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The United States has a compelling national security interest in promoting stability in select fragile and conflict-affected states. The complex AFRICOM operating environment requires a U.S. government response coupled with non-governmental and international partners supported by the affected nations to achieve national goals. Numerous reports reveal persistent gaps in several critical areas: civilian capacity; interagency education; planning and collaboration; cross-organizational understanding of roles and responsibilities; unified assessments and shared understanding; adequate statutory authorities; and funding.

Ten years ago, AFRICOM was purposefully designed to enhance interagency collaboration, while ensuring the efficacy of a whole-of-government approach toward addressing complex challenges in Africa. Many African nations present impending conflict environments necessitating P&SO planning strategies and programs.

0830–0900 **Registration and Reception**

0900–0940 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

SPEAKER:

COL Gregory P. Dewitt, USA

*Director, Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute,
U.S. Army War College*

SPEAKER:

GEN Carter F. Ham, USA Ret.

*President & CEO, Association of the United States Army
Former Commanding General, United States Africa Command*

0940–1010 **Keynote**

SPEAKER:

Dr. Sarah Sewall

*Speyer Family Foundation Distinguished Scholar,
Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Arts*

1010–1030 **Break**

1030–1200 **Panel Session – Translating Strategic Initiative Into Operational Planning and Implementation**

CHAIR:

William J. Flavin

*Assistant Director, U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations
Institute, U.S. Army War College*

Education

PANELIST:

Dr. Richard Love

*Professor of Peace and Stability Operations, U.S. Army Peacekeeping
and Stability Operations Institute, U.S. Army War College*

- Resource Authorities
PANELIST: **COL Kevin Nash, USA**
Chief of Staff, Army Contracting Command
- Planning Framework
PANELIST: **Amanda J. Dory**
*Professor, National Defense University
Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Africa*
- Policy
PANELIST: **Mark Swayne**
*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Stability
and Humanitarian Affairs*
- 1200–1300 Lunch**
- 1300–1330 Keynote (VTC)**
SPEAKER: **Lt. Gen. James C. Vechery, USAF**
Deputy to the Commander for Military Operations, U.S. Africa Command
- 1330–1345 Break**
- 1345–1515 Panel Session – AFRICOM (Lake Chad Basin)**
CHAIR: **Beth Cole**
*Author and expert on civilian–military cooperation, stabilization and
countering violent extremism*
- PANELIST: **AMB Dan Mozena, Retired**
Senior Coordinator on Boko Haram, U.S. Department of State
- PANELIST: **GEN David M. Rodriguez, USA Ret.**
Former Commanding General, U.S. Africa Command
- PANELIST: **Chris Runyan**
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator of the USAID Bureau for Africa
- PANELIST: **Alexis Smallridge**
Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Africa
- 1515–1530 Break**
- 1530–1630 Panel Session – U.S. Interests in Africa:
The Next Ten Years**
CHAIR: **COL Ken Adgie**
Deputy Commandant, U.S. Army War College
- PANELIST: **AMB Phillip Carter III, Retired**
Executive Vice President, Jefferson Waterman International
- PANELIST: **Kate Almquist Knopf**
Director, Africa Center for Strategic Studies
- 1630–1645 General question and answer session**
- Closing remarks**



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