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Foreword

We are very pleased to present this first edition of *Atlantic Currents*, a new annual report charting Wider Atlantic perspectives and patterns. The report is the result of a close collaboration between the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the OCP Policy Center, and is a companion to the *Atlantic Dialogues* initiative, our annual forum in Morocco. Both activities are part of a multi-year partnership to promote dialogue and analysis on issues affecting the Wider Atlantic — the United States, Europe, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean — as well as global stakeholders in Atlantic affairs.

GMF and the OCP Policy Center are proud of the role we have played in extending the transatlantic debate to embrace the Atlantic Basin, north and south, and in stimulating new thinking about “Atlanticism” for the 21st century — rethinking mental maps of the Atlantic in economic, political, and security terms. The United States and Europe have a strong stake in this exercise, alongside Morocco, as do societies across the southern Atlantic. The essays and data presented here illustrate disparities, but also point to striking elements of convergence between the North and South Atlantic, with important implications for prosperity and security. Above all, these analyses illustrate the continued vitality of Atlantic societies, and the centrality of transatlantic relations in international affairs.

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Acronyms

A-Prep	African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership	CACM	Central American Common Market
ACOTA	Africa Contingency Operations Training and Assistance	CARICOM	Caribbean Community
ACP	African Caribbean and Pacific	CEMAC	Central African Economic and Monetary Community
AfDB	African Development Bank	CEN-SAD	Community of Sahel-Saharan States
AGOA	African Growth and Opportunities Act	CFTA	Continental Free Trade Area
AFISMA	African-led International Support Mission in Mali	COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
AFRICOM	U.S. Africa Command	CPLP	Community of Portuguese-Language Countries
ALBA	Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas	CSDP	EU Common Security and Defense Policy
AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia	DAC	OECD Development Assistance Committee
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union	DAP	Diammonium Phosphate
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation	DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
APF	African Peace Facility	EAC	East African Community
APRM	African Peer Review Mechanism	EBA	Everything but Arms
APSA	African Peace and Security Architecture	ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ASA	Africa-South America Summit	ECLAC	Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean
AU	African Union	ECOMOG	ECOWAS Monitoring Group
AUC	African Union Commission	ECOWARN	ECOWAS Early Warning and Response Network
BIT	Bilateral Investment Treaty	ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa		
CAADP	Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme		

EDF	European Development Fund	ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
EITI	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative	JODI	Joint Organisations Data Initiative
EPA	Economic Partnership Agreement	KP	Kimberley Process (Certification Scheme)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization	LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment	LDCs	Least Developed Countries
FTA	Free Trade Agreement	Mercosur	Common Market of the South
FTAA	Free Trade Area of the Americas	MFN	Most Favoured Nation
GCTF	Global Counterterrorism Forum	MICOPAX	Mission in the Central African Republic
GIs	Geographical Indications	MIKTA	Mexico, India, Republic of Korea, Turkey, and Australia
GPA	Government Procurement Agreement		
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences	MINUSTAHUN	Stabilization Mission in Haiti
GVC	Global Value Chain	MIP	Minimum Integration Plan
IBSA	India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum	MISCA	African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic
IBSAMAR	India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime		
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce	MNC	Multi-National Company
IEA	International Energy Agency	MRA	Mutual Recognition Agreements
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development	MRA	Mutual Recognition Agreement
IMATC	International Mine Action Training Center	MTF	Maritime Task Force of UNIFIL
IPPOS	International Police Peacekeeping Operations Support	NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
IPRs	Intellectual Property Rights	NEPAD	New Economic Partnership for African Development
		NSA	U.S. National Security Agency

OAS	Organization of American States	TFTA	Tripartite Free Trade Area
OAU	Organization of African Unity (predecessor to the African Union)	TIAR	Inter-American Treaty for Reciprocal Assistance
ODA	Official Development Assistance	TISA	Trade in Services Agreement
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	TPA	Trade Promotion Authority
PEPFAR	President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (U.S.)	TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
PIDA	Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa	TRIPS	Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights
PTA	Preferential Trade Arrangement	TTIP	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership	UNASUR	Union of South American States
REC	Regional Economic Community	UNCOMTRADE	UN Commodity Trade Statistics Database
REM	Rare Earth Metals	UNCTAD	UN Conference on Trade and Development
RoO	Rules of Origin	UNDP	UN Development Programme
SACU	Southern African Customs Union	UNECA	UN Economic Commission for Africa
SADC	Southern African Development Community	UNIFIL	UN Interim Force in Lebanon
SGI	Security Governance Initiative	UNSC	UN Security Council
SOEs	State Owned Enterprises	WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
SPS	Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Standards	YALI	Young African Leaders Initiative
TBT	Technical Barriers to Trade	ZOPACAS	Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic
TIFA	Trade and Investment Framework Agreement		

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