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Statement of President Barack Obama in Recognition of the Republic of South Sudan

"I am proud to declare that the United States formally recognizes the Republic of South Sudan as a sovereign and independent state upon this day, July 9, 2011. After so much struggle by the people of South Sudan, the United States of America welcomes the birth of a new nation.

Today is a reminder that after the darkness of war, the light of a new dawn is possible. A proud flag flies over Juba and the map of the world has been redrawn. These symbols speak to the blood that has been spilled, the tears that have been shed, the ballots that have been cast, and the hopes that have been realized by so many millions of people. The eyes of the world are on the Republic of South Sudan. And we know that southern Sudanese have claimed their sovereignty, and shown that neither their dignity nor their dream of self-determination can be denied."

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Colonel Xavier Collignon: Goodbye and Thank You!

A graduate of France's Saint-Cyr Military Academy (École militaire de Saint-Cyr), Army Staff College (École d'état-major de l'Armée de terre), and Joint Defense College (Collège interarmées de défense), Colonel Xavier Collignon served as the French representative to the Africa Center for Strategic Studies from 2008 to 2011. A naval



Colonel Xavier Collignon

officer whose vast knowledge of the African continent was gleaned over his entire career from operational missions and relationships with African military leaders, Colonel Collignon has agreed to answer a few questions on the eve of his departure from ACSS, as he prepares for a new assignment.

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Elated citizens celebrate the newly established Republic of South Sudan

Seminar Focuses on Maritime Safety and Security in West and Central Africa

The Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) hosted a maritime safety and security conference July 19-21, 2011, in Garmisch, Germany, to facilitate cooperation and collaboration between the two Regional Economic Communities on key maritime safety and security issues that affect their member nations.



Dr. Assis Malaquias, ACSS Chair for Defense Economics, welcomes conference attendees

The goal of the conference was to develop the framework of an agreement on maritime cooperation that could be approved by senior decision makers at a follow-on, political-level conference to be held in 2012.

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ACSS Hosts a Security Sector Reform Program in Addis Ababa

The dynamic security environment in Eastern Africa calls for security sector reform in order to effectively address the complex set of challenges facing the region. To facilitate the dialogue likely to bring about such reform, the Africa Center for Strategic Studies hosted a seminar titled “Challenges of Security Sector Reform in Eastern Africa” from 12-15 July 2011. The seminar brought together 35 participants from 9 countries in Eastern Africa (Burundi, Comoros, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda), and the United States, as well as the East African Community and civil society organizations. The three-day seminar provided a forum for senior-level African military officers, civilian officials, and civil society representatives to explore strategies aimed at reforming security sector institutions. Participants discussed the importance of good governance to security sector reform and highlighted the critical oversight role played by parliaments, judiciaries, and the media.

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ACSS Welcomes Kenyan Activist and Anti-Corruption Whistleblower John Githongo to Roundtable Discussion

The Africa Center for Strategic Studies welcomed the 2009 ACSS Visionary Award winner, Mr. John Githongo, to ACSS headquarters, June 1, 2011 to discuss security trends and constitutional reform in Kenya. Mr. Githongo is a former Kenyan journalist who was appointed the Permanent Secretary for Ethics and Governance in the Office of the President following the election of Mwai Kibaki to the presidency in 2002. During his tenure as Kenya’s “anti-corruption czar,” Mr. Githongo uncovered corruption at the highest government levels. Despite his mandate, high-ranking interference in his investigations led him to resign his position in 2005 and he went into exile in the United Kingdom. Mr. Githongo returned to Kenya in 2008 to found Inuka Trust, a grassroots advocacy group aimed at creating an informed citizenry. He is also the head of Twaweza Kenya, an organization that seeks bottom-up reform, and the founder of Kenya Ni Yetu (Kenya Is Ours), which aims to mobilize Kenya’s youth through social media and other forms of communication.



Kenyan activist John Githongo

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Security Sector Reform seminar attendees pose for group photo

Stabilizing Fragile States: Difficult but Necessary

In a just published article, “Stabilizing Fragile States,” in the journal *Global Dialogue*, ACSS Research Director, Joseph Siegle, reviews the challenges and priorities of integrating the political, security, and developmental objectives of stabilization efforts.



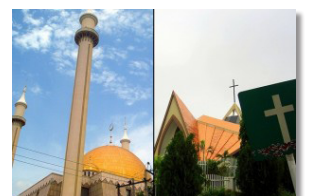
Africa Center Research Director Dr. Joseph Siegle

Africa is home to 23 of 28 of the world’s most fragile states, according to the State Fragility Index. While long recognized as centers of instability, these states also provide fertile soil to emerging opportunistic transnational threats such as narcotics trafficking, organized crime, piracy, and terrorist networks.

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Nigeria’s Pernicious Drivers of Ethno-Religious Conflict

The tendency to label conflicts in Nigeria as inter-religious or inter-ethnic is an oversimplified mischaracterization of the reality on the ground, according to Chris Kwaja, author of the Africa Center’s latest Africa Security Brief.



Plateau State in central Nigeria, the locus of a series of ethnic and religious clashes, for example,

was once called “the home of peace and tourism.” However, the driver for this violence has not been an inability of groups to coexist but unclear legal codes regarding residency or “indigeneship.” Seeking to mobilize support and extend their influence, local leaders and political opportunists in Plateau have capitalized on these legal ambiguities in ways that discriminate citizens’ basic rights, such as access to education, politics, and employment subject to whether they are deemed an “indigene” or “settler” to the region. With so much at stake, communities have become polarized and resorted to violence.

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ACSS Community News



Burundi

Brigadier General **Audace Nduwumunsi** successfully applied to serve as the new Deputy Force Commander of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISON), a post that he has occupied since mid-July. He previously served as the Director of Planning for the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs. General Nduwumunsi attended the 2001 Golden Spear program and the 2010 TOPS Symposium.



The Gambia

Chief Superintendent **Louis Charbou Mendy** still serves in Darfur as a Peacekeeper for UNAMID. However, he has been promoted from Police Advisor to Police Team Site Commander for the Kutum Team Site, one of the largest sites in North Darfur. In his new capacity, Chief Superintendent Charbou Mendy commands 254 international police advisors deployed in six community policing centers. He attended the ECOWAS Strategic Level Seminar in 2009.



Guinea

Mr. **Balla Dopavogui** has been appointed Chief of Staff of the Department of Small and Medium Enterprises in Guinea Conakry. Mr. Dopavogni participated in the Senior Leaders Seminar in 2008 and is an active member of the ACSS Guinea Chapter which was established in 2007.



Kenya

Dr. **Wafula Okumu** is now based in Addis Ababa, where he works on border issues for the African Union. He previously served as the Head, African Security Analysis Program at the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria. Dr. Okumu attended the 2003 Senior Leaders Seminar.

Major General **Maurice Otieno Oyugi** has been appointed Commander of the Kenya Air Force. He previously served as the Deputy Commander of the Kenya Armed Forces. General Oyugi attended the Washington Policy Symposium in 2001. He replaces Major General **Harold Tangai** who has been appointed Senior Directing Staff at the National Defence College. General Tangai attended the 2011 African Air Chiefs Conference.

Major General **Jackson Ndungu Waweru** has been appointed Commandant of the Defence Staff College. He previously served as the Deputy Commander of the Kenya Air Force. General Waweru attended the 2007 Senior Leaders Seminar.



Malawi

Major **Harold Benedictus Dzoole** has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer, Malawi Defence Force Marine Unit. He has also recently presented on “*Problems Faced By Inland Countries within the SADC Region.*” The presentation was delivered in Maputo, Mozambique, at a meeting of the Standing Maritime Committee (SMC), a sub-organ of SADC Security Committee. Lieutenant Colonel Dzoole is a participant from the 2009 Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course.



Mauritius

Assistant Commissioner of Police **Premananda Appadoo** now works in the Mauritius Police Force’s Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit. He previously served as the Divisional Commander of the Metropolitan Division. ACP Appadoo attended the Managing Security Resources in Africa Seminar in 2007 and serves as the Acting Secretary of the Mauritius Chapter.



Rwanda

Lieutenant Colonel **Joseph Nzabamwita** has been appointed the new Rwanda Defence Forces Spokesperson. He previously served as a Battalion Commanding Officer. Colonel Nzabamwita attended the 2004 African Defense Attaché Program and serves as the Executive Secretary of the Rwanda Center for Strategic Studies. He replaces Lieutenant Colonel **Jill Rutaremara** who is pursuing further studies. Colonel Rutaremara attended the 2008 Small Arms and Light Weapons Workshop.

Brigadier General (Dr.) **Richard Rutatina** has been appointed Head of Military Intelligence. He previously served as the Military Advisor to President Kagame. Dr. Rutatina has attended several Africa Center programs, including the 2006 Senior Leaders Seminar, and served as a guest speaker at both the 2010 and 2011 TOPS Symposia.



Togo

Mr. **Nicolas Gerard** has transitioned to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Regional Disarmament Branch. He remains a Political Affairs Officer, but he is now based in New York. Mr. Gerard was a participant at the 2006 Small Arms and Light Weapons Workshop.



Uganda

Colonel (Dr.) **Ambrose Musinguzi** now serves as the Deputy Chief of Operations and Training (Medical) in the Uganda Peoples Defense Force's Office of the Chief of Operations and Training. He previously served as the Director of Public Health and Medical Training. Dr. Musinguzi attended the 2009 Health and Security Seminar.

Upcoming Events

- **Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS)**
West Africa — August 2011
- **Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS)**
Central & Southern Africa — September 2011
- **AFRICOM Academic Symposium**
Southern Africa — September 2011

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