



*IDA Africa Program*  
**Electoral Violence in Africa: Critical Lessons and New Directions**  
**July 11, 2013**  
**9:30am – 3:30pm**

**Cosmos Club**  
**2121 Massachusetts Avenue, NW**  
**Washington, D.C. 20008**

The Africa Program at the Institute for Defense Analyses, a non-profit corporation that provides objective analyses of security issues, invites you to a one-day conference, “Electoral Violence in Africa: Critical Elections and New Directions.” The conference, a follow up to last year’s “Electoral Violence in Africa: Challenges, Causes, and Responses,” will bring together academics, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss several specific cases where electoral violence has occurred or could occur and new directions for the study of electoral violence. Specific attention will be paid to past elections in Kenya and Côte d’Ivoire and upcoming elections in Zimbabwe, Madagascar, and Nigeria.

*\*Please note the Cosmos Club Summer Dress Code: Gentlemen are asked to wear a jacket and collared shirt of any type; ties are optional. Ladies are asked to dress with comparable formality. No jeans, denim, or athletic clothing of any kind is allowed.*

***Directions to the Cosmos Club***

By Metro: Take the red line to Dupont Circle. Exit the station on Q Street, and walk 1 1/2 blocks west to 2121 Massachusetts Avenue.

By Car: [View MapQuest Directions](#)

Parking: There are two parking lots available to members, guests, and visitors, the Rear Valet lot and the West Garden lot. The Rear Valet Lot is located behind the Club and is accessed by turning onto Hillyer Court located off Florida Avenue. The West Garden Lot is also located directly off Florida Avenue. [View Map of the Parking Lot Area](#)

**RSVP is required for attendance:** respond to Ashton Callahan [acallaha@ida.org](mailto:acallaha@ida.org)

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*DRAFT AGENDA*

- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**                      **Registration**
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**                      **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**  
**Dr. David S. C. Chu, President of IDA**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**                      **Critical Lessons from Key Elections**  
*Chair: Carl LeVan, American University*  
*Senegal: Why did violence occur at all?* – Stephanie M. Burchard, IDA  
*Kenya: What explains the pre-election violence?* – James D. Long, Academy Scholar, Harvard University & University of Washington  
*Cote d’Ivoire: Elections and powersharing agreements*– Dorina Bekoe, African Center for Strategic Studies
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**                      **Coffee break**
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**                      **New Directions in Electoral Violence**  
*Chair: Dorina Bekoe, African Center for Strategic Studies*  
*ICT and Elections: Ghana’s experience* – Kwami Ahiabenu, National Endowment for Democracy Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow  
*Electoral Violence and Voter Turnout* – Stephanie M. Burchard & Dorina Bekoe, IDA & ACSS  
*Gender and Electoral Violence* – Gabrielle Bardall, University of Montreal
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**                      **Lunch**
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.:**                      **The Electoral Violence Watch List**  
*Chair: Almami Cyllah, International Foundation for Electoral Systems*  
*Zimbabwe* – Norma Kriger, Independent Consultant  
*Madagascar* – Mike Jobbins, Search for Common Ground  
*Nigeria* – Abdulrazaq Alkali, National Endowment for Democracy Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow
- 3:15pm – 3:30 p.m.:**                      **Concluding Remarks**