



# AFRICA

## Center for Strategic Studies - Newsletter

### The Africa Center for Strategic Studies Congratulates Liberian President Sirleaf on 2011 Nobel Peace Prize

Liberian President and Africa Center for Strategic Affairs (ACSS) alumna Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was one of three women jointly awarded the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize on Oct. 7. The Norwegian Nobel Committee also conferred the high honor on peace activist Leymah Gbowee, a fellow Liberian, and Yemeni democracy and free press campaigner Tawakkul Karman.

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### Africa Center for Strategic Studies Mourns the Death of Wangari Maathai

Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) community member Wangari Maathai died September 25 at the Nairobi Hospital after a long fight against ovarian cancer. She was 71.



*Environmental Activist Wangari Maathai*

The tireless environmental activist won her award in 2004 for years of standing up against a corrupt regime that sought to tear down the forests surrounding Nairobi. She endured physical and mental abuse while pressing the government to adopt democratic reform and sustainable development strategies, along the way founding the community-organizing Green Belt Movement in 1977.

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*Liberian President and 2011 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Ellen Johnson Sirleaf*

### Senior Gabonese Officials Visit the Africa Center for Strategic Studies



*Dr. John Kelly (right) greets Secretary General M. Leon Ngoulakia*

Gabon National Security Council (NSC) delegation led by Secretary General M. Leon-Paul Ngoulakia visited the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) headquarters on September 27, 2011.

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## ACSS Delegation Visits Uganda Community Chapter



An Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) delegation comprised of Associate Dean Dr. John Kelly, Transnational Threats and Counter-Terrorism Chair Dr. Benjamin Nickels and Interim Chief of Communications Michelle Cavalcanti visited Uganda on September 19-22. The trip was part of the Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS), the Africa Center's initiative designed to increase the quality and quantity of communications and networking among ACSS alumni.

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## Senior Ethiopian Officers Visit the Africa Center for Strategic Studies



A delegation of the Ethiopian National Defense Force visited the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) headquarters on 21 September. Colonel Alemseged Hadera Teklu, the Commandant of the Ethiopian Command and Staff College, and his colleagues were the distinguished guests. ACSS Deputy Director Michael E. Garrison presented an overview of the center's mission and programs during the visit, which included a questions and answers session between the Ethiopian representatives and ACSS's leadership and academic teams. The discussion focused on fostering relations between the Ethiopian military and the Africa Center.

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## ACSS Conducts Botswana Alumni Chapter's Symposium On Environmental Challenges to the Country's Security



Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) staff members, Dr. Mathurin Hounnikpo, Mr. Bradley Anderson and Ms. Emily Renard were in Gaborone in mid-September to take part in the Botswana alumni chapter's symposium on environmental challenges to the country's security.

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## ACSS Community News



### Burundi

OPC1 **Onesphore Mbazumutima** has qualified to serve as the Officer-in-Charge of Human Rights at the UNAMID Sector North Headquarters in El Fasher in Darfur, Sudan. He continues to lead the Burundian contingent of police officers at the UN Police. OPC1 Mbazumutima attended the Small Arms and Light Weapons Workshop in August 2008.

Colonel **Bernard Ndiho** has been appointed to a two-year post at the National Defense Review Commission. He previously served as Head of Operations for the Burundian Joint Chiefs of Staff. Colonel Ndiho attended the Small Arms and Light Weapons Workshop in August 2008 and organizes events for the Burundi Chapter.

Lieutenant Colonel **Isaac Nzobonimpa** has been selected to attend the Marshall Center's Program in Advanced Security Studies after four months of English-language training. He is taking a leave of absence from his post as Deputy Director for Mentoring and Mobilization of Veterans at the Office of Veterans Affairs within the Burundian Ministry for National

Defense and Veterans Affairs. Lieutenant Colonel Nzobonimpa attended the Next Generation of African Security Sector Leaders course in March 2011.



## Madagascar

Mr. **Richard Randriamandrato** has left his post as Chief Officer, Strategic Planning and Research at the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) after ten years of service. He has returned to Madagascar where he now manages a regional program dealing with conflict prevention and policy alternatives. Mr. Randriamandrato attended Golden Spear in July 2002 and the Senior Leaders Seminar in February 2007.



## Tanzania

Major **Idd Said Nkambi** has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and now serves as a UN Military Observer in Sudan. He previously served in the Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces' 303 Infantry Battalion Group. Lieutenant Colonel Nkambi attended the Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course in February 2009.



## Uganda

Colonel **Charles Bakahumura** is now a published author, having recently published the paper that he authored for the Next Generation of African Military Leaders course (July 2007) on HIV/AIDS in the Ugandan military in a UN University Press book. The book, entitled "HIV/AIDS and the Security Sector in Africa," was edited by Obijofor Aginam and Martin Rupiya, a long-time ACSS community member who facilitated the Senior Leaders Seminar in 2008.

Colonel **Apollo Kasiita-Gowa** has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and appointed Deputy Commandant of the UPDF Senior Command and Staff College in Jinja. General Kasiita-Gowa recently returned to Uganda after spending a year as a student in the South African National War College's Defense Studies Course. He attended the "Towards Enhanced Conflict Management in Central Africa" workshop in 2004 and serves on the Uganda Chapter's Executive Committee.

Colonel **Bernard Obola** now serves as the Director for Policy and Planning for the Uganda Peoples Defence Force's Reserve Force. He previously served as a member of the Directing Staff at the Senior Command and Staff College. Colonel Obola was Uganda's first participant at the Next Generation of African Military Leaders Course (April 2005) and recently attended the Security Sector Reform Workshop in July 2011.

## Upcoming Events

- **Managing Security Resources in Africa**  
Washington, D.C. — October 2011
- **CJTF-HOA Core Staff Training**  
Norfolk, VA — October 2011
- **Partnership on National Security Strategy Development**  
West Africa — October 2011
- **SSR/T Consultative Session**  
West Africa — October 2011
- **African Executive Dialogue**  
Washington, D.C. — November 2011
- **Topical Outreach Program Series (TOPS)**  
Southern Africa — November 2011

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