

Transatlantic Workshop

US and EU approaches to Africa: Where do we stand?

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Programme

12.45 **Light lunch**

13.30 **Opening remarks**
Antonio Missiroli, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris

13:30-15:00 **Session 1: Common strategic interests in US and EU approaches to Africa**

Chair Martin Michelot, Program and Research Officer, German Marshall Fund

Speaker 1 Matthew Walsh, Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, US Department of State

Speaker 2 Joseph Siegle, Director of Research, Africa Centre for Strategic Studies, National Defense University

Africa and its trajectory constitute a core interest for the US administration as well as the EU institutions and Member States. This is not least evidenced by the two summits taking place during the course of 2014, i.e. the EU-Africa Summit (April) and the US-Africa Summit (August). While this enhanced interest in African partnerships and development is welcome, it is pertinent to identify common strategic interests in US and EU approaches to Africa in order to effectively support its endeavour to establish peace and prosperity. Which interests, concerns, and priorities lie at the heart of US policies, and how do these compare to European ones?

15:00-15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30-17:00 **Session 2: Envisaging transatlantic security cooperation in Africa: what are the US and the EU doing on the ground?**

Chair Eva Gross, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speaker 1 Fernando Moreno, Senior Strategic Planner, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, European External Action Service

Speaker 2 Colonel Ian Clark, Acting Director of Outreach, AFRICOM

Despite numerous similarities in approaches towards Africa, the US and EU administrations have not always aligned their policies in order to achieve sustainable impact. This has partly to do with different tools and modes of operation characteristic of each administration/institution. American and European insider's account of 'what is done on the ground' regarding security will be shared, fostering discussion on possibilities for cooperation.