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SECRETARY CLINTON IN AFRICA - August 4-14, 2009

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Photo: Hillary Rodham Clinton pictured with Nelson Mandela during her 1997 visit to the region as First Lady.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Kenya, South Africa, Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Liberia, and Cape Verde, from August 4-14, 2009. The trip will start at the U.S.-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum, known mostly as the AGOA Forum, in Nairobi, Kenya, where she will deliver a speech at the ministerial opening ceremony of the forum on August the 5th.

Secretary Clinton will underline America's commitment to partner with governments, the private sector, nongovernmental organizations and private citizens to build societies where each individual can realize their full potential. The Secretary's trip follows the themes laid out by President Obama during his visit to Ghana: supporting strong and sustainable democratic governments; promoting sustainable economic development; strengthening public health and education; assisting in the prevention, litigation, and resolution of conflicts around Africa.

- [Briefing on Secretary Clinton's Upcoming Trip to Africa](#), July 30, 2009
- [Press Release: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's Travel to Africa](#), July 27, 2009
- [Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Johnnie Carson Gives His Comments Ahead of Secretary Clinton's Visit to Kenya](#), July 30, 2009 (MP3; 2:10; 2MB)

AGOA Forum



[Realizing the Potential](#) - Nine years after it became law, the African Growth and Opportunity Act continues to have a profound and positive impact on U.S.-sub-Saharan Africa trade and investment.



[The African Growth and Opportunity Act](#), July 30, 2009 (MP3; 6:15; 5.8MB)
When President Barack Obama visited Ghana on July 10th and 11th, trade and economic development between the United States and Africa was a large part of the President's discussions with local leaders. In recent years, the African Growth and Opportunity Act, launched in February 2003, has played an important role in expanding the trade and commercial ties between the U.S. and Africa.



[Millennium Challenge Corporation](#), July 30, 2009 (MP3; 3:45; 3.5MB)
In August 2009, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visits Nairobi, Kenya. During her visit, the eighth annual forum for the African Growth and Opportunity act will be held. AGOA, as the program is known, was launched in February 2003. MCC's Jonathan Bloom and Jeri Jensen give their comments.

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