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U.S. GOVERNMENT EVENTS, STATEMENTS, AND ARTICLES

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Highlights for the Week of October 15-19, 2012

ARTICLE: Obama Nominates Rodriguez as Next Africa Command Chief

October 19, 2012 - American Forces Press Service

President Obama has nominated Army General David M. Rodriguez to succeed Army General Carter F. Ham as the commander of U.S. Africa Command, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said, October 18, 2012.

<http://www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=8383&lang=0>

ARTICLE: U.S. Food Program Marks Progress Helping Farmers, Children

October 19, 2012 - U.S. Department of State

The United States' global food security program Feed the Future has helped 1.8 million food producers adopt improved technologies or management practices that can lead to more resilient crops, higher yields and increased incomes, according to the program's first progress report.

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/article/2012/10/20121019137722.html>

ARTICLE: U.S. Sanctions Business Associate of Muammar Qadhafi's Son

October 19, 2012 U.S. Department of State Digital Embassy

The U.S. Department of the Treasury October 18 placed Dalene Sanders under sanctions for providing support and services to Saadi Qadhafi, son of former Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/article/2012/10/20121019137718.html>

ARTICLE: USAID Administrator Shah Highlights Food Security Progress at World Food Prize

October 18, 2012 - USAID Press Office

Today, at a keynote address during the weeklong World Food Prize events in Des Moines, Iowa, U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Rajiv Shah released the first progress report and scorecard for Feed the Future, President Obama's global hunger and food security initiative.

<http://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/usaid-administrator-shah-highlights-food-security-progress-world>

BLOG: Igniting Africa's Tech Revolution

October 18, 2012 - USAID Impact Blog

The recent growth of tech startups in Sub-Saharan Africa is starting to create a buzz.

And what's not to be excited about? Tech companies created in Africa, by Africans, to address local and global problems have untold potential to change the world.

<http://blog.usaid.gov/2012/10/igniting-africas-tech-revolution/>

REMARKS: Cheryl Saban, Senior Advisor at the UN General Assembly Intervention on NEPAD / Malaria

October 18, 2012- U.S. Mission to the United Nations

"The United States strongly supports Africa's on-going efforts to generate broad-based, sustained and equitable economic growth that allows African countries to reduce poverty and integrate into the global economy."

- Sheryl Saban, Senior Advisor, U.S. Mission to the United Nations

<http://usun.state.gov/briefing/statements/199313.htm>

BLOG: Internet and Academic Freedom in the Digital Age

October 18, 2012 - U.S. Department Of State DipNote Blog

In today's world, [Internet freedom](#) lies at the heart of academic freedom. An open online platform where information and ideas can be exchanged unimpeded is essential to the rigors of contemporary scientific and intellectual exploration. At present, however, Internet freedom remains threatened worldwide. And this poses as much of a danger to scientists and other academics as it does to human rights activists.

http://blogs.state.gov/index.php/site/entry/freedom_digital_age

IN BRIEF: Amb. Marantis Explores Ways to Increase U.S.-Africa Trade

October 18, 2012- U.S. Department of State

Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Demetrios Marantis is on a three-country visit to East Africa to advance the U.S.-East African Community (EAC) Trade and Investment Partnership, a model initiative to enhance regional integration among the five EAC partner states — Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda — and increase two-way trade and investment between the EAC states and the United States.

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/inbrief/2012/10/20121019137729.html>

ARTICLE: Official: DOD Seeks 'Small Footprint' in Africa

October 17, 2012 - American Forces Press Service

Djibouti hosts about 3,000 U.S. service members at Camp Lemonier -- a former French base adjacent to the capital of Djibouti City. The U.S. service members work to build military capabilities with Djibouti and neighboring nations. The base also is a training and logistics hub.

<http://www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=8380&lang=0>

ARTICLE: Second Obama-Romney Debate Reflects Americans' Economic Concerns

October 17, 2012 - U.S. Department of State

The second presidential debate between former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and President Obama offered the only opportunity for American voters, rather than just a debate moderator, to pose questions to both candidates.

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/article/2012/10/20121017137618.html>

ARTICLE: U.S. Veterinarian Works to Save Cameroon's Elephants

October 17, 2012 - U.S. Department of State Digital Embassy

Nothing has dissuaded Mike Loomis from returning to the wilds of Cameroon each year for 15 years — not voracious insects; not exotic parasites; not rain, mud, or formidable terrain; not even the prospect of a monotonous diet of beans for two months straight.

That's because Loomis loves elephants and wants to save them.

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/article/2012/10/20121016137547.html>

ARTICLE: Rice Welcomes Somalia's Historic Political Transition

October 16, 2012 - U.S. Department of State

After many difficult years, Somalia has had its first peaceful transfer of power in decades, and U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Susan Rice says developments such as its new provisional constitution and a newly elected speaker and president have inspired hope among Somalis “for the first time in many years.”

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/article/2012/10/20121016137557.html>

TEXT & TRANSCRIPTS: Ambassador Rice at U.N. Debate on Somalia

October 16, 2012 - U.S. Mission to the United Nations

"Somalia has made significant progress in recent months. Among Somalis and the international community alike, pervasive despair has turned to cautious optimism as Somalia enters an historic new phase of national development. First and foremost, I congratulate the Somali people and applaud their hard work and profound sacrifice."

- Susan Rice, U.S. Representative to the United Nations

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/texttrans/2012/10/20121016137537.html>

ARTICLE: U.S. Pledges Continued Support for Global Agriculture

October 16, 2012 - U.S. Department of State Digital Embassy

The United States will contribute up to \$475 million to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), promising to give \$1 for every \$2 committed by other donors.

Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner announced the additional U.S. support for GAFSP October 12 during the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Annual Meetings in Tokyo.

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/article/2012/10/20121016137560.html>

ARTICLE: Peace Corps Volunteer Renovates Middle School in Togo

October 15, 2012 - Peace Corps

Peace Corps volunteer Naffisatu Conteh of Silver Spring, Md., is working with her Togolese community to renovate the local middle school, which serves nearly 300 students and five staff members. The school currently operates out of a small mud building with inadequate space for students, staff and school activities. A portion of the funds for the project will be raised through the [Peace Corps Partnership Program \(PCPP\)](#), a program that helps support Peace Corps volunteer community projects worldwide.

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/resources/media/press/2130/>