



RONALD W. MEYERS

Biography



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Ron Meyers is the Director of Staff for USAFRICOM J5, where he is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organization. He joined the J5 in October 2021 from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (OSD Policy), where he served as the Principal Director for African Affairs since 2018. In this capacity, he led the development of U.S. defense policy and strategy to Africa, and represented the Department on policy matters affecting to the continent.

While in OSD Policy (from 2010), Mr. Meyers served in various other capacities, including Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (A/DASD) for African Affairs, A/DASD Security Cooperation, and the Sr. Afghanistan Country Director in DASD Afghanistan, Pakistan & Central Asia. He is best known in OSD Policy for standing-up the DASD Security Cooperation office in 2014 and setting the course of reforms contained in the 2016 NDAA, as well as driving a changed approach to Afghanistan that culminated in a 2017 Presidential proclamation.

Prior to joining OSD Policy, Mr. Meyers was the Chief, Plans & Resources in the Armaments Cooperation Division of the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force (International Affairs). He oversaw the development of policy, negotiation of international agreements, and management of programs in the acquisition field – skills cultivated earlier at the Executive Office of the President, U.S. Department of State, and World Bank. In these positions, he also played critical roles in the U.S. response to the 1998 Asian Financial Crisis and 2008 Global Financial Crisis. Mr. Meyers entered public service in 2004.

While in the private sector, Mr. Meyers pursued government contracting opportunities. He was an analyst for TECHPLAN Corporation advising clients on foreign acquisition and aerospace engagement issues, and a Consultant at the World Bank working social development issues, among other areas of interest.

Noteworthy, Mr. Meyers is the recipient of the Department's Distinguished Civilian Service Award, among others, and holds an MBA from Georgetown University, Master of Arts in Political Science (Northeastern University), and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (University of California, Santa Barbara).



CAREER CHRONOLOGY

- 10/10 – 10/21 DoD – Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy)
 - *Principal Director for African Affairs*, DASD African Affairs
 - *Sr. Afghanistan Country Director*, DASD Afghanistan, Pakistan & Central Asia
 - *Director for Partnership Policy & Strategy*, DASD Security Cooperation
 - *Strategist*, DASD Partnership Strategy & Stability Operations
- 05/09 - 10/10 DoD – Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force (International Affairs)
 - *Chief Plans & Resources*, International Armaments Cooperation Division
- 01/05 - 05/09 Executive Office of the President (Office of the U.S. Trade Representative)
 - *Director for APEC Affairs*, Office of Japan, Korea, and APEC
 - *Director for Japan*, Office of Japan, Korea, and APEC
 - *Director for Intellectual Property*, Office of Intellectual Property, Investment & Services
- 04/04 - 01/05 U.S. Department of State (Bureau of Resource Management)
- 04/01 - 04/04 TECHPLAN Corporation, International Programs Office
- 01/96 - 04/01 The World Bank, East Asia & Pacific Region