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Media Notice

Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Johnnie Carson to Hold Webchat on U.S. Policy in sub-Saharan Africa

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton traveled to Africa July 31 through August 10, 2012. During this trip, the Secretary emphasized U.S. policy commitments outlined in the Presidential Policy Directive - to strengthen democratic institutions, spur economic growth, advance peace and security as well as promote opportunity and development for all citizens.

As a follow-up to Secretary Clinton's trip, please join us on **Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 3:30 pm Gaborone time** for a briefing with **Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Johnnie Carson**. Ambassador Carson will provide a readout of the Secretary's visit to the region, give an overview of the June 14th Presidential Policy Directive on the U.S. Strategy Toward sub-Saharan Africa, and he will be available to answer questions.

EVENT:

Please join us on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 13:30 GMT for a virtual briefing on the U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa with Assistant Secretary of State Johnnie Carson.

DETAILS:

Speaker: Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Johnnie Carson
Topic: June 14th PPD – U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa
Date: Thursday, September 13, 2012
Time: 3:30 pm Gaborone time
Language: English
Bio: Please see below
Groundrules: ON THE RECORD
Link: <https://liveatstate.connectsolutions.com/carsonsubsahara>
Dial-in Info: You may call this listen-only phone line to hear Ambassador Carson.

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Access Code: 6400069

Email address: During the webchat, if you need to send your question via email instead of the webchat interface, please send to Live@state.gov and we will add them to the queue.

Background: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/06/14/future-america-s-partnership-sub-saharan-africa>
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BIO Information: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/biog/123210.htm>



Johnnie Carson
Assistant Secretary
BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS
Term of Appointment: 05/07/2009 to present

Ambassador Johnnie Carson was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of African Affairs, on May 7, 2009. Prior to this he was the National Intelligence Officer for Africa at the NIC, after serving as the Senior Vice President of the National Defense University in Washington D.C. (2003-2006).

Carson's 37-year Foreign Service career includes ambassadorships to Kenya (1999-2003), Zimbabwe (1995-1997), and Uganda (1991-1994); and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs (1997-1999). Earlier in his career he had assignments in Portugal (1982-1986), Botswana (1986-1990), Mozambique (1975-1978), and Nigeria (1969-1971). He has also served as desk officer in the Africa section at State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (1971-1974); Staff Officer for the Secretary of State (1978-1979), and Staff Director for the Africa Subcommittee of the US House of Representatives (1979-1982).

Before joining the Foreign Service, Ambassador Carson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania from 1965-1968. He has a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Drake University and a Master of Arts in International Relations from the School of Oriental and Africa Studies at the University of London.

Ambassador Carson is the recipient of several Superior Honor Awards from the Department of State and a Meritorious Service Award from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. The Centers for Disease Control presented Ambassador Carson its highest award, "Champion of Prevention Award," for his leadership in directing the U.S. Government's HIV/AIDS prevention efforts in Kenya.

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How to Ask Questions in LiveAtState

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