



The Center for Advanced Defense Studies

In cooperation with

Representative John Tierney, Chairman, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs,
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

“AFRICOM: An Independent Review for the New Administration”

Wednesday, October 28th 2009

1310 Longworth House Office Building

AFRICOM: An Independent Review for the New Administration will be an impartial forum for Africans, U.S. Government personnel, and other interested stakeholders to discuss current and future challenges and opportunities for the U.S. Africa Command.

The goal for the event is to create a forum in which views – both pro and con – about AFRICOM are aired in a balanced manner among African diplomats, leaders and personnel from the U.S. Department of Defense (especially AFRICOM), State Department and USAID, African Studies scholars, U.S. Foreign and Security Policy experts, lawmakers and other interested parties. Those concerns include, but will not be limited to, the so-called “militarization of foreign policy” criticism commonly made about AFRICOM, resource disparity between DoD and State Department programs in Africa, analysis of difficulties in the initial public diplomacy campaign, and the challenges of building trust with African Partner nations, their leadership and populations. The conference will be carefully moderated so that criticisms are voiced respectfully, discussed openly among participants, and met with suggestions for alleviation.

The event will feature five speakers and a four-member expert panel representing the range of aforementioned invested parties, African and American. The agenda is as follows:

0830 – 0915 – Breakfast/Registration

0915 – 0945 – Opening Remarks—**Lester Hyman**, Director and Conference Chair, Center for Advanced Defense Studies; **Dan Lawner**, Moderator

1000 – 1045 –**Princeton Lyman**, former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs and Adjunct Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

1100 – 1145 – **Ambassador Amina Salum Ali**, African Union Ambassador to the United States

(1200 – 1315) – Lunch

1230 – 1315 – **Representative John Tierney (D-MA)**, Chairman, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform



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1330 – 1415 – Louis Mazel, Director, Office of Regional and Security Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

1430 – 1600 – Panel:

- **John Pendleton**, Director, Force Structure and Planning Issues, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government Accountability Office
- **Lauren Ploch**, Africa Analyst, Congressional Research Service
- **Sandra Barnes**, Founding Director of the African Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania
- **Thomas Callahan**, Director, Strategic Planning, Readiness and Stability Operations, Lockheed Martin Corporation

1615 – 1700 – COL Paul Daniels, Chief, Strategy Division, U.S. Africa Command

Following the event, CADS will publish detailed conference proceedings with specific recommendations for the AFRICOM leadership, U.S. lawmakers, and the White House.

***Note:** Event attendance will be limited to approximately sixty individuals—a prompt RSVP is recommended.*