

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights,
and International Organizations

China in Africa: The New Colonialism?

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Witness Introductions

Gordon Chang, Author

Gordon Chang is the author of *The Coming Collapse of China* and *Nuclear Showdown: North Korea Takes On the World*, and a columnist for the Daily Beast. An expert on China and Northeast Asia, Mr. Chang lived and worked in China and Hong Kong for almost two decades, most recently in Shanghai. His writings have appeared in news outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Weekly Standard*. He has spoken at a number of colleges and universities and has given briefings to government entities such as the National Intelligence Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department, and the

Pentagon. Mr. Chang has testified before the Foreign Affairs Committee and the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, so we welcome him back to Capitol Hill and look forward to his expert analysis on this important topic.

Joshua Meservey, the Heritage Foundation

Joshua Meservey is Senior Policy Analyst for Africa and the Middle East at the Heritage Foundation. A former Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia, he specializes in counterinsurgency, non-state armed groups, and the security/development nexus. Prior to joining the Heritage Foundation, Mr. Meservey worked in the Church World Service's refugee resettlement operation in Kenya, as well as the US Army Special Operations Command and the Atlantic Council's Africa Center. He has testified before the Senate, and is a frequent commentator on African policy

issues in a range of print and digital media outlets. We welcome him to testify before the subcommittee today and look forward to hearing his expert advice.

Scott Morris, the Center for Global Development

Scott Morris is a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development and director of the US Development Policy Initiative. Prior to joining the Center for Global Development, Mr. Morris served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for development finance and debt at the US Treasury Department during the first term of the Obama Administration. In that capacity, he led US engagement with a number of international financial institutions, such as the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and African Development Bank. He also represented the US government in the G-20's Development Working Group and was the Treasury's "+1" on the board of the

Millennium Challenge Corporation. Before his post at the US Treasury, Morris was a senior staff member on the Financial Services Committee in the US House of Representatives, where he was responsible for the Committee's international policy issues. It should be noted that Mr. Morris was asked last minute to fill in for a witness from Africa who unfortunately fell ill and could not testify before the hearing, so we are very grateful for him stepping up with such short notice to offer his expertise. We welcome him before the subcommittee and look forward to hearing his testimony.

Anita Plummer, Ph.D., Howard University

Anita Plummer is an Assistant Professor of African Studies whose research focuses on African political economy, emerging markets, transnationalism and Sino-African relations. Her

current book project, *Close Encounters: Street-level perspectives on Kenya and China* examines local, national and transnational narratives of South- South cooperation. Before joining the faculty at Howard University, Dr. Plummer taught International Studies at Spelman College. She was a Mellon post-doctoral fellow in the Cultures in Transnational Perspective Program and Visiting Assistant Professor of Global Studies and Political Science at the University of California Los Angeles. She was also a fellow at the Carter G. Woodson Center Pre-doctoral fellow at the University of Virginia. Dr. Plummer received her Ph.D. from Howard University in Washington, DC.