



# AFRICA CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

## ALIGNING RESOURCES WITH NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGIES IN AFRICA

### *VIRTUAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFO NOTE*

- WHAT:** The Africa Center for Strategic Studies will facilitate a three-week virtual academic program on key approaches of aligning security resources with national security strategies in Africa to facilitate implementation and strategic outcomes.
- WHERE:** Online, via Zoom for Government
- WHEN:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays, November 30-December 1, December 7-8, December 14-15, 2021 (1200-1330 GMT)
- WHO:** The program will invite mid-to-senior level Africa Center alumni who attended the MSRA programs, as well as attendees of the NSSD academic programs. Selected participants must be well versed in the analytical framework and practical challenges of national security strategies and/or the management of security-related resources. Preference will be given to countries that have finished or are in the process of developing their National Security Strategies: Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Gambia, Liberia, Niger, Senegal, Botswana, DRC, Sudan, South Africa, Algeria, Angola, Cape Verde, Tunisia, and Madagascar. Priority will be given to alumni with demonstrable experience in, and/or responsibility for, the management of resources for the security sector and engaged in the process of developing national security strategies in their countries or institutions. In order to ensure gender inclusion, female alumni from past MSRA and NSSD programs will be prioritized.
- WHY:** As many African countries are in the process of developing and implementing their national security strategies, the application of public resource management principles to the security sector and judicious management of security resources become both urgent and critical in Africa. The COVID-19 pandemic has further exposed the

challenges of aligning available national resources with strategic national goals while meeting urgent and unanticipated needs.

**HOW:** There will be one 90-minute plenary and one 90-minute discussion group per week. Participants will be required to read the syllabus and some selected videos in advance. The plenary sessions will be posted on the Africa Center website and YouTube channel. The program will be conducted under a strict policy of non-attribution. The program will be conducted in English, French, Portuguese and Arabic.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

1. Understand the trade-offs and challenges for aligning national resources with national security and development strategies and priorities, particularly as compounded by changes in human insecurity and related fiscal challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Introduce and demonstrate public financial management tools and approaches to align budgeting processes with implementation of national security strategies.
3. Discuss how national security strategy development and security sector budgeting can be implemented in agile and adaptive ways, particularly during uncertainty and times of crisis.