

Adeyemi Onitiri

Experienced International Relations Analyst

ACCOMPLISHED ♦ DETAIL DRIVEN ♦ LEADER ♦ MENTOR ♦ INNOVATIVE ♦ HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ♦ COLLABORATIVE

Profile

- Extensive experience analyzing political, anthropological, economic, and human and physical security affairs to support strategic planning and decision-making
- Excellent communicator with demonstrated ability to collaborate with staff, management, stakeholders, and others at all organizational levels
- Outstanding blend of organization, prioritization, leadership, and interpersonal skills
- Proven ability to lead and supervise team members, manage a wide range of duties simultaneously, and coordinate multi-level directives
- Provide sound consultative advice to executive-level teams
- Mentor and lead teams by example and with integrity to deliver service excellence
- Consistent success is rooted within the combined concepts of quality, continuous improvement, and practical process enhancements
- Multilingual in English, Yoruba, and West African Krio

Key Strengths

- Strategic Planning and Coordination
- Policy Development and Advisory
- Strategy Identification and Implementation
- Crisis Management and Problem Solving
- Research Design and Analysis
- Communication and Presentation
- Team Contribution and Leadership
- External Engagement

Professional Experience

US Department of Defense: Southern European Task Force-Africa, Vicenza, Italy. 06/2024 – Present
International Relations Officer, International Military Affairs Directorate (Full-Time)

- Coordinate senior leadership participation at international conferences, including developing comprehensive talking points for discussion and note-taking.
- Prepare and deliver post-engagement analysis, including a comprehensive report capturing key takeaways and actionable insights, to inform follow-up initiatives after engagements
- Draft information and decision papers on the geopolitical situations in Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda to inform organizational strategy in Africa
- Prepared an executive-level report on Rwanda's containment of the Marburg virus disease outbreak in 2024, highlighting the interagency collaboration between the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and USAID to strengthen Rwanda's medical crisis readiness
- Authored an in-depth summary paper on the implementation of the Foreign Assistance Act, enhancing organizational awareness of diverse funding mechanisms that support engagement initiatives across the African continent

US Department of State, Washington, DC

2018 – 2024

Foreign Affairs Officer, Bureau of Political-Military (Full-Time 2/2021 – 10/2023)

- Oversaw policy coordination and implementation of security and human capacity-building programs
- Researched and drafted action memoranda for the Secretary of State, providing recommendations on stakeholders' policy compliance with US laws and congressional directives
- Led policy coordination for multi-billion-dollar security assistance programs, drafting the assistance transfer memoranda and managing the interagency approval process
- Conducted expert-level research on new and existing US security cooperation agreements to validate partner eligibility, preparing and briefing decision recommendation documents to government officials

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Foreign Affairs Officer, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs-North Africa (NEA/NA) (5/2018 – 2/2021)

- Created and chaired a Trans-Sahara migration working group for NEA/NA, which effectively monitored and analyzed irregular migration flows in the region and de-conflicted functional and regional bureau initiatives
- Led coordination efforts of the State Department's relations with the US Army Africa Command and the Joint Staff on US diplomatic and security posture in the Middle East and North Africa
- Administered federal assistance programs through grant and cooperative agreement awards for all embassies and missions in the Middle East and North Africa
- Developed an administrative system for processing and managing all five standard public diplomacy award programs for the bureau. This meticulous document is now the primary due diligence tool for all NEA embassies, which has streamlined processes and enhanced efficiency throughout the award lifecycle
- Created a logic model providing a visual illustration of program resources and implementation matrix for facilitating the State Department's multi-million-dollar Young Iraqi Leaders Exchange Program
- Served as the public diplomacy officer at the intra-agency policy coordination and oversaw several cultural and educational exchange programs for the NEA public diplomacy office

US Department of the Army, Fort Bragg, NC

2003 – 2015

Civil Affairs Generalist, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Full-Time 01/2010 – 01/2015)

- Served as military advisor to 50+ Afghan military and public officials, educating them on how to leverage the programmatic aspect of civil-military engagement for building human capacity, resulting in the expansion of the USAID District Stability Program to four multi-ethnic Afghan districts containing 800K+ citizens
- Instructed and mentored 200+ commandos of the 2nd Afghan Army Special Operations on civil-military process and analysis, stability operations, and foreign internal defense, building Afghanistan's human security capability
- Successfully conducted 35+ engagements and negotiations with officials within the government of Afghanistan aimed at addressing critical sources of instability while building Afghanistan's capacity

Education and Professional Development

Ph.D., Global Affairs, Rutgers, The State University Of New Jersey

MSc., Global Affairs, Rutgers, The State University Of New Jersey

Mini-MBA, Business Management for Veterans, Rutgers, The State University Of New Jersey

BSc, Health Sciences, Campbell University

Diploma, Special Operations Civil Affairs Operations, John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center

Diploma, Special Operations Arabic Language Training, John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center

Additional Information

Languages

- English – Fluent
- Yoruba – Native Speaker Proficiency
- West African Krio – Native Speaker Proficiency

Technical Skills

- MS Office Suite: Advanced level
- Adobe Acrobat: Advanced level

Selected Awards

- No fewer than 25 US Army and US Department of State medals and recognitions, including Honorable Discharge Certificate, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Army Commendation, Iraqi Campaign, and Afghanistan Campaign medals, plus many more