



**Leave No Continent Behind:  
U.S. National Security Interests in Africa**

With Gen. Charles F. Wald, deputy commander, U.S. European Command; Charles Snyder, assistant secretary of state for African affairs; George Kirkland, president of ChevronTexaco Overseas Petroleum; Michael Westphal, deputy assistant secretary of defense for special operations and combating terrorism; Florizelle Liser, assistant U.S. trade representative for Africa; and others.

Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI  
1150 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

*Americans are not accustomed to thinking strategically about Africa, having long dismissed the continent as irrelevant to U.S. national security. Nonetheless, in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, it is increasingly clear that the United States ignores Africa at its peril.*

*Al Qaeda and its allies have perpetrated attacks in a half dozen African countries from Kenya to Morocco, while the continent's failed states and huge swaths of ungoverned territory offer sanctuary to terrorist groups. In addition, Africa's large Muslim population shows disturbing signs of radicalization, with the adoption of Islamic Sharia law in northern Nigeria and the spread of Saudi-funded fundamentalism elsewhere in the region. All this comes as America is growing increasingly reliant on African oil, which already accounts for 15 percent of U.S. imports and is expected to become even more important in the decade ahead.*

*Is Africa America's blind spot in the global war on terror? How significant is the danger of al Qaeda and Islamic extremism there? How is the Pentagon, which has quietly dispatched 1,800 troops to combat terrorism in the Horn of Africa since late 2002, adapting to meet this threat? How will access to Africa's vast natural resource wealth affect the global balance of power in the twenty-first century? Can African oil and gas reserves save the United States from dependence on the Middle East?*

*Please join AEI for a day-long conference on American national security interests in Africa in a post-9/11 world.*

8:45 a.m. Registration

9:00 **Panel I: Islamic Fundamentalism, Terrorism, and Al Qaeda in Africa**  
*Panelists:* DOUGLAS FARAH, National Strategy Information Center  
 PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK, G3  
 DAVID SHINN, George Washington University  
  
*Moderator:* DANIELLE PLETKA, AEI

10:30 Coffee Break

- 11:00      **Panel II: U.S. Strategic Engagement in Africa**  
*Panelists:*      Gen. CARLTON FULFORD, USMC (Ret.), director,  
                          Africa Center for Strategic Studies  
                          FLORIZELLE B. LISER, assistant U.S. trade representative  
                          for Africa  
                          MICHAEL WESTPHAL, deputy assistant secretary of  
                          defense for special operations and combating terrorism
- Moderator:*      THOMAS DONNELLY, AEI
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon
- 1:00      *Speaker:*      CHARLES SNYDER, assistant secretary of state for  
                          African affairs
- 2:00      **Panel III: U.S. Energy and Commodity Interests in Africa**  
*Panelists:*      JAMES BURKHARD, Cambridge Energy Research Associates  
                          DAVID HALE, Hale Advisers LLC  
                          GEORGE KIRKLAND, ChevronTexaco  
                          ALEX VINES, Chatham House
- Moderator:*      ANTHONY CARROLL, Manchester Trade
- 3:30      Coffee Break
- 4:00      *Keynote Speaker:*      Gen. CHARLES WALD, deputy commander, U.S.  
                          European Command
- 5:30      Adjournment

I will attend the Africa event on Tuesday, April 13.

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