



Sasakawa USA "Views of Japan" Series

Japan and Africa: Regional Views and U.S.-Japan Cooperation

April 4, 2017 | 11:00-14:00

Cosmos Club

2121 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20008

Celebrating the beginning of a new season symbolized by the cherry blossoms, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA is launching a new "Views of Japan" event series that will explore perceptions on Japan in other regions around the world.

Japan's influence in Africa has grown tremendously over the past two decades and has pledged to contribute \$30 billion in investment to the continent by 2018. This event will be an opportunity to improve understanding of Japan's engagement in Africa and how they are perceived in the region, and to explore the potential for greater U.S.-Japan cooperation to address their shared interests in regional security, countering violent extremism, promoting democratic values and fostering economic growth and development.

11:00-11:30 Registration & Lunch

11:30-11:45 Welcome & Introduction
Ambassador James P. Zumwalt
CEO, Sasakawa USA

11:45-13:30 Panel Discussion: Japan's Engagement in Africa and U.S.-Japan Cooperation
The Honorable Linda Thomas-Greenfield
Former Assistant Secretary for Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

The Honorable Takashi Kitahara
Former Japanese Ambassador to Senegal

Dr. J. Peter Pham
Vice President for Research and Regional Initiatives and Director for the Africa Center, The Atlantic Council

The Honorable Ruth K. Oniang'o, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief, African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND) /Chairperson, Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA) and Sasakawa Africa Association for Extension (SAFE)

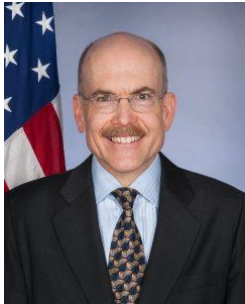
His Excellency Carlos Dos Santos
Ambassador of the Republic of Mozambique to the United States

Moderator: **Ambassador James P. Zumwalt**

13:30-14:00 Audience Q&A and Discussion



About the Speakers



Ambassador James P. Zumwalt became Chief Executive Officer of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA in February 2017. Ambassador Zumwalt was the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of Guinea Bissau from 2015 to January 2017. Previously, he was responsible for policy toward Japan and Korea as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asia Affairs. When the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami struck Japan in 2011, Ambassador Zumwalt was serving as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, where he coordinated the United States' support for the Japanese Government's response to that crisis.

During his 36-year Foreign Service career, Ambassador Zumwalt has served in a variety of assignments with a focus on Asia and international economics in Washington, Tokyo, Beijing, Kinshasa, Dakar, and Bissau. In Washington, D.C., he worked in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Japan, Korea, and Philippines desks and also at the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and the United States Trade Representative's Office. He speaks Japanese, French, and some Chinese. Ambassador Zumwalt received a master's degree in International Security Studies from the National War College in 1998 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History and also in Japanese Language from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979. He is from El Cajon, California and is married to Ann Kambara, a retired Foreign Service Officer who is now pursuing a second career in social work.



Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield is now a Senior Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, The Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. She served as the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs from 2013-2017. In this capacity, she led the bureau in the Department of State focused on the development and management of U.S. policy toward sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to this appointment, she served as Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources (2012-2013).

Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield's 35-year Foreign Service career includes an ambassadorship to Liberia (2008-2012), and foreign postings in Switzerland (at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations), Pakistan, Kenya, The Gambia, Nigeria, and Jamaica. In addition to the Bureau of Human Resources, her Washington postings include the Bureau of African Affairs (2006-2008) where she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, and the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (2004-2006) where she served as Deputy Assistant Secretary. Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield was the 2015 recipient of the Bishop John T. Walker Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award and the 2000 recipient of the Warren Christopher Award for Outstanding Achievement in Global Affairs. Prior to joining the Department of State, Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield taught Political Science at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. She earned a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin, where she also did work towards a doctorate.



The Honorable Takashi Kitahara served as the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Senegal from 2013 until 2017. Having graduated from Keio University in 1974 with a Bachelor degree in Law, Ambassador Kitahara joined Mitsui & Co., Ltd. During his career at Mitsui & Co., Ltd., which spans nearly four decades, he worked mainly in the Ferrous Raw Material Division in the Tokyo head office and the Aircraft Business Department in the Aerospace System Division. In 2001 he was appointed the President of Mitsui & Co., France S.A.S and continued to move up in the company until 2011 holding positions such as the General Manager of the Tokyo Head Office, Associate Director of the

Company, General Manager of the London Branch, the Deputy Chief Operating officer of Mitsui & Co. Europe Plc, and finally the Senior Vice President, Africa & France to Mitsui & Co. Eurpoe Plc.



Dr. J. Peter Pham is the Vice President for Research and Regional Initiatives and Director of the Atlantic Council's Africa Center. Dr. Pham was previously senior vice president of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, and editor of its bimonthly journal, *American Foreign Policy Interests*. He was also a tenured associate professor of justice studies, political science, and Africana studies at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he was director of the Nelson Institute for International and Public Affairs. He has served on the Senior Advisory Group of the US Africa Command since its creation.

Dr. Pham is the author of more than 300 essays and reviews and the author, editor, or translator of over a dozen books, including, most recently, *Somalia: Fixing Africa's Most Failed State* (Tafelberg, 2013; coauthored with Greg Mills and David Kilcullen). Dr. Pham also contributes to a number of publications including *The National Interest and Foreign Policy*, and regularly appears as a commentator on broadcast and print media outlets.

Dr. Pham is the incumbent Vice President of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), an academic organization which represents more than 1,300 scholars of Middle Eastern and African Studies at more than 300 colleges and universities in the United States and overseas, and is Editor-in-Chief of ASMEA's *Journal of the Middle East and Africa*.

A staunch advocate of robust American engagement with Africa, Dr. Pham served as member of the USAID-funded International Republican Institute (IRI) delegation monitoring the national elections in Liberia in 2005. He also served on the IRI pre-election assessment (2006) and election observation delegations to Nigeria (2007, 2011) and Somaliland (2010). The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) for Defence and Security Studies, the Brenthurst Foundation, and the Nelson Mandela Foundation awarded Dr. Pham the 2008 Nelson Mandela International Prize for African Security and Development for his study "Imagining Congo Secure and Stable." In 2015, the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution elected Dr. Pham to the Board of the National Museum of African Art, of which he is presently vice-chair.



Dr. Ruth Oniang'o has been Chair of Boards of Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA) and Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education (SAFE) since 2010. She also sits on CABI Board in the United Kingdom. She is Professor of Food and Nutritional Sciences, received her BSc and MSc at Washington State University, Pullman USA and PhD from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. She is founder and Editor-in-Chief of the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND), founder and Director of Rural Outreach Africa, an NGO working to address rural poverty and food and nutrition insecurity. She has served in advisory capacity for various UN agencies, the World Bank, Kenya Government and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, ACIAR, and on boards of IRRI, CIAT, IFDC, and MI. Ruth is recipient of 2 national medals-Silver Star and Distinguished Service Medal. She is recipient of 2014 IFAMA (International Food and Agribusiness Management Association) award for a lifetime of distinguished service and 2014 Fortune magazine's '30 Women Achievers' globally in Food and Drink. Through her organizations, she mentors young people, both men and women and is an ardent advocate against hunger and child malnutrition. She is a strong supporter of girl education and women empowerment.



His Excellency Carlos Dos Santos has been the Ambassador of the Republic of Mozambique to the United States since January 2016. Prior to this appointment, he served as High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (2011-2015) where he was voted "Best Diplomat of the Year" (2013), and he also served as the Ambassador of Mozambique to Germany (2006-2011). His long and distinguished career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs includes serving as Director for Europe and the Americas (2005-2006), Chief of Cabinet (1991-1992), and Head of the Political Department of the Africa and Middle East Division (1990-1991). He has also served as Advisor to the President (2003-2005), Permanent Representative to the United Nations (1996-2002), and Private Secretary to the President (1992-1996).

Ambassador Dos Santos holds a Master's Degree in International Relations from the University of Zimbabwe and a Master's of Business Administration from Baruch College, City University of New York. He speaks Portuguese, English, Spanish, and Ronga. He has published papers including, "The Nexus Between Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding. Background Paper: Mozambique – 1999," (Ed. Nassrine Azim and Chan Li Lin, Kluwer Law International) and "For a Global Agenda and Small Arms," (Publicação Periódica Semestral do Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros, N0 2-2001).