



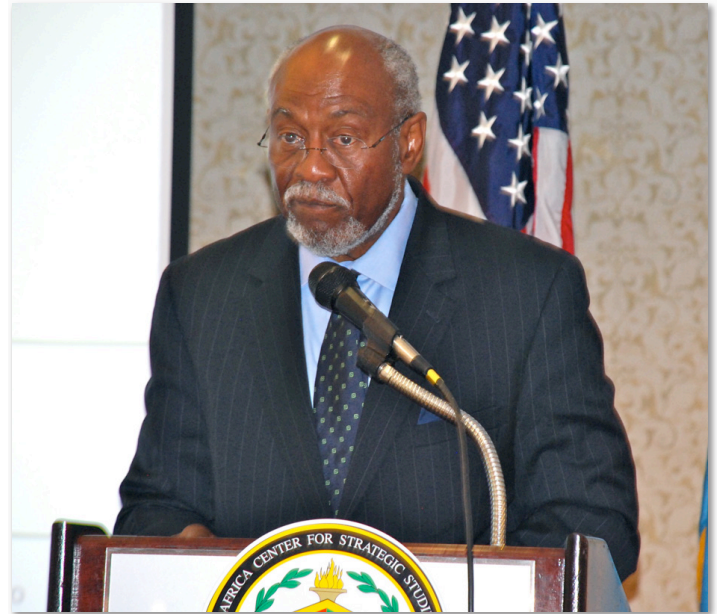
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Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Johnnie Carson Addresses ACSS Participants

On 16 June, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Johnnie Carson spoke at a special plenary session of the Africa Center's Senior Leaders Seminar. In his address, he highlighted the importance of transparency in global affairs, a tenant which has been reiterated by senior Obama officials in many different forums in Africa. Ambassador Carson stated that the United States continues to work with the African and international communities to spread democracy. The key to this initiative is a sustained commitment to democratic values and the rule of law. Ambassador Carson acknowledged the progress that has been made in terms of governance but also stated that there was more work to be done in this area within Africa.

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Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Johnnie Carson Addresses Senior Leaders Seminar attendees during special plenary session



The first commander of U.S. Africa Command General William E. "Kip" Ward is presented with the ACSS Visionary Award by Africa Center Director Ambassador William M. Bellamy (ret.)

General William E. "Kip" Ward Receives the 2011 ACSS Visionary Award

The Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) presented its annual "Visionary Award: Achievement in Peace and Security" to U.S. Army General William E. "Kip" Ward during an award ceremony and luncheon held in his honor on June 8, 2011, in conjunction with the ACSS Senior Leaders Seminar in Washington, D.C. The Visionary Award is given to a person whom the Center deems to have made an outstanding contribution towards promoting democracy, good governance, improving civil-military relations, fostering cooperation in the security arena, and countering ideological support for terrorism. Through this award, the Africa Center recognizes General Ward's numerous achievements and contribution to peace and security in Africa as the first Commander of United States Africa Command (U.S. AFRICOM).

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African Senior Leaders Gather for Seminar in Washington, D.C.

The Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) held the Official Opening Ceremony for its Senior Leaders Seminar (SLS) on June 6 in Arlington, VA. The seminar (June 5-17) provides a forum for senior-level military officers and civilian officials from Africa, the U.S., and Europe, as well as representatives from international and regional organizations, to review and analyze the evolving African security environment and to discuss strategies for addressing challenges and for enhancing Africa's security. Sixty-five participants from thirty-seven countries attended the event.

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ACSS East Africa Office Facilitates Dialogue for The Brenthurst Foundation

On 18 June 2011 the Africa Center for Strategic Studies' East Africa Office, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, assisted The Brenthurst Foundation in organizing a non-attribution discussion on the issue of recognizing Somaliland as a country. The discussion was characterized by those who attended as an excellent dialogue on an issue of regional importance. In keeping with the ACSS's vision, mission, and goals to advance U.S. Security Cooperation in Africa, it facilitated the development of open and lasting relationships with partners by listening and conveying African views on African security issues of national security interest to US policymakers. The Forum was an opportunity for The Brenthurst Foundation team to present its findings and report to the assembled group for their review and comments. It also provided for informal dialogue between representatives of the Somaliland government and the African Union. In attendance were representatives from the Somaliland Government, Africa Union, Institute for Security Studies Addis, InterAfrica Group Addis, Ethiopian Government, Brenthurst Foundation, Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, United States Mission to the African Union, Cambridge University, Danida/University of Copenhagen, and the European Union's Delegation to the African Union.



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2011 Senior Leaders Seminar participants greet one another before the first plenary session

ACSS Professor Publishes Research Paper on Angola's Foreign Policy

The South African Institute of International Affairs recently published a research on Angola's foreign policy written by ACSS professor and chair for Defense Economics, Dr. Assis Malaquias. Dr. Malaquias draws on his vast background on this topic to review Angola's historical and evolving foreign policy priorities.



*ACSS Chair for Defense Economics
Dr. Assis Malaquias*

Since the end of Angola's civil war in 2002, this has translated into a strategic partnership with China to foster rapid economic growth. Recently, this has also meant trying to do so within a nascent democratic political framework, underscoring the value of its relations with mature democracies like the US.

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ACSS Community News



Botswana

Ambassador **Mothusi Bruce Rabasha Palai** has been appointed to serve as Botswana's Permanent Representative and Chief of the

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations. Ambassador Palai is a member of the Botswana Chapter and he participated in the 2000 Senior Leader Seminar.

Brigadier General **Peter Magosi** recently attended the 4th Hemispheric Security and Intelligence Symposium where he presented on poaching issues in Botswana. The event was held in Chile by ACSS' sister regional center, the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies (CHDS) and United States Southern Command. Brigadier General Magosi was an International Fellow at the U.S. Army War College and he is a member of the Botswana Chapter.



Burundi

Brigadier General **Athanase Kararuzza** has been appointed Joint Chief of Staff for the Burundian military. He previously served as its Head of Personnel and Human Resources. General Kararuzza attended the 2008 Senior Leaders Seminar and 2009 Eastern Africa TOPS Symposium in his capacity as a member of the Burundi Chapter's Executive Committee.

Colonel **Espitace Masumbuko** now serves as an Aide to the Chief of General Staff for the Burundian military. He previously served as a Battalion Commander. Colonel Masumbuko attended the 2009 Senior Leaders Seminar.

Major General **Célestin Ndayisaba** has been appointed to the post of Military Attaché at the Embassy of Burundi in Russia. He previously served as both the Director General for Planning and Strategic Studies and the Inspector General at the Ministry of Defense. General Ndayisaba attended the second iteration of the Senior Leaders Seminar in 2000.

Lieutenant Colonel **Bernard Ndiho** has been promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed Chief of Operations for the Joint Staff. Colonel Ndiho previously served as the Deputy Director for Strategic Studies at the Ministry of Defense. He attended the Small Arms and Light Weapons Workshop in 2008.

After studying at the Kenya National Defence College, Brigadier General **Cyprien Ndikuriyo** has been appointed Director General for Planning and Strategic Studies at the Ministry of Defense. He attended the Next Generation of African Military Leaders course in July 2006.

Brigadier General **Audace Bduwumunsi** has been appointed Director of Planning at the Ministry of Defense. He previously served as the Director of Strategic Studies. General Bduwumunsi attended the Golden Spear program in 2004.

Colonel **Christophe Niyondiko** has been appointed Commander of the 210th Brigade. He previously served as a Battalion Commander. Colonel Niyondiko attended the 2009 Senior Leaders Seminar.

Colonel **Gabriel Ntirandekura** has been appointed Commander of the 4th Military Region. He previously served as the Chief of Staff for the 110th Brigade. Colonel Ntirandekura attended the Next Generation of African Military Leaders course in July 2007.

Mr. **Firmin Sindaye** now works for the UN Mission to Burundi (BINUB). Although he remains a member of the Human Rights League for Burundi, he no longer serves as the Program Lead for the Freedom Speech in Burundi program. Mr. Sindaye attended his first of three Africa Center programs in 2004 and is a founding member of the Burundi Chapter's Executive Committee.



Djibouti

Mr. **Abdi Houssein Ahmed** has been appointed the new Minister of Culture, Communication, Posts, & Telecommunication, and the new Djibouti Government Spokesperson. He previously served as a Technical Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Minister Ahmed attended the Senior Leaders Seminar in 2007 and 2010. His predecessor, H.E. Ali Abdi FARAH attended two Golden Spear programs in 2000 and 2003 and is a founding member of the Djibouti Chapter, for which he served as the Honorary President.

Mr. **Hassan Darar Houfaneh** has been appointed the new Minister of Interior and Decentralization. He previously served as the Prefect for the Arta Region, a position that reports to the Ministry of Interior and Decentralization. Minister Houfaneh serves on the Executive Committee of the Djibouti Chapter and, in that capacity, attended the Community Leadership Conference in 2008.



Ethiopia

Commander **Girmay Gebrekidan's** assignment as the Chief of Staff of the UN Police in Juba has been extended through December 2011. He has also been appointed Commander of the Ethiopian Contingent to the UN Mission in Sudan. Commander Gebrekidan attended the East Africa Counterterrorism Seminar in November 2007.



Kenya

Defence Force Sergeant Major **Joseph M. Kithome** has been promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer 1. He attended the Africa Command Joint Warrant Officer/Sergeant Major Symposium in 2010 and 2011.



Mozambique

Brigadier General **Antonio Ali Abudo**, Senior Leaders Seminar participant in 2006 and 2009, was promoted to National Director of Human Resources, Ministry of Defense.



Namibia

Major General **Epaphras Denga Ndaitwah** has been promoted to Lieutenant General. Lieutenant General Ndaitwah now serves as the Chief of the Namibia Defence Force. He is an alumnus of the 2009 Senior Leaders Seminar.

Colonel **Ben Uuyumba Kadhila** has been promoted to Brigadier General. Brigadier General Kadhila has been appointed to serve as the Assistant Chief of Staff Operations, Plans and Training for the Namibia Defense Force. He has participated in the 2002 Regional Security Cooperation in Southern Africa program as well as the 2011 Senior Leaders Seminar.



Niger

Colonel **Abdoulaye Arouna Adamou** has been promoted to Commander for the Agades Zones. Colonel Adamou participated in the 2005 Next Generation of African Leaders course. Lieutenant Colonel Mahamadou Ibrahim Bagadoma has been promoted to the rank of Colonel. He currently is the Deputy High Commander of the Gendarmerie. Colonel Bagadoma participated in the 2005 Next Generation of African Leaders course.

General **Moumouni Boureima** is now the Ambassador of Niger to the Arab Republic of Egypt. General Boureima, a former Chief of Defense Staff of the Niger Armed Forces, participated in the 2001 Senior Leaders Seminar and the 2003 West Africa Ministerial Symposium.



Rwanda

Ambassador Dr. **Richard Sezibera** has been appointed to a five-year term as Secretary General of the East African Community. He previously served as Rwanda's Minister of Health. Dr. Sezibera attended the Washington Policy Symposium in May 2001.



Tanzania

Major General **Charles Makakala** has been appointed the first Commandant of Tanzania's newly established National Defence College. He previously served as the Secretary for Planning and Development for the Tanzania Peoples Defence Force. General Makakala attended the Senior Leaders Seminar in 2001, the Community Leadership Conference in 2008, and the Maritime Safety and Security Seminar in 2010. He serves as the Secretary of the Tanzania Community Chapter.



Uganda

H.E. **Amama Mbabazi** has been appointed Prime Minister of Uganda. He remains a Member of Parliament, retaining the seat he has held since 2003 as the representative for the Kinkiizi West constituency in the Kunungu District. Prior to this appointment, he served as Minister for Security (February 2009-May 2011) and as Secretary General of the National Resistance Movement political party (June 2010-June 2011). Mr. Mbabazi attended two Golden Spear programs, in 2000 and 2003.

H.E. **Ruth Nankabirwa** has been appointed Minister of State for Fisheries, a Cabinet-level position within the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries. Prior to this appointment, she served as the Minister of State for Microfinance (2009-2011) and the Minister of State for Defence (2001-2009). Mrs. Nankabirwa attended the Senior Leader Seminar in 2003.

Upcoming Events

- **Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS)**
West & Southern Africa — July 2011
- **Security Sector Reform Seminar**
East Africa — July 2011
- **CEEAC-ECOWAS MSS**
Germany — July 2011

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