



HEARINGS AND MARKUPS ON DRC AND RWANDA FREEDOM CHAIRED BY REP. CHRIS SMITH

(Foreign Affairs Subcommittee meetings in Times New Roman font; Helsinki Commission and Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission meetings in italic; CECC meetings bold and underlined)

January 22, 2026

Advancing Peace in DRC and Rwanda through President Trump's Washington Accords

Ms. Sarah Troutman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

November 9, 2017

Resolving the Political Crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Honorable Donald Yamamoto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Ms. Cheryl Anderson, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development

Mr. Mvemba Dizolele, professorial lecturer in African studies, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Mr. Fred Bauma, representative, La Lutte pour le Changement

Ms. Severine Autesserre, Ph.D., professor of political science, Barnard College, Columbia University

Ms. Ida Sawyer, Central Africa director, Human Rights Watch

September 27, 2017

Rwanda: Democracy Thwarted

The Honorable Donald Yamamoto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Mr. David Himbara, coordinator for Canada, Democracy in Rwanda Now
Major Robert Higirot, Rwanda Defense Force, Retired, coordinator for the United States, Democracy in Rwanda Now

Mr. Mike Jobbins, manager, Africa Programs, Search for Common Ground

Mr. Adotei Akwei, managing director, Government Relations, Amnesty International United States

May 20, 2015

Developments in Rwanda

The Honorable Robert P. Jackson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Mr. Steven Feldstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State

Mr. David Himbara, coordinator for the USA and Canada, Democracy in Rwanda Now (former aide to the President of Rwanda)

Major Robert Higirot, RDF, Retired, coordinator for Belgium, Democracy in Rwanda Now

Ms. Sarah Margon, Washington director, Human Rights Watch

Mr. Willis Shalita, photojournalist and blogger

May 15, 2013

Markup: Subcommittee Markup: H.R. 1897, the Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013, H.R. 1951, the Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Act of 2013 and H. Res. 131 Concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights

December 11, 2012

The Devastating Crisis in Eastern Congo

The Honorable Johnnie Carson, assistant secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Mr. Steve Hege (former member United Nations Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Mr. John Prendergast, co-founder, The Enough Project

Mr. Mvemba Dizolele, Peter J. Duignan Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

September 19, 2012

Examining the Role of Rwanda in the DRC Insurgency

Bishop Ntambo Nkulu Ntanda, United Methodist Church of North Katanga, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mr. Mark Schneider, senior vice president, International Crisis Group

Mr. Jason Stearns, director, Usalama Project, Rift Valley Institute

February 2, 2012

U.S. Policy Toward Post-Election Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mr. Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Daniel B. Baer, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State

Sarah E. Mendelson, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development

March 8, 2011

The Democratic Republic of the Congo: Securing Peace in the Midst of Tragedy

Mr. Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Ms. Rajakumari Jandhyala, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development

Mr. Ben Affleck, actor, writer, director, and advocate

Ms. Francisca Vigaud-Walsh, sexual and gender-based violence advisor, Catholic Relief Services

Mr. John Prendergast, co-founder, The Enough Project

Mrs. Cindy McCain, philanthropist

March 1, 2005

United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo: A Case for Peacekeeping Reform

The Honorable Jane Holl Lute, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Mission Support in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations

The Honorable Kim R. Holmes, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State

The Honorable Princeton L. Lyman, Ralph Bunche, Senior Fellow and Director of Africa Policy Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Nile Gardiner, Ph.D., Fellow in Anglo-American Security Policy, The Heritage Foundation

Ms. Anneke Van Woudenberg, Senior Researcher on the Democratic Republic of Congo, Human Rights Watch

May 5, 1998

Rwanda: Genocide and the Continuing Cycle of Violence

Mr. Richard McCall, Chief of Staff, U.S. Agency for International Development

Mr. Dennis McNamara, Director, Division of International Protection, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

Mr. Shaharyar M. Khan, Former Special Representative, U.N. Secretary General to Rwanda

Senator Alain Destexhe, President, International Crisis Group, Director, Institute for International Economics

Dr. Alison Des Forges, Consultant, Human Rights Watch/Africa

Ms. Kathi L. Austin, Visiting Scholar, African Studies Center, Stanford University

Ms. Holly Burkhalter, Advocacy Director, Physicians for Human Rights

Mr. Francois-Xavier Nsanzuwera, Former President, CLADHO (Federation of Rwandese Associations of Human Rights)

Mr. Jeff Drumtra, Policy Analyst, U.S. Committee for Refugees

December 4, 1996

Refugees in Eastern Zaire and Rwanda

Ms. Phyllis E. Oakley, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Department of State

Ambassador Richard W. Bogosian, Special Coordinator for Rwanda and Burundi, U.S. Department of State

Mr. Michael Mahdesian, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Humanitarian Response, U.S. Agency for International Development

Mr. Vincent D. Kern, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense

Mr. Roger P. Winter, Executive Director, U.S. Committee for Refugees

Mr. Lionel A. Rosenblatt, President, Refugees International

Dr. Chester A. Crocker, Chairman of the Board, U.S. Institute for Peace

Dr. Alison L. Des Forges, Consultant, Human Rights Watch/Africa