



AFRICA CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

ACSS WASHINGTON SEMINAR FOR THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY 2018

**10-11 October 2018
Washington, D.C.**

INFORMATION PAPER

- WHAT:** This seminar is designed to acquaint D.C.-based embassy personnel with defense and security or political portfolios, particularly those who are newly assigned to Washington, with the structures and workings of the U.S. Government. It will also familiarize them with U.S. security policies and programs pertaining to Africa.
- WHERE:** Lincoln Hall Room 1105, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- WHEN:** 10-11 October 2018
- WHO:** Participants will include D.C.-based African embassy personnel, such as chiefs of missions, deputy chiefs of missions, defense attachés, political officers, and other staff with responsibility for defense and security policies and programs or with political reporting.
- WHY:** Embassy personnel, particularly those newly assigned to Washington, confront a wide array of U.S. agencies in the defense and political sectors. This seminar is designed to provide an overview of policies and programs and of the roles of the executive and legislative branches in the formulation of U.S. foreign and defense policies, with a focus on Africa.
- HOW:** There will be 7 plenary sessions, each with a separate presentation and question-and-answer period. The plenary presentations will be given by practitioners and subject matter experts from the U.S. government, academia, and policy-focused non-governmental organizations. The seminar will be conducted in English and adhere to a non-attribution policy.