General Peter Blay, Chief of the Defense Staff, The Republic of Ghana.



ACSS Director, Ambassador William Bellamy (ret.) exchanges gifts with Lieutenant General Peter Blay, Chief of Defense Staff, Republic of Ghana.

General Blay and members of his delegation came to the Africa Center at the National Defense University (NDU) in Washington, D.C. to meet with its faculty and staff, discuss regional and sub-regional issues, and explore how they could cooperate in the future on African security issues.

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Renovation of Africa Center's Historic Grant Hall Continues

Grant Hall, built in 1831, was home to the Africa Center's resource management directorate before the construction work began in 2010 and is scheduled to reopen later this year. Staff members who work on the lower floors will have newly renovated office spaces that will retain such period details as original oak interior doors that are hung with ornate brass hinges. A few fortunate staffers will have offices with original marble mantelpieces, though the fireplaces will not function.



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New Paper Released: Confronting AQIM's Sahelian Strategy

The Africa Center recently released its latest Africa Security Brief, "West Africa's Growing Terrorist Threat: Confronting AQIM's Sahelian Strategy" by Dr. Modibo Göita.



Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) has undertaken increasingly frequent and effective attacks in the past year, posing a dangerous and growing threat in Africa's Sahel region. Reversing this trend presents a particularly complex challenge as AQIM has simultaneously strengthened ties to local communities and regional criminal networks. Efforts to counter AQIM will require collaborative region-wide strategies that feature complementary security and development initiatives.

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Urban Fragility and Security in Africa

The Africa Center recently released its latest Africa Security Brief, "Urban Fragility and Security in Africa," by Dr. Stephen Commins.

Estimates are that more than half of all Africans will live in cities by 2025. This rapid pace of urbanization is creating a new locus of fragility in many African states—as evidenced by the burgeoning slums around many of the continent's urban areas—and the accompanying rise in violence, organized crime, and the potential for instability. These evolving threats, in turn, have profound implications for Africa's security sector.



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ACSS Community News



Benin

Lieutenant Colonel **Placide Ayamou** has been promoted to the rank of Colonel. Colonel Ayamou is a recent addition to the ACSS Community as he just completed the 2011 Next Generation of African Security Leaders Course.



Burundi

Mr. **Gaudence Sindayigaya** has been appointed First Counselor at the Embassy of Burundi to the United States. He previously served as Director General of Protocol and Consular Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Mr. Sindayigaya attended the Senior Leader Seminar in June 2006.



Kenya

Lieutenant Colonel **Aphaxard Kiugu** has been promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed Defence Advisor for the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations. He previously served as the Commanding Officer, Armoured Unit for the Kenya Defense Forces. Colonel Kiugu participated in the Next Generation of African Military Leaders course in 2008.

Brigadier General **George Kyaka** has been promoted to the rank of Major General and appointed Commander, Western Command. He previously served as Assistant Chief of the General Staff in Charge of Operations, Training and Plans at the Kenya Defense Headquarters. General Kyaka attended the Senior Leader Seminar in 2005.



Madagascar

Mr. **Jacky Rahaingo** represented the Madagascar Police Force at a seminar entitled "Improving Policing in Urban Spaces in Africa and Madagascar," which was organized by the Institute of Public Safety of Catalonia and UN-HABITAT in Barcelona, Spain last November. An Inspector General of Police, he was able to share Madagascar's experiences with participants from nine other African countries. Mr. Rahaingo has been a member of the ACSS community since he participated in the Senior Leader Seminar in 2007.



Senegal

On 13 April, the ACSS Chapter in Senegal met and elected a new executive committee, with General **Lamine Cisse** as its new president. Thirty community members also came to the meeting and spent some time with ACSS Director, Ambassador William Bellamy (ret.), Ms. Elisabeth Feleke, program manager for the ACSS regional office in Dakar, and other members of the ACSS staff.



Somalia

Major General **Mohamed Jama Bashir** now serves as a Member of Parliament and the Special Adviser to the Minister of Interior and National Security for the Transitional Federal Government in Mogadishu. General Bashir attended the East Africa Counterterrorism Seminar in 2007.



Uganda

Brigadier General **Charles Angina** has been elected a Member of Parliament representing the Uganda Peoples Defence Force. He remains Chief of Staff, Land Forces. General Angina attended the African Defense Attaché Course in 2005, while serving as the Ugandan Defense Attaché to the U.S. He is an active member of the Uganda Chapter.

Mr. **Didacus Kaguta** is currently pursuing an Executive Masters course in Managing Peace and Security in Africa (MPSA2) at the Institute of Peace and Security Studies, a component of the University of Addis Ababa. Mr. Kaguta continues to work full-time as the East Africa Community's Senior Peace and Security Officer. In that capacity, he organized a meeting of the East African Partner States National Counter Terrorism Agencies from 31 March — 2 April in Dar-es-Salaam, in an effort to review the Regional Plan of Action on Counter Terrorism. Mr. Kaguta attended the Senior Leaders Seminar in 2010.



Zambia

Superintendent of Police **Elizabeth Kanjela** has been promoted to the rank of Senior Superintendent. Senior Superintendent Kanjela recently completed the 2011 Next Generation of African Security Leaders Course and plans to be an active member of the Zambia ACSS Community.

Upcoming Events

- **Africa Command African Defense Force Joint Warrant Officer Symposium**
Washington, DC — 16-20 May 2011
- **Senior Leaders Seminar**
Washington, DC — June 2011
- **Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS)**
West & Southern Africa — July 2011
- **CEEAC-ECOWAS MSS**
Germany — July 2011

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