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U.S. Ambassador Lewis Lukens Presents Credentials to President Abdoulaye Wade

Lewis Lukens, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republics of Senegal and Guinea-Bissau, presented his credentials to His Excellency President Abdoulaye Wade in Dakar on August 11, 2011.

Ambassador Lukens arrived in Dakar on August 9, 2011. He is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. Prior to his assignment as U.S. Ambassador to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau, he served as Executive Director of the State Department's Executive Secretariat.

Mr. Lukens has served in a variety of positions in the State Department and White House. He was Senior Director for Administration at the National Security Council during and after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He has served twice previously in the Department's Executive Secretariat, and worked as Special Assistant to the Director General of the Foreign Service. He was U.S. Consul General in Vancouver, Canada, from 2005 – 2008. He has also served as Executive Secretary in Baghdad, Management Counselor in Dublin, and Management Officer in Sydney. His first two tours were in Guangzhou and Abidjan.

Dakar is not new for Mr. Lukens. He lived in the Senegalese capital from 1967 to 1970, when his father was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U. S. Embassy in Dakar.



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