The United States and Africa

Looking Toward the Next Decade

June 7, 2016

National Press Club
529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor
Washington, DC 20045
8:00 AM  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM  Welcome
Dr. David Chu, President, Institute for Defense Analyses
Dr. David Ellison, President, National Intelligence University
Mr. Terrance Ford, National Intelligence Manager/Africa

8:40 AM  Opening Remarks
Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs

9:10 AM  Panel Discussion – A Continent Evolving: African Megatrends
Moderator:  Ms. Amanda Dory, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs
Presenter:  Dr. Steven Radelet, Donald McHenry Chair in Global Human Development, Georgetown University
Respondents:  Mr. Judd Devermont, National Intelligence Officer for Africa
Mr. Howard W. French, Associate Professor, Columbia University School of Journalism
Dr. Amadou Sy, Director, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings

General Discussion
The United States and Africa – Looking Toward the Next Decade

10:45 AM  
Break

11:00 AM  
Panel Discussion – Africa’s Evolving Partnerships
Moderator:  
**Dr. Kris Inman**, Director, Africa Research Initiative, National Intelligence University

Panelists:  
**Ambassador (ret.) Ebrahim Rasool**, former South African Ambassador to the United States and Distinguished Scholar in Residence, Georgetown University

**Ambassador (ret.) David Shinn**, Professorial Lecturer, The George Washington University

**Ms. Yun Sun**, Senior Associate, Stimson Center

**Dr. Paul Williams**, Associate Professor, The George Washington University

General Discussion

12:30 PM  
Luncheon

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Jeffrey Herbst**, President and CEO, The Newseum

General Discussion
The United States and Africa – Looking Toward the Next Decade

2:15 PM  
Panel Discussion – Opportunities and Challenges for the U.S. in Africa in the Coming Decade

Moderator:  
Ambassador (ret.) George F. Ward, Institute for Defense Analyses

Panelists:  
Ms. Jennifer Cooke, Director, Africa Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies
Ambassador (ret.) Michelle Gavin, Managing Director, The Africa Center
Dr. Raymond Gilpin, Academic Dean, Africa Center for Strategic Studies
Dr. J. Peter Pham, Director, Africa Center, Atlantic Council

General Discussion

4:00 PM  
Closing Summary and Comments
Ambassador (ret.) Johnnie Carson, Senior Advisor, United States Institute of Peace

4:30 PM  
Symposium Concludes