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## **2009 U.S.-Africa Business Summit Program Addendum**

**Wednesday, September 30  
8:30 – 9:45 a.m.**

### **Plenary I Financing– Africa Looking Beyond the Global Financial Crisis**

**Speaker**

- Saki Macozoma, Chairman, Liberty Holdings

**Wednesday September 30  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### **Agribusiness I – Mechanisms and Opportunities for Agricultural Finance and Insurance**

**Speaker**

- Bernard Batonga, Chief Investment Officer, Global Agribusiness Department, International Finance Corporation

### **Agribusiness II – Strategies for Improving Farm Productivity in Africa**

**Speaker**

- Paul Guenette, Technical Managing Director, Agribusiness, ACDI/VOCA

### **Financing I – Rating the Risk and Building the Bond Market in Africa**

**Speaker**

- Debra von Koch, Assoc Dir. Gov't Debt Issuance & Mgmt. Technical Assistance, Treasury

### **Health I - Innovative Private Sector Health Care Financing and Delivery Models**

*Sponsored by Rockefeller Foundation*

**Speaker**

- Jerry Vilakazi, Chairman, Netcare, Limited

### **Infrastructure I - Infrastructure Development in North Africa**

*Sponsored by AECOM*

**Speakers**

- Ala Al Senusi, Managing Director of International Operations, Gulf Capital Partners

### **Infrastructure III - Enhancing Infrastructure for Aviation**

*Sponsored by Lockheed Martin*

#### **Speakers**

- Tom Callahan, Director of Strategic Planning for Readiness and Stability, Lockheed Martin
- Peter DeRobertis, Aero Hybrid Program, Lockheed Martin
- Richelieu Williams, Director General, Liberian Civil Aviation Authority

### **Infrastructure IV - Secure Identity Solutions: Strengthening Economic and Social Development**

*Sponsored by L-1 Identity Solutions*

#### **Speakers**

- Robert Haslam, Vice President, International Sales and Business Development, L-1 Identity Solutions
- Salomão Manhiça, Director, ICT policy Implementation Technical Unit, Mozambique
- Amama Mbabazi, Minister in Charge of Security, Republic of Uganda

### **Doing Business in Gauteng**

#### **Speakers**

- Firoz Cachalia, MEC for Economic Development, Gauteng Province

**Wednesday, September 30**

**1:00 – 2:15 p.m.**

### **Presidential Roundtable – An assessment of African Regional Integration**

#### **Moderator**

- Jack Modzelewski, President and Senior Partner, Fleishman-Hillard

#### **Speakers**

- Paul Kagame, President, Republic of Rwanda
- Fradique de Menezes, President, Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
- Jean Ping, Chairman, African Union Commission
- Brian Herlihy, CEO, SEACOM

**Wednesday September 30**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

### **Agribusiness III – Agribusiness Technology Innovation and People Investment for Sustained Economic Growth**

*Sponsored by Novus International, Inc.*

**Speakers**

- Christopher Knight, Vice President, Research & Development, Novus International, Inc.
- Allison Taguchi; Senior Advisor, Strategy and Development, African Women in Agricultural R&D (AWARD), Gender & Diversity Program, CGIAR

**Agribusiness VI - Aquaculture Industry in Africa: Positioned to Attract Investment**

*Sponsored by Novus International, Inc.*

**Speakers**

- Peter Amutemya, Director of Fishery Operations, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Namibia

**Finance IV – Africa’s Stock Exchanges – Unlocking Capital in the African Market**

*Sponsored by Pan African Capital Group*

**Speakers**

- Ashley Bendell, Associate Director - Equities, Exotix USA

**Infrastructure V - Doing Business with the Millennium Challenge Corporation**

*Sponsored by MCC*

**Speakers**

- Michael McEntire, Director, Program Procurement Policy, Millennium Challenge Corporation

**Infrastructure VI – Innovations in Planning and Financing Water Infrastructure in Africa**

*Sponsored by Tetra Tech*

**Speakers**

- John Wasielewski, Director, Office of Development Credit, Bureau of Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, USAID

**Infrastructure VII - Intra-continental Transportation: Bridges and Roads**

*Sponsored by Acrow Bridges*

**Speakers**

- Tanya Cole, Senior Commercial Officer, Advocacy Liaison Office, African Development Bank

**Infrastructure – Smart Power: How will this new US Foreign Policy approach affect Africa?**

*Sponsored by Northrop Grumman Technical Services*

This workshop will discuss how a new US foreign policy approach called "smart power" will affect Africa and US-Africa relations. Smart Power involves the strategic use of diplomacy, persuasion, capacity building, and the projection of power and influence in ways that are cost-effective and have political and social legitimacy. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton used the term during her confirmation hearings, in which she said, "We must use what has been called smart power -- the full range of tools at our disposal -- diplomatic, economic, military, political, legal, and cultural -- picking the right tool, or combination of tools, for each situation. With smart power, diplomacy will be the vanguard of foreign policy." Panelists will address how "smart power" will increase prospects for peace, security, prosperity and stability on the African continent. Panelists will discuss current examples of US "smart power" foreign policy in action in Africa and the difference it has and will make for economic growth, a stronger business climate and development prospects.

#### **Moderator**

- Jonathan Scharfen, Vice President of International Operations, Northrop Grumman Technical Services

#### **Speakers**

- Katherine Almquist, Former Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Africa, USAID
- Reuben Brigety, Director, Sustainable Security Program, Center for American Progress
- Louis Mazel, Director, Office of African Regional and Security Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Catherine Wiesner, Principal Director, Office of African Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

#### **Tourism II - Aviation Infrastructure and Regulatory Compliance**

#### **Speakers**

- Patrick Vassort, Citizengate

#### **Plenary III Health – Public Policy/Private Investment in African Healthcare: Barriers and Incentives**

#### **Speakers**

- Bob Emrey, Chief, Health Systems Division, USAID, Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition

#### **Plenary IV Power – Powering Africa's Development**

#### **Speakers**

- Robert Freling, Executive Director, Solar Electric Light Fund

**Thursday, October 1  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Finance V – Building Relationships to Improve Africa’s Access to Trade Finance**

*Sponsored by African Export-Import Bank*

**Speakers**

- Rod MacAlister, Managing Director, Africa Middle Market Fund

**Finance VI – Tax Implications of Investing in Africa**

*Sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers*

**Speakers**

- Komal Monhindra, International Financial Corporation

**Health VIII – Female Workforce, Reproductive Health, and HIV/AIDS: Imperatives, Barriers, and Opportunities for Private Sector’s Productivity**

*Sponsored by Extended Service Delivery Project and Ford Foundation*

**Speakers**

- Qaedani Mahlangu, MEC for Health and Social Development, Gauteng Province, Republic of South Africa

**Health IX – Management Training for Health: The Missing Link in Overcoming Human Resource Constraints**

**Speakers**

- Martha Okafor, Leadership Consultant, The Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Morehouse School of Medicine

**Infrastructure IX – Cutting-Edge Technologies for Burgeoning Economies**

*Sponsored by Lockheed Martin*

**Moderator**

- Lou Kratz, Vice President and Managing Director, Logistics and Sustainment, Lockheed Martin

**Speakers**

- Kenneth Aydt, Director, Technical Director and Chief Technology Officer, Readiness & Stability Operations Group, Lockheed Martin Information Systems and Global Services

**Infrastructure X - Pirates of the Gulfs: Port and Maritime Infrastructure and Security**

*Sponsored by Raytheon*

**Speakers**

- Joe Lee Frank, CEO, Frontier Markets Partners



- Phillip Heyl, President, The Heyl Group
- Timothy Josiah, Senior Director Global Homeland Security, Raytheon

**Infrastructure XII - Tipping the Balance of Power to Curb Violence against Women**

*Sponsored by SOC*

**Speakers**

- Ritu Sharma, Co-Founder and President, Women Thrive Worldwide
- Nancy Walker, Director, the Michael S. Ansari Africa Center of the Atlantic Council of the United States

**Power II – Fighting Climate Change through Energy Efficiency**

**Speakers**

- Alicia Collier, Director, Global Energy Policy, Honeywell Building Solutions

**Power III – Renewable Energy: Wind and Solar**

*Sponsored by GE*

**Speakers**

- Tom Butler, Principal Investment Officer, Infrastructure Department International Finance Corporation
- Benjamin Williams, Portfolio Manager, Solar & Hydrokinetic Power Generation, Lockheed Martin

**Power IV – Financing Independent Power Projects**

**Moderator**

- Mary Mervenne, Managing Director for Structured Finance, OPIC

**Speakers**

- Paulinas Shilamba, Managing Director, NamPower

**Tourism III - African Airlines Modernization**

*Sponsored by Boeing Company*

**Speakers**

- Antonio Luis Pimental Araujo, Chairman, TAAG Airlines
- Vera Kriel, Corporate Strategy & Business Planning, South African Airways

**Thursday, October 1  
2:00 – 3:15**

**Plenary VII Trade – Navigating Bilateral, Regional and Global Trade Agreements in Turbulent**



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**Moderator**

- Paul Ryberg, President, African Coalition for Trade, USA

**Speakers**

- Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa
- Ron Kirk, U.S. Trade Representative, USA
- Mary Nagu, Minister of Industry Trade and Marketing, Tanzania
- Hanna Tetteh, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana

**Thursday, October 1**

**4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Financing VIII – Supporting Infrastructure Investments in Africa**

**Speaker**

- Oliver Andrews, Chief Investment Officer, Africa Finance Corporation

**Health X – Digitizing Health Solutions: Using New Technologies to Solve Old Problems**

*Sponsored by Abbott Fund*

**Speaker**

- Joel Selanikio, Director, Datadyne.org, Assistant Professor, Georgetown University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

**Infrastructure XIII – Climate Change and Carbon Trading: Sustainable Solutions for Developing Economies**

*Sponsored by Tetra Tech*

**Speakers**

- Karan Capoor, Senior Financial Specialist, Climate Mitigation and Carbon Finance, The World Bank
- John Simon, Visiting Fellow, Center for Global Development

**Infrastructure XIV – Enhancing Community Stability in Africa**

*Sponsored by SOC*

**Speakers**

- William Fitzgerald, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Michelle Gavin, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs, National Security Council, The White House

### **Infrastructure – Peace and Security in Africa**

*Sponsored by Northrop Grumman Technical Services*

This workshop will discuss the provision of training for peacekeepers across Africa. It will explore how these operations are working to bring peace and stability across the continent and enhance the ability of African troops to operate in hostile environments, during humanitarian disasters and conduct enforcement operations. Panelists will discuss how the United States government and its partners are providing training and peacekeeping solutions to sixteen African countries. Panelists will share how training peacekeepers in Africa has advanced economic, political and business interests in Africa.

#### **Moderator**

- Marisa Lino, Corporate Director, Federal Agencies, Northrop Grumman Corporation

#### **Speakers**

- Michael Bittrick , Deputy Director, Office of Regional and Security Affairs
- Africa Bureau, U.S. Department of State
- Michael Devlin, Director, International Programs , Northrop Grumman Information Technology
- Jeff McManus, Director for West Africa, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense
- Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President and Director, Global Health Policy Center, Center for Strategic and International Studies

### **Power V – Innovations in Power**

#### **Moderator**

- Vinod Shrivastava, President & CEO, CORE International, Inc

#### **Speakers**

- J.D. Best, Chairman, Kalahari Energy

### **Tourism VI – Interactive Marketing to Promote Tourism**

#### **Speakers**

- Frances Mendoza, Relations Manager, &Beyond

### **Tourism VII – Marketing Africa**

#### **Speaker**

- Gregg Truman, Vice President Marketing, South African Airways

**Thursday, October 1, 2009**

**4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Heads of State and Business Leaders Roundtable on Agribusiness Development (replaces  
*Agribusiness Roundtable with USAID*)**

**Speakers**

- Moeletsi Mbeki, Exec. Chairman, African Resources & Logistics Corporation

## PLENARY SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



**Bob Emrey**

**Chief, Health Systems Division**

**USAID, Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition**

Emrey is chief of the Health Systems Division in the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition, Bureau for Global Health, at USAID. He leads a team addressing issues in health financing, human resources, quality assurance, management of pharmaceuticals, and information systems for management, evaluation, and planning. Previously Emrey served as health management and finance advisor to USAID's Health Office, and was founding director of international programs for the Association of University Programs in Health Administration, Washington, D.C. Emrey began his public health career as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Occidental College, an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles, an MPH from University of California, Berkeley, and completed all coursework for a PhD (ABD) in public administration from University of California, Irvine.



**Allan Hegburg**

**Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Energy Policy**

**U.S. Department of Energy**

Alan Hegburg is a deputy assistant secretary for international energy policy in the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) office of policy and international affairs. His policy and management responsibilities cover international energy issues in the Middle East, Russia and the Caspian, and Africa, as well as functional areas such as energy security and markets. Hegburg spent 17 years in management positions in three international, integrated oil companies. He represented one company on the Council on Foreign Relations Middle East Task Force. In addition he served 17 years in the public sector, including service in the U.S. Navy as well as management positions in the U.S. Departments of Energy and U.S. Departments of State, the latter as a career diplomat. Most recently he was affiliated with The Scowcroft Group and the Center for Strategic and International Studies where he provided oil and gas consulting services. He taught graduate energy courses at The George Washington University and at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. He is a graduate from the University of Illinois and earned a master's degree from the Johns Hopkins University' School of Advanced International Studies.



**Robert D. Hormats**  
**Undersecretary for Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs**  
**U.S. Department of State**

Robert Hormats was sworn in as under secretary for economic, energy and agricultural affairs September 23, 2009. As under secretary, he leads the department on issues ranging from trade, energy, and aviation to bilateral relations with America's economic partners. Prior to becoming under secretary, Hormats was the vice chairman of Goldman Sachs (International). Hormats served as assistant secretary of state for economic and business affairs from 1981 to 1982, ambassador and deputy U.S. trade representative from 1979 to 1981, and senior deputy assistant secretary for economic and business affairs at the U.S. Department of State from 1977 to 1979. He served as a senior staff member for international economic affairs on the National Security Council from 1969 to 1977, where he was senior economic advisor to Henry Kissinger, Brent Scowcroft, and Zbigniew Brzezinski. Hormats was also a recipient of the French Legion of Honor in 1982 and the Arthur Fleming Award in 1974. Hormats has been a visiting lecturer at Princeton University and currently is a member of the board of visitors of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Tufts University and a master's degree and a PhD in international economics from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.



**Eunice Kazembe**  
**Minister of Industry and Trade**  
**Republic of Malawi**

Eunice Kazembe is currently serving as the minister of industry and trade for the Republic of Malawi. Kazembe is also a member of parliament representing Chiradzulu South. She recently served as chief advisor to the President on urban and rural development. Her previous positions include minister of trade and private sector development; minister of energy, mines and natural resources; ambassador to the Republic of China; and chairperson of the Malawi Development Corporation. Kazembe earned an MBA from Indiana University, and bachelor's degree in commerce from Carleton University, Ottawa. She is a trustee and co-founder of Chisomo Children's Club.



**Fradique de Menezes**  
**President**  
**Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe**

Fradique de Menezes was elected President of Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe in July 2001, and assumed office on September 3, 2001, after renouncing his Portuguese citizenship. Earlier, he had a successful business career as a cocoa exporter, and had also served as foreign minister of Sao Tome and Principe from 1986-1987. On July 16, 2003 while he was visiting Nigeria, de Menezes was ousted by a military coup, but restored to power on July 23, 2003, following an agreement facilitated by the Nigerian government. De Menezes was re-elected with 60 percent of the vote on July 30, 2006 defeating Patrice Trovoada, Democratic Action party candidate, who became prime minister in a power sharing agreement.

Sao Tomean security forces successfully disrupted a coup attempt in February 2009.



**Jack Modzelewski**  
**President & Senior Partner**  
**Fleishman-Hillard**

Jack Modzelewski previously served as president and chief operating officer of Fleishman-Hillard's operations in Europe and South Africa, and brings 20 years of experience working in public relations and communications. Modzelewski manages all client relations for Fleishman-Hillard, a strategic role created by the firm to lead and support the client relationship managers who lead the agency's major client account teams. He also serves on the Fleishman-Hillard Senior Management Committee and has responsibility for the firm's overall business development efforts. Prior to his current position, Modzelewski was the London-based president and chief operating officer of Fleishman-Hillard's operations in Europe and South Africa. He joined the firm in 1990 and opened its Chicago office, which he managed until 1999. Modzelewski has more than 20 years of experience in counseling clients on corporate and financial communications, mergers and organizational restructurings, crisis prevention and management, speaker training, issues management, strategic business media placement, stakeholder outreach and dialogue, and community relations.



**Emeka Nwankwo**  
**President and CEO**  
**Vertical Optimization**

Emeka Nwankwo is the president and CEO of Vertical Optimization as well as founder and managing partner of Export Path, a multinational public-private partnership. He has led private and community-based water resource development projects; university student housing development; refugee housing development; design and development of manufacturing plants for agro-processing; and planning of a nationwide telecommunication. Previously, he worked in the research and development division of the DuPont Company. He worked on a number of technology development projects including development of new fibers for advanced application; development of instruments for rheological characterization of polymeric flows; and characterization of thin film sensors for commercial application. Nwankwo earned a PhD in chemical engineering from Columbia University and a master's degree in community development from the Judge Business School at the University of Cambridge.



**Jean Ping**  
**Chairman**  
**African Union Commission**

Jean Ping was elected chairman of the African Union Commission on February 1, 2008, and assumed office on April 28, 2008. Previously, he served as foreign minister of the Gabonese Republic from 1999 to 2008. As foreign minister of the Gabonese Republic, he was selected to be president of the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly in 2004. He began his professional career at UNESCO in 1972, and subsequently



became Gabon's permanent delegate to UNESCO where he served until 1984. He then served as director of the civil cabinet of the president of Gabon from 1984-1990. From that post, he advanced through several cabinet level assignments before becoming minister of planning, the environment and tourism in January 1997, where he served two years before becoming foreign minister of Gabon. He was elected to the National Assembly of Gabon in elections in 1996, 2001, and 2006.



**Jennifer Riria**  
**CEO**

**Kenya Women Finance Trust**

Jennifer Riria is the CEO of Kenya Women Finance Trust, the largest microfinance institution working with over 200,000 clients. Riria earned a PhD, and is considered a specialist in microfinance. She has spent all her adult life in building and contributing to systems that empower the majority; and in particular women's empowerment and development. Riria is a public figure known for her effective leadership, nationally and internationally in the microfinance sector. Riria currently serves on the board of Women's World Banking and National Bank. She founder and serves on the board of Jitegemee Trust, a second tier microfinance institution. Riria is the first woman board member of the Nairobi Stock Exchange and has been the chair of the Post Office Savings Bank for four years. Riria is currently serving on the operations committee of Kenya Vision 2030.



**Kah Walla**  
**Managing Director**  
**STRATEGIES!**

Kah Walla is Managing Director of STRATEGIES!, an international management and marketing consulting firm based in Douala, Cameroon. Walla created STRATEGIES! 13 years ago and has since built the company into an African consulting firm competing in markets throughout the continent and in Europe. As a woman-owned and operated firm, STRATEGIES! is known for policies that promote and develop professional women consultants and for its work as a strong advocate for women's entrepreneurship and development. Through her position as a city council member as well as a respected entrepreneur, Walla is spearheading a campaign for better access to justice for women market traders in Sandaga, Douala's largest produce market and one of the largest in West Africa. She is currently involved with "AMA" Cameroon Market Women Project and has been instrumental in starting Cameroon Women in Business and Management, a hub of Vital Voices Africa Businesswomen's Network program.



## WORKSHOP SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

### **Katherine Almquist**

#### **Former Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Africa**

#### **U.S. Agency for International Development**

Katherine Almquist served as assistant administrator for the Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) from May 2007 to January 2009. She led and directed the largest regional bureau in the U.S. government's primary foreign assistance agency, comprising more than 2,000 staff in 26 bilateral and regional missions and headquarters. The Africa Bureau manages more than \$5 billion annually of development, reconstruction, and humanitarian assistance to 48 sub-Saharan African countries. Almquist now advises and consults on a range of international matters including foreign assistance, conflict management, peacebuilding, and African affairs. Almquist has also formally served as the USAID/Sudan mission director, the United States representative to the Assessment and Evaluation Commission, the deputy assistant administrator of USAID's Bureau for Africa, and the special assistant and senior policy advisor to the USAID Administrator. She earned a master's and bachelor's degrees from Johns Hopkins University.

### **Ala Al Senusi**

#### **Managing Director of International Operations**

#### **Gulf Capital Partners**

Ala Al Senusi is the managing director of international operations for Gulf Capital Partners. Al Senusi has particular expertise in investment banking and oil and gas sectors and has worked on multi-national transactions his entire professional career. Al Senusi has held several positions, starting with an advisor to the United Arab Emirates mission to the United Nations in New York. Al Senusi formed an advisory company to assist several Fortune 500 corporations in the Gulf Cooperation Council. In 1992, Al Senusi founded a chain of retail outlets focused on the Washington, D.C. market with backing from a prominent Kuwaiti investor. In 2002, Al Senusi joined Washington Investment Partners, a boutique merchant bank based in Washington, D.C.

### **Richard Andersen**

#### **Partner**

#### **Patton Boggs**

Richard Andersen is a partner in the New York office of Patton Boggs, where he heads the tax practice. He counsels U.S. enterprises on their global investment activities, including the establishment of businesses abroad, financing, technology transfers, and similar tax issues. He is active in the field of representing overseas governments, which includes the negotiation of tax agreements with the United States. Andersen teaches tax law at New York University and has written numerous articles on tax matters and treatises covering the foreign tax credit, investment in U.S. real estate and the U.S. income tax treaty network. He has been profiled in Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers, Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers, Who's Who in American Law, and Who's Who in the World.

**Sam Beukes**

**Managing Director**

**National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia**

Sam Beukes is the managing director of the National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia (NAMCOR). Beukes was a member of the steering committee for the Kudu Gas Field Development, and he was involved in developing the National Energy Fund bill. He was also responsible for setting up NAMCOR's downstream department. Beukes is a trustee of Petrofund, a member of the board of governors of the Namibia Oil Industry Association as well as member of the National Energy Council. Beukes earned an MBA from the University of Stellenbosch.

**Michael Bittrick**

**Deputy Director, Office of Regional and Security Affairs, Africa Bureau**

**U.S. Department of State**

Michael Bittrick has served as deputy director of Security Affairs for the office of regional and security affairs in the Africa bureau of the U.S. Department of State since late 2002. In this role, his work has focused on the issues of U.S. regional security policy toward Africa; conflict management; security sector reform; maritime security; peacekeeping operations; disarmament, demobilization and reintegration and post conflict activities, humanitarian programs and operations; program and contract planning and oversight; budget justification for security assistance programs in Africa; and assisting with ongoing conflict resolution efforts in several countries in sub-Saharan Africa. His previous positions include: military advisor on the Africa Bureau; defense attaché on the U.S. Embassy in Luanda, Angola; battalion executive officer and brigade operations officer in 501st Military Intelligence Brigade; and country director for Central Africa and Somalia/Rwanda for the office of the secretary of defense in Washington D.C.

**Reuben Brigety**

**Director, Sustainable Security Program**

**Center for American Progress**

Reuben Brigety is director of the sustainable security program at the Center for American Progress. Brigety's work focuses on the role of development assistance in U.S. foreign policy, U.S. national security, human rights, and humanitarian affairs. From 2007 to 2008, he served as a special assistant in the bureau for democracy, conflict, and humanitarian assistance at the U.S. Agency for International Development. Between 2003 and 2008, he held appointments as an assistant professor of international affairs at American University's School of International Service and George Mason University's Department of Public and International Affairs. Brigety was a researcher with the arms division of Human Rights Watch (HRW), and served on HRW's research missions in Afghanistan in March 2002 and in Iraq in April and May of 2003. He also served as HRW's coordinator for crisis management during the Iraq war and as an HRW delegate to the convention on Conventional Weapons Negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Bradley Buck**

**Director, Business and Practice Expansion**

**Land O'Lakes**

Bradley Buck is a program management and agricultural value chain development professional. From 1997 until 2008, Buck designing and managing programs that increase agricultural

productivity, food security, and agribusiness competitiveness in East Africa. He served for five years as chief of party for Land O'Lakes international development on a U.S. Agency International Development funded dairy value chain development program in Uganda. In 2005, Buck assumed the role of deputy regional director for Land O'Lakes international development based in Nairobi, Kenya. In this role, he provided management and technical support to agricultural and livestock development projects in 14 countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Tanya Cole**

**Senior Commercial Officer, Advocacy Liaison Office**

**African Development Bank**

Tanya Cole joined the U.S. Commercial Service in 2006 as a foreign service officer after more than 20 years of experience in the private sector working on engineering and environmental infrastructure projects in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the United States. Cole served as environmental engineering expert for the French Development Agency, USAID and the World Bank for water treatment, transportation, roads and waste management projects. Currently Cole is the senior commercial officer liaison to the African Development Bank (AfDB) for the U.S. Commercial Service, Office of the U.S. Executive Director. Cole assists U.S. companies to do business with the AfDB. Prior to this position, Cole served as commercial attaché at the U.S. Embassy Bogota Colombia where she managed portfolios for ports and infrastructure, education, tourism, and commercial FMA acquisitions. Cole currently serves as the U.S. commercial service representative for the RBS sustainable biofuel standards initiative.

**Jennifer Cooke**

**Director, Africa Program**

**Center for Strategic and International Studies**

Jennifer Cooke is director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Africa program. She works on a range of U.S.-Africa policy issues, including security, health, conflict, and democratization. She has written numerous reports, articles, and commentary for a range of U.S. and international publications. With J. Stephen Morrison, she is coeditor of U.S. Africa Policy beyond the Bush Administration: Critical Challenges for the Obama Administration, as well as a previous volume Africa Policy in the Clinton Years: Critical Choices for the Bush Administration. Previously, she worked for the House foreign affairs subcommittee on Africa, as well as for the National Academy of Sciences with its office of news and public information and its committee on human rights. She earned a master's degree in African studies and international economics from Johns Hopkins and a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard University.

**B. Gerard Dages**

**Senior Vice President of Emerging Markets and International Affairs**

**Federal Reserve Bank New York**

B. Gerard Dages is a senior vice president in the emerging markets and international affairs group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Dages joined the Federal Reserve Bank in 1988 in the multinational banking department, and has held positions in the domestic and international surveillance and review departments, with responsibility for off-site analysis of domestic and foreign banks. In December 1995, he was assigned to emerging markets and international affairs group where he manages the financial markets and institutions function,

responsible for analysis of financial sector developments and issues in emerging markets. Dages has co-authored several research publications on the implications of foreign bank participation in emerging market financial systems. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and an MPA from Princeton University.

**Gilles de Vinemont**  
**Director, International Tax Services**  
**PricewaterhouseCoopers**

Gilles de Vinemont is a director practicing in the area of international tax. He is the leader of the African tax desk, part of PricewaterhouseCoopers's foreign tax desks program. He has been with the Firm for 13 years, including four years in the Cameroon/Chad office, and more recently, three years in the Gabon office. De Vinemont is both an African and a French tax specialist. De Vinemont's key area of expertise is in creating solutions for groups investing in Africa including tax efficient holding and financing company structures, tax efficient profit, cash repatriation techniques, and mergers and acquisitions.

**Michael Devlin**  
**Director, International Programs**  
**Northrop Grumman Information Technology Services**

Michael Devlin is the director of international programs within the training and simulation business unit of Northrop Grumman Technical Services. Devlin is currently responsible for the ACOTA program, the global peace operations initiative of the global outreach program, USEUCOM regional joint intelligence training facility, U.S. Air Force, Europe geo base, and two programs within the U.S. Army combined arms center. Devlin has more than 40 years experience in military operations and training. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and retired as a lieutenant colonel prior to his employment with Northrop Grumman Corporation. At Northrop Grumman Corporation, Devlin has served as a military analyst for the Battle Command Training Program, a program manager for an exercise program for the U.S. Army War College, and the program manager for the African crisis response initiative program.

**Jean-Louis Ekra**  
**Chairman and President**  
**African Export-Import Bank**

Jean-Louis Ekra is the current chairman and president of the Africa Export-Import Bank. Ekra earned an MBA from the New York University's Stern School of Business and has extensive international banking experience. He held many senior positions at Citibank including vice president in charge of international financial institutions. He also served as the managing director of the post office of Côte d'Ivoire before joining the Africa Export-Import Bank as executive vice president in 1996. He was appointed senior executive vice president of the Africa Export-Import Bank in December 2003; a position he held until his appointment as president in March 2005.

**Mark Feinberg**  
**Vice President of Medical Affairs and Policy, Merck Vaccines & Infectious Diseases**  
**Merck and Company**

Mark Feinberg is vice president for policy, public health, and medical affairs in the Merck Vaccine Division of Merck and Company. Feinberg has served as professor of medicine and microbiology and immunology at Emory University School of Medicine and as an investigator at the Emory Vaccine Center. Feinberg founded and served as the medical director of the Hope Clinic, a clinical research facility devoted to the clinical evaluation of novel vaccines and translational research studies of human immune system biology. Feinberg also served as a medical officer in the office of AIDS research in the office of the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and chaired the NIH coordinating committee on AIDS etiology and pathogenesis research. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his MD and PhD from Stanford University School of Medicine.

**William Fitzgerald**

**Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs**

**U.S. Department of State**

William Fitzgerald serves as deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of African Affairs. He oversees policy and operations at all U.S. missions in West Africa and supervises the work of the Bureau's economic policy office. Previously, Fitzgerald served as a deputy assistant secretary in the bureau of population, refugees and migration. Fitzgerald was deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Kampala, Uganda. During his final year, he served as chargé d'affaires during the controversial 2006 elections. Fitzgerald has also served at other African posts including Togo, Mali, and Zambia as well as tours in Mexico and Ecuador. Fitzgerald also worked in the bureau of political-military affairs in Washington, D.C., where he worked on African security policy.

**Michelle Gavin**

**Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs**

**National Security Council**

**The White House**

Michelle Gavin is currently serving as special assistant to President Obama and senior director for African affairs at the National Security Council. Gavin was an adjunct fellow for Africa and an international affairs fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. At the Council, her research and writing focused on the political implications of Africa's youthful demographics as well as democracy and governance issues. Before joining the Council, Gavin served as legislative director to U.S. Senator Ken Salazar (D-CO). She had previously spent six years serving as the primary foreign policy adviser to Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI), where she worked on a broad range of initiatives, including the creation of the special inspector general for Iraq Reconstruction and the reform of U.S. policy relating to HIV/AIDS treatment abroad, among others. She has also served as the staff director of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Subcommittee on African Affairs.

**Hage Geingob**

**Minister of Trade and Industry**

**Republic of Namibia**

Hage Geingob was appointed minister of trade and industry in 2008 and is an elected member of parliament. He has worked as the chief representative for SWAPO in United States and the UN;

director for UN Institute for Namibia in Lusaka Zambia; and director of SWAPO election for the first democratic election in Namibia. He was also the chairperson of the Constituent Assembly, which drafted the Namibian constitution. On March 21, 1990 he was sworn-in as the first prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia and served in this capacity until 2002. Geingob served as the executive secretary of the Global Coalition for Africa until 2004, and in November 2007, he was elected vice president of the SWAPO Party. Geingob earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Fordham University, a master's degree from the University of New School for Social Research, and a PhD degree from Leeds University in the United Kingdom.

**Wayne Harms**

**Vice President**

**ExxonMobil Gas and Power Marketing Company**

After holding a variety of positions in ExxonMobil management, planning, engineering, and operations in the United States, Harms became executive director of ExxonMobil Energy, located in Hong Kong in 1997. He also served as director of China Light and Power Company and as director of Castle Peak Power Company. In 2000, he became president and general manager of ExxonMobil Qatar. He served as director of several companies including Qatargas, RasGas, Al Khaleej Gas Development, and ExxonMobil Research Qatar. In 2006, he returned to the United States as vice president of ExxonMobil Gas and Power marketing company in Houston, Texas. He assumed his current role in 2009. Harms is a board member of the Asia Society-Texas and a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, as well as a registered professional engineer.

**Phillip Heyl**

**President**

**The Heyl Group**

Phil Heyl is president of The Heyl Group, a security-consulting firm that builds sustainable capacity in coast guards and maritime forces in Africa and Latin America. He retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2009 as a captain, following a 32-year career. Most recently, he was the senior U.S. Coast Guard / Department of Homeland Security representative to U.S. Africa Command, which is responsible for Department of Defense activities on the continent of Africa. He played a key role in shaping the command's maritime strategy and engagements, focusing on the coastal and port security challenges confronting the diverse continent. He also served as commander and captain of the Port for Coast Guard Sector Key West. Additional assignments included serving at The White House, where he served as a director on the National Security Council, and an appointment as the 29<sup>th</sup> commandant of cadets at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

**Martin Holtmann**

**Head Microfinance, Global Financial Markets**

**International Finance Corporation**

Martin Holtmann heads the microfinance group in the global financial markets department at the International Finance Corporation (IFC). He was lead financial specialist at the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), where he managed CGAP's cooperation with commercial banks and its activities in the technology area. Holtmann started his career in commercial

banking with Deutsche Bank in Buenos Aires. He worked in management consulting at Monitor Company and then spent twelve years as program manager and later managing director of IPC, a firm specializing in microfinance consulting and management services for the ProCredit microfinance banks. From 1995 through 2001 he was the Moscow-based director of the EBRD Russia Small Business Fund, a program that has extended more than \$3 billion to MSMEs. Holtmann has been a faculty member of the Boulder Microfinance Training Program since 1996. He is the author of several publications on micro and small business finance and on the design of staff incentive schemes. He earned a bachelor's degree from the L.B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific, a master's degree in business economics from Trier University, and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University.

**Vicki Huddleston**

**Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa, Office of the Secretary of Defense  
U.S. Department of Defense**

Vicki Huddleston is the deputy assistant secretary for Africa in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She is a former deputy assistant secretary of state for Africa and a four time chief of United States Missions in Latin America and Africa. She was ambassador to Madagascar and Mali and acting ambassador in Ethiopia. She was chief of mission at the United States Interests Section in Havana and director and deputy director of Cuban affairs at the U.S. Department of State. She also served as visiting scholar at Brookings Institution. In Ethiopia, Huddleston advanced democracy by initiating a dialogue between the government and opposition parties, and was instrumental in formulating American policy toward Ethiopia and Somalia. In Mali, she advocated countering terrorist movements in the Sahara by helping isolated villagers build wells, schools, and clinics. In Madagascar, her environmental programs resulted in the establishment of Masuelo National Park. While deputy assistant secretary, she formulated policies that contributed to the peace settlement in Sierra Leone.

**Timothy Josiah**

**Senior Director Global Homeland Security  
Raytheon Company**

In 2002, Timothy Josiah joined as the senior director global homeland security of the Raytheon Company homeland security strategic business area. Josiah's homeland security focus is to provide integrated security solutions to national and international border, transportation, and energy issues. This includes maritime ports, passenger, oil, chemical, and other transportation facilities, as well as countermeasures to protect commercial airliners from the threat of shoulder-fired missiles. In the coast guard, Josiah rose to the rank of vice admiral before retiring. From 1996 to 2002, Josiah served as the chief of staff of the Coast Guard, commander of the eighth coast guard district, and commander of maritime security zone eight. Josiah earned a bachelor's degree from the Coast Guard Academy, a law degree from the University of Maryland, and graduated from the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Institute. He is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, and of the Bar of the District of Columbia court of appeals.

**Rene Kiamba**

**Manager, sub-Saharan Africa**



**Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies Contributions Fund**

Rene Kiamba manages the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies corporate contributions community support programs and initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa. His previous experience includes a number of positions in sales, marketing, and general management in soft drinks, agricultural chemicals, health and beauty products, alcoholic beverages, e-banking, security, and general consultancy. Kiamba earned a bachelor's degree, with honors, in French and economics from Nairobi University. Kiamba is past chairman of the Marketing Society of Kenya.

**Christopher Knight**

**Vice President of Research and Development**

**Novus International**

Christopher Knight is the vice president of research and development, responsible for biology, animal research, and expanding Novus International's technology development capability. He joined Novus International in 1991 when it was formed from the sale of Monsanto's nutrition chemicals division. From 1996-2001, Knight served as director of business development and led the evaluation, development, and commercialization of several new business projects including OASIS Hatchling Supplement and ADVENT Coccidiosis Control, an oral coccidiosis vaccine. He has been instrumental in expanding Novus International's poultry research efforts to include product development in swine, ruminants, aquaculture, and companion animal. He has also been active in the development and successful launch of ALIMET feed supplement for lactating dairy cattle. Knight earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Cornell University in 1975. He also earned a master's degree in 1977 and a doctorate in animal nutrition from Purdue University in 1981.

**Vera Kriel**

**Head of Corporate Strategy and Business Planning**

**South African Airways**

Vera Kriel is the head of corporate strategy and business planning at South African Airways (SAA). She led the SAA restructuring plan and facilitated the delivery of R2.5billion sustainable benefits by March 2009. For this she received the SACBW businesswoman of the year award for the Gauteng Province. Before joining SAA, she was a director at Simeka, a management and business service group. Kriel joined Simeka from Deloitte Consulting, during which she spent two years in the New York office. Kriel has 15 years of experience in strategy design and implementation. She was a part-time lecturer in total quality management and is an advocate of the High Court of South Africa with experience in labor and corporate law. She earned a BCom, LLB, and MCom in strategic and business management.

**Carrie LaCrosse**

**Office of Intellectual Property Enforcement**

**U.S. Department of State**

Carrie LaCrosse has specialized in African intellectual property rights issues for the U.S. Department of State's office of international intellectual property enforcement for the last three years. This office leads the U.S. Department of State's efforts to promote and protect American ideas and innovations around the world, and to advance understanding of the importance of intellectual property in development. As lead for Africa, LaCrosse has engaged in bilateral trade

dialogues, organized regional seminars, and participated in IPR-related technical assistance and training projects in East, West, and southern African nations. Her engagement on African IPR issues has varied from biodiversity management, technology transfer, and creative industry development to combating counterfeiting and piracy. LaCrosse earned a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

**Chris Larson**

**Director**

**UPS Government Solutions**

Chris Larson has more than 20 years experience in logistics and manufacturing operations. He has worked in many areas of the supply chain including manufacturing, warehousing, and transportation as well as developing logistics solutions to improve operational performance and reduces costs in the automotive, consumer products, pharmaceuticals, telecom, and defense sectors. Larson is currently supporting the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief program as part of the supply chain management system under the direction of the U.S. Agency for International Development. He is responsible for managing the global inventory of ARV and OI drugs. Larson earned a bachelor's degree in industrial and systems engineering from Ohio University and an MBA from Ohio State University.

**Marisa Lino**

**Corporate Director, Federal Agencies**

**Northrop Grumman Corporation**

Marisa Lino is director for federal agencies at Northrop Grumman Corporation. Lino began her career at the U.S. Department of State with overseas postings in Albania, Italy, Pakistan, Syria, Iraq, Tunisia, and Peru. She was the United States ambassador to Albania between 1996 and 1999. After retiring from the Foreign Service, she was director of the Bologna Center of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. She served as international affairs advisor to Secretary Michael Chertoff at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and later served as the assistant secretary for international affairs at U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She earned a master's degree in international affairs from The George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Portland State University. She received an honorary doctorate of international affairs from John Cabot University.

**Gloria Magombo**

**Energy Advisor**

**Southern Africa Global Competitiveness Hub**

Gloria Magombo has more than 20 years experience in the electricity supply industry in power plant operations and maintenance, planning, feasibility studies, and project management. She is energy advisor to the Southern Africa Global Competitiveness Hub (Trade Hub), a U.S. Agency for International Development funded project based in Botswana. Magombo is responsible for modern energy issues and works closely with the Regional Electricity Regulators Association to remove barriers to private investment in the region. She reviews regulatory frameworks and obstacles to regional power trade and works to develop common approaches to promote power sector investment. Before joining the Trade Hub, she was an executive commissioner responsible

for consumer services, economic and technical regulation with the Zimbabwe electricity regulatory commission. Magombo earned a mechanical engineering degree with an MBA from the University of Science and Technology in Zimbabwe. She is also a member of the Zimbabwe Institute of Engineers.

**Daniel Magoon**  
**Business Development Senior Manager**  
**Lockheed Martin Corporation**

Daniel Magoon is the business development director for Lockheed Martin's transportation solutions unit where he is responsible for the development of new business opportunities in civil aviation infrastructure. He has more than thirty years of experience focused on the civil aviation industry. He has worked on the development of air traffic control systems as an engineer and program manager. Magoon has worked on several large programs with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, as well as on multiple international programs. Magoon earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in electrical engineering.

**Qedani Mahlangu**  
**Ministers for Health and Social Development, Gauteng Province**  
**Republic of South Africa**

Qedani Mahlangu became as a member of parliament, serving as the Gauteng Province whip in the National Council of Provinces. Mahlangu was appointed to serve as a member of the audit commission overseeing the Office of the Auditor General from 2001 to 2004. She was appointed to the ANC elections secretariat in 2003 and she continues to coordinate sectoral work. She was appointed MEC for local government, with the additional responsibility of becoming provincial champion for gender issues. After the 2009 elections, she was appointed the minister for health and social development. She qualified as a teacher and studied for an advanced diploma in economics at the University of the Western Cape. Her interest in the field took her to a post-graduate diploma course with the London School of Economics and an economics program at Williams College in Massachusetts. She was recently awarded an honors degree in economics from University of the Western Cape.

**Salomão Manhica**  
**Director, ICT policy Implementation Technical Unit**  
**Republic of Mozambique**

Salomao Manhica is the director of ICT policy implementation technical unit for the Republic of Mozambique. He was responsible for the program development of the Government Electronic Network, which now connects more than 150 government institutions, at central, provincial, and district levels with more than e-mail accounts. Previously, he has held positions as the chairman of the board for the Mozambique National Institute for Communications, senior manager in charge of information technology and public affairs at UNDP Mozambique, and a lecturer and consultant for Eduardo Mondlane University.

**John Martin**  
**Senior Vice President**  
**Tetra Tech**

John Martin is a senior vice president at Tetra Tech, the country's premier water science and engineering firm. In this capacity, he is responsible for international business development and program management of several U.S. government environmental and infrastructure contracts, directing work in 18 countries. Martin has authored several professional publications on the subject of natural resources damage assessment associated with environmental contamination. He earned a bachelor's degree in natural resources economics from the University of Alaska.

**Nandi Mayathula-Khoza**

**Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Gauteng Province**

**Republic of South Africa**

Nandi Mayathula-Khoza was the mayoral committee member for community development and the speaker of the council between 2000 and 2009 before she was appointed by the premier as the MEC for agriculture and rural development. In 1994, Mayathula-Khoza was deployed by the ANC as a municipal councilor and in 1997 became mayor of Soweto. She is a member the ANC Women's League as well as sitting on the boards of: Valued Citizens, Multiparty Women's Caucus, and Rand Water. A qualified teacher by profession, she earned her bachelor's degree in Swaziland. She also has development management certificate from The University of the Witwatersrand.

**Louis Mazel**

**Director, Office of African Regional and Security Affairs**

**U.S. Department of State**

Louis Mazel joined the U.S. Department of State in 1984. He has spent most of his career in Africa having served in Mali, Togo, Namibia, Ethiopia, South Africa, and most recently as deputy chief of mission in Liberia. He has also served tours in Martinique, in the French West Indies, and in Malaysia. In his current position as director of the office of African regional and security affairs, Mazel oversees the U.S. Department of State's programs in Africa in the areas of peacekeeping training and support, and security sector reform. His office also handles the U.S. mission to the African Union and regional issues in the areas of human rights, democratization, trafficking in persons, and counter-piracy. Mazel earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Stony Brook University and earned a master's degree in communications from Boston University.

**Amama Mbabazi**

**Minister of Security**

**Republic of Uganda**

Amama Mbabazi is the security minister for the Republic of Uganda as well as the secretary general for the ruling NRM party. Mbabazi previously held the portfolios of minister of state in the president's office, in-charge of political affairs, minister state for defense from 1986-1992, minister of state for foreign affairs in charge of regional cooperation, attorney general and minister of defense. Mbabazi represented Uganda on many international bodies including the UN General Assembly.

**Michael McEntire**

**Director, Program Procurement Policy**

### **Millennium Challenge Corporation**

Michael McEntire is director of program procurement policy at the Millennium Challenge Corporation. He oversees the development and implementation of program related procurement policy and procedures and monitors the execution of program procurements during compact implementation. McEntire also served for more than 23 years with the U.S. Air Force, both as a civil servant and a military officer. His assignments included more than 15 years of procurement related duties as a contracting officer in system program offices responsible for development and fielding of command and control systems; in contracting policy, inspection, in force development for Air Force Materiel Command; and on the staff of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition.

### **Tom McDonald**

#### **Equity Partner**

#### **Baker & Hostetler**

Tom McDonald is an Equity Partner in the government policy practice group and heads this practice area for the firm. McDonald concentrates his practice on governmental policy, as well as international law and arbitration. He also handles regulatory matters involving the U.S. Department of Treasury and U.S. Department of Justice including FCPA and OFAC issues. McDonald has a particular understanding of legal, political, and economic issues of Africa, Asia, including South Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. He has more than 25 years of experience representing multinational corporations, manufacturers, major South African and Japanese companies, banks, mutual fund companies, insurance companies, and trade associations. McDonald served as U.S. ambassador to Zimbabwe from 1997-2001. McDonald is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Council of American Ambassadors, and the Maryland governor's International Advisory Council. He is also a member of the board of directors of The Corporate Council on Africa.

### **Jerry McGinn**

#### **Corporate Director for Policy and Program Integration**

#### **Northrop Grumman Corporation**

John McGinn serves as the corporate director for policy and program integration at Northrop Grumman Corporation. He is in charge of conducting analysis of trends in U.S. and international national security policy and strategy to support Northrop Grumman business development and government relations priorities. He is also responsible for leading Northrop Grumman activities to support closer U.S.-UK defense cooperation. McGinn graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with a bachelor's degree in European history. He earned a master's degree in foreign service, a master's degree in history and completed his PhD in history at Georgetown University.

### **Jeff McManus**

#### **Director for West Africa**

#### **Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense**

Jeff McManus is the Regional Director for Sahel and Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans-Sahara (OEF-TS) Defense Policy in the Office of African Affairs, located under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. In this capacity, he develops,

recommends, integrates, and oversees the execution of current and future defense policies, strategies, and programs that support U.S. national security interests in Africa, focusing specifically on the trans-Sahel region, including the countries of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal. His education includes: a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and a master's degree in diplomacy and military science from Norwich University.

**Frances Mendoza**  
**Relations Manager**  
**&Beyond**

Frances Mendoza has explored the world of interactive marketing and its application in the travel industry for the past twelve years, since the very beginning of full internet connectivity in Africa. Mendoza's first experience of creating websites was in 1997, and she was also part of the team that launched the first website for the Southern Sun Hotel group in 2001. The following year Mendoza joined &Beyond, previously CCAfrica, and has guided the company's digital strategy through numerous technological developments, growing its online reach and conversion substantially. She has applied her knowledge of usability and information structure in the creation of [www.andBeyond.com](http://www.andBeyond.com), which was nominated for the Webby award in the travel category. The website subsequently received a Webby honoree award for best use of photography and a nomination for the Loeries, the most prestigious South African advertising award.

**Nandan Mer**  
**CEO—International**  
**United Bank for Africa**

Nandan Mer joined United Bank for Africa (UBA) 18 months ago as CEO—International, responsible for UBA's businesses in the United States, Cayman, United Kingdom, France, and soon in United Arab Emirates and China. UBA's international businesses are focused on providing trade finance and capital markets solutions to its institutional clients. Prior to joining UBA, Mer spent 20 years at Citigroup, in various roles, including CEO of Citigroup's businesses in the United Kingdom, Russia, Israel, Czech Republic, and India. Mer earned an MBA in finance from the University of Massachusetts and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Delhi.

**James Mwangi**  
**CEO**  
**Equity Bank**

James Mwangi is currently the CEO and managing director of Equity Bank, an inclusive, profitable, and sustainable institution serving the unbanked population in East Africa. In 2008, he was appointed to represent Africa in the presidency of the Global Economic Network. He also serves as an advisor to the United Nations environmental program on commercialization of microfinance in Africa and is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative. He serves as a council member of Business Alliance Against Chronic Hunger, a project of the World Economic Forum. Mwangi was a joint winner of the 2007 Global Vision Award alongside Nobel laureate Mohammed Yunus during the 2007 Vision Summit. The bank has become the largest and most

capitalized in the region with over 3.6 million customers and home to 50 percent of all bank accounts. Under Mwangi's leadership, Equity Bank has extended its services to all regions in Kenya and launched full operations in Uganda and southern Sudan.

**Stefan Nalletamby**

**Coordinator of the Making Finance Work for Africa  
African Development Bank**

Stefan Nalletamby is the coordinator of the Making Finance Work for Africa (MFW4A) partnership. He has also spent ten years in the finance complex of the African Development Bank (AfDB). During his tenure as advisor to the vice president of finance from October 2007 to June 2008, he designed and launched the African Financial Market Initiative. Before joining the AfDB, he spent 9 years in the U.S. Department of the Treasury, most recently as group treasurer and twelve years in the international capital markets as a bond trader and head of bond trading and sales with BNP Paribas in Paris, Tokyo, and Madrid. Nalletamby earned a master's degree in applied development studies from Reading University, a maîtrise des sciences de gestion from Université Paris IX Dauphine, France and an MBA in international finance from Thunderbird, Graduate School of International Management.

**Mary Nagu**

**Minister of Industry, Trade, and Marketing  
United Republic of Tanzania**

Mary Nagu has been actively pursuing various economic partnerships emphasizing sustainable business development in Tanzania and throughout East Africa. She seeks to develop regional and international cooperation to develop key sectors of Tanzania's economy improving the country's productivity and export potential. Nagu has worked closely with U.S. companies and trade representatives leading discussions on trade integration and U.S.-Africa business relations. She also served as minister of justice and constitutional affairs advocating equal constitutional representation to ensure basic rights such as widows' inheritance and women's economic empowerment.

**Martha Okafor**

**Leadership Consultant, The Satcher Health Leadership Institute  
Morehouse School of Medicine**

Martha Okafor is CEO of Community Health And Human Services and a leadership consultant at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at the Morehouse School of Medicine. She consults for several federal agencies and universities and currently leads a pilot project in the Federal Republic of Nigeria focused on retaining talent and human resource capacity building. Okafor has functioned as the state deputy commissioner equivalent as Georgia state deputy health officer. She has served on a number of notable professional committees, and was one of the 25 National Visionary Leaders on Health invited to participate in developing a national plan agenda for addressing health equities in the United States for the Department of Health and Human Services under President Obama. Okafor received her doctorate degree in multi-disciplinary studies of medical anthropology, health care management, and social sciences from the University of Connecticut.



**Russell Pollard**

**Legal Counsel for East and West Africa**

**Colgate-Palmolive Company**

Russell Pollard is Colgate-Palmolive's general counsel for East and West Africa and has the additional responsibility for the legal function in southern Africa. He has been employed by Colgate-Palmolive in the African legal function for more than 20 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in law and is admitted as a barrister in several southern African countries. One of his key practice areas is IP protection an emphasis on anti-counterfeit activities across sub-Saharan Africa.

**Dilip Ratha**

**Lead Economist DECPG**

**The World Bank**

Dilip Ratha currently works as an economist at The World Bank. His research reflects a deep interest in financing development in the poor countries: leveraging remittances and migration for development; improving country risk ratings; innovative financing mechanisms; future-flow securitization and Diaspora bonds; the rise of South-South foreign direct investment; and the catalyzing effects of official flows on private flows to developing countries. He also has worked as a regional economist for Asia at Credit Agricole Indosuez; as an assistant professor of economics at the Indian Institute of Management; and as an economist at the Policy Group in New Delhi. He earned a PhD in economics from the Indian Statistical Institute where he also worked as a visiting lecturer and helped build a CGE model of the Indian economy.

**Harold Rosen**

**Executive Director**

**Grassroots Business Fund**

Harold Rosen is the executive director of Grassroots Business Fund (GBF). In May 2004, Rosen founded Grassroots Business Initiative (GBI), which he managed until 2008, when it was restructured and spun off to become the GBF. He served as an investment officer in International Finance Corporation's (IFC) Latin America and Africa departments; as manager for IFC financial planning and policy; as a member of the task force that started The World Bank Group's operations in the former Soviet Union; as manager of IFC's Asia department; and as director of IFC's central and southern European department. He has both funded and managed large IFC investment portfolios and has played a major role in starting IFC's microfinance and SME activities. In March 2000, Rosen created and served as director of the SME department, a joint IFC/World Bank department. He earned an MBA from Harvard University Business School, as well as bachelor's and master's degrees in regional science from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Jonathan Scharfen**

**Vice President of International Operations**

**Northrop Grumman Technical Services**

Jonathan Scharfen has executive responsibility for all international activities related to identification, qualification, and pursuit and capture of key market opportunities for international operations. His focus includes growing the company's international business in providing

infrastructure management, training, life cycle support, and sustainment services to customers and militaries around the world. Most recently, Scharfen served as the acting director of U.S. citizenship and immigration services in the Department of Homeland Security, where he managed an extensive government operation at state, national, and international levels. Scharfen also served as chief counsel of the house international relations committee in the United States Congress and on the National Security Council staff for three presidents. He began his career as a Marine Corps infantry officer and served on active duty for 25 years.

**Joel Selanikio**

**Director, DataDyne.org**

**Assistant Professor, Georgetown University Department of Pediatrics**

Joel Selanikio is a practicing pediatrician, a former Wall Street computer consultant, and a former Center for Disease Control epidemiologist with a passion for combining ICT and public health to address inequities in developing countries. He leads DataDyne.org's efforts to develop and promote new technologies for international development, including the EpiSurveyor mobile data collection project. A winner in 2009 of the \$100,000 Lemelson-MIT award for sustainability and the Wall Street Journal Technology Innovation award for healthcare IT, Selanikio's work has been reported on by The Economist, The Wall Street Journal, the BBC, and the Washington Post.

**Ala Al Senusi**

**Managing Director of International Operations**

**Gulf Capital Partners**

Al Senusi is the managing director of International Operations for Gulf Capital Partners. Al Senusi has an extensive network of high-level contacts in the MENA region. Al Senusi has particular expertise in investment banking and oil and gas sectors and has worked on multi-national transactions his entire professional career. Since 1980, Al Senusi has held several positions, starting with an advisor to the UAE Mission to the United Nations in New York. After moving to Washington, D.C., Al Senusi formed an advisory company to assist several Fortune 500 corporations in the GCC. In 1992, Al Senusi founded a chain of retail outlets focused on the Washington, D.C. market with backing from a prominent Kuwaiti investor. In 2002, Al Senusi joined Washington Investment Partners, a boutique merchant bank based in Washington.

**Ritu Sharma**

**Co-Founder and President**

**Women Thrive Worldwide**

Ritu Sharma created Women Thrive Worldwide in 1998. Sharma is a public speaker, drawing on her personal stories, travels, unusual insights, and "out-of-the-box" thinking to inspire audiences to get involved to change women's lives for the better. Sharma earned a bachelor's degree in international economics from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a master's degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins University. She is the author of *An Introduction to Advocacy: A Training Guide*, which has been translated into six languages and is a primary reference for advocates around the globe. She serves on the board of directors of InterAction and the Center for U.S. Global Engagement.

**Vinod Shrivastava**

**President & CEO**

**CORE International, Inc.**

Vinod Shrivastava is a senior energy specialist with 27 years of experience in the energy field. During his career, he has participated in or led some 300 energy sector engagements in over 72 countries worldwide for a variety of donors and project sponsors including multilateral financial institutions, bilateral agencies, the governments and state enterprises in over 40 countries, and major private corporations and project developers. His areas of expertise include power sector reform and restructuring; power market development and power pools; utility capitalization and privatization strategies; institutional development and training; financial engineering; and mid- and long-term energy sector strategy development. Shrivastava is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business, has a master's degree in applied technology, a PhD (ABD) in Applied Physics, and has done graduate work in development economics and business and finance. He was a UNESCO Fellow in Denmark and Fulbright Fellow in the U.S. During his career, he has received numerous awards and commendations from many reforming governments worldwide.

**John Simon**

**Visiting Fellow**

**Center for Global Development**

John Simon is a visiting fellow at the Center for Global Development (CGD). His work examines social investment and its impact on low-income countries. Before joining CGD, Simon served in Addis Ababa as representative of the United States to the African Union (AU). Prior to becoming ambassador to the AU, Simon was executive vice president of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation where he spearheaded efforts to catalyze new private equity funds and promote private investment to the developing world. He previously served at the White House as special assistant to the president and senior director for relief, stabilization and development for the National Security Council and at U.S. Agency for International Development as deputy assistant administrator overseeing the agency's development information and evaluation units. Earlier in his career, he worked at Harvard University Pilgrim Health Care and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. John earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a master's degree from Harvard University.

**Lawrence Spinelli**

**Acting President**

**Overseas Private and Investment Corporation**

President Barack Obama named Lawrence Spinelli, longtime director of public affairs for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), to be acting president of OPIC on January 20, 2009. Spinelli had directed OPIC's public affairs programs since 1998. In that capacity he was responsible for all public diplomacy and outreach activities. He spearheaded several OPIC initiatives, including the agency's partners program collaborating with organizations throughout the United States on a series of nationwide workshops for minority and women owned businesses. Prior to joining OPIC, Spinelli served as vice president for corporate communications at the National Alliance of Business. He spent more than a decade on Capitol Hill as a policy adviser and communications director for three members of Congress, including then-Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. He was an assistant professor of political science at Drew

University. Spinelli is the author of *Dry Diplomacy: the United States, Great Britain and Prohibition*.

**Timipre Sylva**

**Executive Governor**

**Bayelsa State, Federal Republic of Nigeria**

Timipre Sylva was sworn-in as executive governor of Bayelsa State in the Federal Republic of Nigeria on May 27, 2008. He was a member of the Governing Council Federal University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State, until 2004. Before becoming a special assistant to Edmund Daukoru, the then-minister of state for petroleum resources, Sylva was a political adviser to the former governor of Bayelsa State, D.S.P. Alamiyeseigha. Sylva has worked for the National Minority Business Council in Port Harcourt as executive secretary and was one of the founding members of the United Congress Party and joined the People's Democratic Party thereafter. Sylva earned a degree in English Studies/Linguistics from the University of Port Harcourt and had a one-year stint with Shell Petroleum Development Corporation in the Delta State.

**Jim Thaller**

**Managing Director**

**Talier Trading Group**

Jim Thaller is the managing director of Talier Trading Group, a specialty food development company based in West New York, New Jersey. For more than fifteen years he has been developing products and market linkages for international food companies, with a special focus on Africa for the past five years. At Talier Trading Group, Thaller has been responsible for spearheading a variety of programs from emerging markets, and is well-known for designing and implementing the African specialty foods program. He is a much sought-after speaker on African development and a consultant for implementing agribusiness development initiatives. Thaller earned a bachelor's degree and sits on the board of several food companies and international organizations.

**Mark Tomlinson**

**Senior Fellow**

**World Economic Forum**

Mark Tomlinson is senior fellow at the World Economic Forum where he has joined the leadership team of energy poverty action. Mr. Tomlinson was director of regional integration in the Africa region of The World Bank. The program developed to be amongst the Bank's largest in Africa and financed significant public-private partnerships in infrastructure. Through 2004 Tomlinson was country director in Nigeria and led the Bank's re-engagement following the country's return to democracy. For three years prior to this Tomlinson managed the World Bank's energy programs in Africa. He returned to the World Bank in 1997 following six years at the European Bank where he established the European Bank's energy department leading operations in Ukraine, Georgia, and Armenia, then a G7 program, to upgrade and close aging Soviet nuclear plants. Tomlinson earned a PhD in energy economics following undergraduate training in physics and business economics.

**Gregg Truman**

**Vice-President of Marketing**

**South African Airways**

Gregg Truman is the vice president of marketing for South African Airways (SAA), bringing more than twenty years of experience in international travel marketing to the company. His international airline experience includes a 10-year stint at Air Jamaica where he was global head of marketing for the airline. He is responsible for the development of the airline's marketing and promotional programs that is implemented in North America. Before joining SAA, Truman worked closely with Ethiopian Airlines in helping to shape their sales and marketing strategies in the United States.

**Jerry Vilakazi**

**CEO, Business Unity South Africa**

**Non-Executive Chairman, Netcare**

Jerry Vilakazi was appointed independent non-executive chairman of Netcare in June 2009 and is currently the CEO of Business Unity South Africa. Vilakazi has held various positions in the South African government starting in 1996 with a responsibility for transformation and affirmative action at the Department of Public Service and Administration before being transferred to Home Affairs, where he served as chief director for strategic planning and service. Vilakazi was executive director for services at the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and has provided a wide range of advice at ministerial level on organizational structures and on human resources policies and procedures. Vilakazi earned a bachelor's degree from the University of South Africa after obtaining a teacher's diploma from the University of Zululand. He also holds two masters' degrees from Thames Valley University and the University of London.

**Nancy Walker**

**Director of the Michael S. Ansari Africa Center**

**Atlantic Council of the United States**

Nancy Walker is the director of the Ansari Africa Center at the Atlantic Council of the United States. Her 15 years in government included serving as director of the Pentagon's Africa center for strategic studies. Walker was an election observer in the Democratic Republic of Congo as well as conducting lectures on national security, women and leadership, and American politics in Turkey. Walker earned a bachelor's degree from Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, a D.Phil. from Oxford, and was a Bosch Fellow in Germany. She sits on the board of the Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces and is a member of CFR, WIIS, and WFPF.

**John Wasielewski**

**Director**

**Office of Development Credit, Bureau of Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade**

**U.S. Agency for International Development**

John Wasielewski started his career with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in the late 1970s as a special assistant to the administrator and then as a loan officer in Thailand. Wasielewski left USAID in 1981 to work in marketing and new business development for Westinghouse and later established his own business development and investment firm. As a

private consultant, Wasielewski worked with USAID in South Africa on the housing guaranty program, UNICEF in Namibia, and USAID's mission in the West Bank and Gaza. In 1998, Wasielewski returned to USAID to establish and direct the activities of the office of development credit. The office promotes and regulates the use of credit in the U.S. government's efforts to promote local private sector lending for economic growth, infrastructure finance, and other revenue producing development activities. To date, USAID has issued guarantees that have mobilized in excess of \$3 billion in 37 countries.

**Catherine Wiesner**

**Principal Director**

**Office of African Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy**

Catherine Wiesner assumed the position of principal director to the deputy assistant secretary of defense for African affairs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy in April 2009. She worked as a practitioner and consultant in the fields of humanitarian assistance, peace processes, and post-conflict programming. In the last 8 years, she has worked for the UN Children's Agency (UNICEF) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Sudan, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Indonesia and Iraq. Wiesner holds a bachelor's degree in comparative area studies from Duke University and an M.P.P. in international security and political economy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**Jennie Wittman**

**Associate Director, Brand Protection Unit**

**Colgate-Palmolive Company**

Jennie Wittman is the associate director for the brand protection unit at the Colgate-Palmolive Company. Wittman is an experienced leader with more than twenty years of industry specialization in consumer products, industrial tools, commercial security, travel/hospitality, and alcoholic beverages. Her specialty areas are brand protection, anti-counterfeiting, enforcement, IP portfolio management, and brand licensing. Wittman's primary responsibility is to lead and coordinate Colgate-Palmolive's global anti-counterfeiting and brand protection strategies. She works closely with Colgate-Palmolive's business partners around the world to drive corporate objectives that are designed to deter and prevent counterfeiting of the company's well-known brands and trusted products. She earned a bachelor's degree in legal studies from the University of Hartford.