March 11, 2020  
National Press Club

8:30–8:45  **Opening and Welcome Remarks**  
General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF (Ret.), Institute for Defense Analyses  
Monde Muyangwa, Woodrow Wilson Center Africa Program  
Ms. Magdalena Bajll, National Intelligence Manager for Africa

8:45–9:15  Ms. Whitney Baird, U.S. Department of State  
Introduction by Ms. Magdalena Bajll, National Intelligence Manager for Africa

**AFRICA’S INTERNAL POLITICAL AND CONFLICT DYNAMICS**

9:15–10:30  **Panel 1: The Democratic Dividend**  
Professor E. Gyimah-Boadi, Afrobarometer  
Dr. Jaimie Bleck, Notre Dame University  
Moderator: Mr. Jon Temin, Freedom House

10:30–11:00  Mr. Pete Marocco, U.S. Department of Defense  
Introduction by Dr. Dorina Bekoe, IDA

11:00–12:15  **Panel 2: Africa’s Conflict Management Reforms**  
Professor Paul D. Williams, The George Washington University  
Moderator: Dr. Stephanie Burchard, IDA

12:15–1:20  **Lunch and Keynote Address**  
Major General Christopher E. Craige, U.S. Africa Command  
Introduction by General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF (Ret.), IDA

**STAKEHOLDERS IN AFRICA’S PEACE AND SECURITY**

1:30–2:45  **Panel 3: Women and Youth: Stakeholders in Africa’s Security and Prosperity**  
Ms. Sandra Pepera, National Democratic Institute  
Dr. Marc Sommers, Independent Consultant  
Moderator: Dr. Ashley Bybee, IDA

2:45–3:15  Break

3:15–4:30  **Panel 4: Africa’s Expanding International Stakeholders**  
Dr. Lina Benabdallah, Wake Forest University  
Mr. Judd Devermont, Center for Strategic and International Studies  
Moderator: Mr. Michael K. Morrow, Woodrow Wilson Center

4:30–5:00  **Closing**  
General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF (Ret.), IDA