J6 Senior Communications Symposium 2021 VTC

1. <u>PURPOSE & BACKGROUND</u>

Purpose: The United States Africa Command (USAFRICOM) J6 will conduct a Military-to-Military (M2M) virtual engagement with African Partner Nation Senior Communicators from 4-6 May. The J6 will host the teleconference via Microsoft Teams from the USAFRICOM Headquarters. The teleconference will be comprised of a systems check on 4 May and two half-day afternoon sessions on both 5-6 May. The purpose of this engagement is to support the AFRICOM Campaign Plan (ACP) to Strengthen Partner Relationships through Enhancing Partner Capabilities. This event elevates the growing relationship with countries in USAFRICOM's Area of Responsibility (AOR) and institutionalizes standard communication practices in our partners' militaries.

Background: The theme for this year's conference is "Enhancing Partnerships through Secure Cyberspace." The symposium will focus on vital cybersecurity and Interoperability, Continuity of Operations (COOP), with an emphasis on cyber crisis response issues facing our partner nations during this global pandemic, and strengthening our partners' cyber and interoperability capabilities. This event will include several presentations from U.S. government personnel and an extended opportunity for the participants to share perspectives and lessons from their respective national cybersecurity strategies and pandemic response issues in the cyber domain. The participants should have some familiarity with the United States communications capabilities through the Africa Endeavor communications interoperability symposium and other engagements such as Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans Sahara. We are seeking to elevate enduring relationships and institutionalize standard communications practices by inviting key signal/communications personnel to participate in this Senior Leader Seminar. We anticipate approximately 12-14 African Partner Military Officers to participate.

Goals (in priority order):
1. Connect with partners and reinforce USAFRICOM's commitment to these partnerships, despite COVID-related limitations.
2. Inform partners about topics applicable to enabling their military missions through C4.
3. Evaluate utility of virtual engagements and develop lessons learned.

2. COMPOSITION:

U.S. Delegation	Delegation
USAFRICOM J3,J4,J6 CO-IPE, DISA USCYBERCOM ,MITRE	African Senior Communicators invited from: Algeria, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia and Uganda

3. AGENDA:

Roll Call Test Day: TUE 04 MAY 2021 1100-1400 CET, Please call in for Systems Check

DAY 1 Wednesday May 5, 2021		
1200-1245 (45 min)	Senior M2M Intro and Participant Introductions	COL Jennifer M. Siegel, J692 Branch Chief
1245-1300 (15 min)	J6 Director Opening Remarks	Mr. Curtis L. Tygart Deputy of C4 Systems, J6
1300-1315 (15 min)	J69 Div. Chief Introduction and Remarks	Dr. Debora L. Harlor, GS15, DAC J69 Div. Chief
1315-1400 (45 min)	U.S. Partner Interoperability C2IP Brief	Mr. Jay A. Thomas, J69 Command Interoperability Program Manager
1400-1415 (15 min)	Break	
1415-1530 (1hr15min)	Roundtable: Pandemic Impacts, Response & Continuity of Operations," Year in Review Pandemic Response," • Preparation • Mission Impact and Resolution • Coordination and Collaboration Tools • COVID-19 Adversary	COL Jeffery L. Long, Director, J63 Mr. Ryan T. Larsen, J6 Mr. Mark A. Laine, DISA Mr. Larry G. Kinder, J4 Mr. Mario P. Garcia, Mr. Bruce D. Barry , Mr. Eric W. Roy Mr. Bryan O. Froehlich, CO-IPE
1530-1545 (15 min)	Break	
1545-1600 (15 min)	Africa Endeavor (AE) Update 2021	Mr. Jeffrey W. Day, AE Program Manager Ms. Maria N. Thompson, AE Project Manager
1600-1615 (15 min)	Questions	
1615-1630 (15 min)	End of Day 1	COL Jennifer M. Siegel, J692 Branch Chief

DAY 2 Thursday May 6, 2021		
1200-1215 (15 min)	Day 2 Introduction	COL Jennifer M. Siegel, J692 Branch Chief
1215-1300 (45 min)	J69 International CYBER Engagements Outreach Brief	Mr. Stanley S. Wanklyn J69 Cyber Lead
1300-1310 (10 min)	Break	
1310-1350 (45 min)	Session 1: Cyberspace Security Topics: Persistent Cyber Training Environment (PCTE) USCYBERCOM & CO- IPE Lead: Mr. Bruce Barry & Mr. Eric Roy CO- IPE	LTC Bryant Butler, LTC Johanna M. Franco , Mr. Patrick J. Taitano, MAJ Demers -Keller, Mr. Champlin, & Ms. Alisia R. Goode, USCYBERCOM & CO- IPE
1350-1400 (10 min)	Break	
1400-1445 (45 min)	Cyberspace Security Brief : The MITRE ATT&CK Framework	Mr. Sean M. Whitley, MITRE
1445-1530 (45 min)	Session 2: Cyberspace Security Panel Lead: Mr. Stanley S. Wanklyn J69 Cyber Lead	AFRICOM J6 CYBERCOM & CO- IPE DISA
1530-1600 (30 min)	Conclusion: Virtual Engagement Discussion and Feedback Questions / Closing Remarks	Mr. Curtis L. Tygart Deputy of C4 Systems, J6

4. **ACCESS: APAN & Microsoft (MS) Teams**
   Relevant documents/briefs and MS Teams link will be posted on APAN

5. **CLASSIFICATION AND CLEARANCES:**
   VTC will be UNCLASSIFIED

6. <u>USAFRICOM POCs:</u>

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