



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Human Rights in Sudan

Witness List

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Larry André, Director of the Office of the Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State



Mr. André has spent nearly his entire career in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of African Affairs. Before assuming his position as Director of the Office of the Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan, he served as the U.S. Chargé d'Affaires to Tanzania. Previous to that position, Mr. André served as the Political Counselor at U.S. Embassy Nairobi, Kenya (2006-08), Deputy Director in the Office of West African Affairs (2004-06), Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy Freetown, Sierra Leone (2002 -04), Regional Environment Officer for East Africa covering 14 countries from Addis Ababa (2000-02) and as Management Officer at U.S. Embassy Conakry, Guinea (1998-2000). He also served at U.S. Missions to Iraq, Bangladesh, Cameroon and Nigeria.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. André worked in Chad on a refugee resettlement project (1988-90) and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal (1983-85). He holds an M.B.A. from the Thunderbird School of Global Management (1988) and a B.A. in Political Science from Claremont McKenna College (1983). Mr. André speaks French and Wolof.

Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development



Nancy Lindborg is the USAID assistant administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) and leads the efforts of more than 500 team members in nine offices focused on crisis prevention, response, recovery and transition.

Since being sworn into office in October 2010, Ms. Lindborg has led DCHA teams in response to the Arab Spring uprising and numerous other global crises. She led the USAID Horn Drought Response and continues to spearhead USAID efforts to advance resilience as a means of helping communities out of chronic disaster. The nine offices of DCHA include the newly established Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance, the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, the Office of Food for Peace, the Office of Transition Initiatives, and the Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation.

Ms. Lindborg has spent most of her career finding solutions to long-standing issues involving transition, democracy and civil society, conflict and humanitarian response. Prior to joining USAID, she was president of Mercy Corps, where she spent fourteen years developing it into a globally respected organization known for its innovative programs in challenging environments. She has held a number of leadership and board positions including co-president of the board of directors for the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, founder and board member of the National Committee on North Korea, and chair of the Sphere Management Committee. She is currently a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in English literature from Stanford University and a Master of Arts in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

John Prendergast, Co-Founder of The Enough Project and Satellite Sentinel Project



John Prendergast is a human rights activist and best-selling author who has worked for peace in Africa for over twenty-five years. He is the co-founder of the Enough Project, an initiative to end genocide and crimes against humanity that is affiliated with the Center for American Progress. John has worked for the Clinton White House, the State Department, two members of Congress, the National Intelligence Council, UNICEF, Human Rights Watch, the International Crisis Group, and the U.S. Institute of Peace. He has been a Big Brother for over twenty-five years, a youth counselor, and basketball coach.

John is the author or co-author of ten books. His latest, *Unlikely Brothers*, is a memoir co-authored with his first little brother in the Big Brother program. His previous two books were co-authored with Don Cheadle: *Not On Our Watch*, a *New York Times* bestseller and NAACP non-fiction book of the year, and *The Enough Moment: Fighting to End Africa's Worst Human Rights Crimes*.

Under the Enough Project umbrella, John has helped create a number of initiatives and campaigns. With George Clooney, he helped launch the Satellite Sentinel Project, which aims to prevent conflict and human rights abuses through satellite imagery. With Tracy McGrady and other NBA stars, John co-founded the Darfur Dream Team Sister Schools Program to fund schools in Darfurian refugee camps and create partnerships with schools in the United States. He helped launch two campaigns under Enough: the Raise Hope for Congo Campaign, highlighting the issue of conflict minerals that fuel the war there, and Sudan Now, focused on bringing peace to that embattled country.

John has appeared in four episodes of *60 Minutes*, for which the team won an Emmy Award, and helped create African characters and stories for two episodes of *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*, one focusing on the recruitment of child soldiers and the other on rape as a war strategy. John has also traveled to Africa with *NBC's Dateline*, *ABC's Nightline*, *PBS NewsHour*, *CNN's Inside Africa*, *Newsweek/The Daily Beast*, and *The New York Times Magazine*. He has appeared in several documentaries, including: *Sand and Sorrow*, *Darfur Now*, *3 Points*, and *War Child*. He also co-produced with Martin Sheen the documentary, *Staging Hope*, which focuses on Northern Uganda. John partnered with Downtown Records and Mercer Street Records to create the compilation album "Raise Hope for Congo," combating sexual violence against women and girls in Congo. He has been profiled in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Vanity Fair*, *Men's Vogue*, *Time*, *GQ*, *Oprah Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, among others. *The Huffington Post* recently named John one of its annual Game Changers.

During 2011-2012, John was a visiting professor at Albright College, Yale Law School, Temple University, Stanford University, Columbia University, the University of San Diego, the University of Pittsburgh, St. Mary's College, and University of Massachusetts Lowell. He has been awarded six honorary doctorates. John is a board member and serves as Strategic Advisor to Not On Our Watch, the organization founded by George Clooney, Matt Damon, Don Cheadle, and Brad Pitt.

Ken Isaacs, Vice President, Programs and Government Relations, Samaritan's Purse



Ken Isaacs currently serves as the Vice President of Programs and Government Relations for Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief organization with activities in over 130 countries. In 2004, Mr. Isaacs accepted the position of Director of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) within the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Under his direction, OFDA served as the lead agency for U.S. government relief responses to the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami and 2005 Pakistan earthquake. He also oversaw U.S. humanitarian relief efforts in both Darfur and South Sudan, as well as emergency responses in Ethiopia and Niger.

Previous to his work at OFDA, Mr. Isaacs served as the International Programs Director for Samaritan's Purse for seventeen years. In this capacity, he directed relief efforts in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide. He was also responsible for establishing a hospital in Lui, Sudan, at the height of that country's civil war, providing desperately needed humanitarian aid to the people of Sudan's Nuba Mountains when they were under siege, and overseeing aid to the National Democratic Alliance of Eastern Sudan. In 2008, he coordinated the Samaritan's Purse response to Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar and the earthquake in China. He has also designed and implemented emergency relief programs in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Honduras, El Salvador, Kosovo, Turkey, and Afghanistan. These efforts have included emergency responses during wars, complex crises, and natural disasters.

Mr. Isaacs has over twenty-two years experience working in the relief and development community, has served in dozens of countries, and has traveled to more than 120 countries. He has testified before House and the Senate committees. He also speaks at universities and national and international conferences.

EJ Hogendoorn, Africa Deputy Director, International Crisis Group



EJ Hogendoorn is currently the Africa Deputy Program Director for the International Crisis Group. He is based in Washington, DC, and travels often to the region. He frequently briefs the media, international organizations, and government representatives on African issues.

Previously Crisis Group's Horn of Africa project director, he was a former Arms Expert with the United Nations Panel of Experts on Somalia (2002-2003) and Sudan (2005-2006). Prior to that, he worked as a researcher for the Human Rights Watch Arms Division and with Amnesty International USA. He has a Ph.D. in Public Affairs (Security Studies), Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.

Jehanne Henry, Senior Researcher, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch



Jehanne Henry is a senior researcher in Human Rights Watch's Africa division. She supervises and contributes to the work on Sudan, South Sudan, and Kenya. She has worked with the organization since 2008, focusing initially on the conflict in Darfur, then on a range of other issues in Sudan and South Sudan.

Prior to joining the organization, she served as a human rights officer with the United Nations Mission in Sudan based in North Darfur. She has worked on human rights and rule of law issues with USAID in Cambodia and as a legal adviser in the United

Nations Mission in Kosovo, and managed a legal aid program with the American Refugee Committee in Kosovo. She has also worked in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, and clerked for a U.S. federal judge in New York. She is admitted to the New York state bar.