



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

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Civilian Harm under Military Rule in the Central Sahel



Moussa Kondo is the Executive Director of the Sahel Institute for Democracy and Governance. Former Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Mali in charge of governance, democracy and rule of law, Moussa has worked extensively on international relations. Moussa is a journalist and civil society actor with close to 20 years of experience in various areas of community development, particularly in youth engagement and civic participation. He founded the weekly newspaper *L' Express de Bamako* and founded and directed Accountability Lab Mali until 2021. He contributes to sustainable development by educating youth in leadership and promoting accountability, honesty and integrity in public service. Some participants in his program have gone on to obtain positions in organizations such as the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme. Moussa is a Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy. He previously served as an Obama Foundation Fellow, participated in the Mandela Washington Fellowship of the U.S. Government's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), during which he studied Business and Entrepreneurship at Dartmouth College, and studied Democracy, Development at Stanford University as a Draper Hills Fellow. Moussa received his master's degree from the University of Bamako.



Jon Temin works across government, research and the non-profit sector to advance democracy, good governance, conflict resolution, and U.S.-Africa relations. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University SNF Agora Institute, where he is researching the future of U.S. democracy assistance. Previously, he was the Director of the Africa programs at Freedom House and at the US Institute of Peace, a member of the US Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff, and Vice President of Policy & Programs at the Truman National Security Project. He also served as a Fulbright Fellow in Ghana and Visiting Fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Jon is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and holds degrees from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and Swarthmore College.



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