

# MEASURING AFRICA

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## OVERALL

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## APPOINTMENTS

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Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gratton's meeting with the Darfur advocacy community before a trip to Sudan was welcome. Assistant Secretary of State for Africa Johnnie Carson has already reached out to the Africa advocacy community before his confirmation. But many key posts relating to Africa, however, remain unfilled.

## LEGISLATION

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## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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President Obama enacted Deferred Enforced Departure for Liberians, which prevents the forced deportation of Liberians living in the United States.

## SPENDING

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## COMMUNICATIONS

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Little communication has been forthcoming from the Obama administration on overall Africa policy. Similar to the Bush administration, there seems to be no comprehensive policy articulated as of the first 100 days.

## WAR / PEACE

**6** There is no clear position from the Obama administration on AFRI-COM. The Obama administration has done little to address the conflict in the Congo. Remarks on Somali piracy didn't address root causes or recommend positive solutions to the crisis, but the administration recognizes that there can be "no purely military solution."

## GREEN / ENVIRONMENT

**5** Obama administration pledges toward a new global green economy make little mention of the African continent.

## INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY

**5** The administration has supported the indictment of Sudan's President, Omar Al Bashir, by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity, war crimes, and possibly genocide. Yet, the United States still hasn't signed on to the Rome Statute to participate in and strengthen this global tribunal.

## ECONOMIC EQUITY

**5** The Obama administration joined other wealthy nations in giving additional power, leverage, and resources to the International Monetary Fund, the very institution that caused the severe economic crisis in Africa and much of the world.

## HUMAN RIGHTS / DEMOCRACY

**6** The administration condemned the coup in Madagascar. It has also supported the African Union's call for sanctions against the coup leaders in Mauritania. This is a change from the Bush administration, where U.S. interests in oil and other strategic resources often led to deal-making with undemocratic governments.