

# GRANT T. HARRIS

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## **EMPLOYMENT** Harris Africa Partners LLC ([www.harrisafricapartners.com](http://www.harrisafricapartners.com))

*Chief Executive Officer, 2015 to present*

Advise companies, universities, and non-profits on strategy, policy, and political risk with respect to doing business in sub-Saharan Africa. Help clients to: create a strategy toward Africa (ranging from market entry and expansion to country-specific strategies to advance their investments and engage stakeholders); identify and navigate political risk; work with African governments and local partners; understand African markets; and resolve investment challenges.

**National Security Council, The White House**, Washington, D.C.

*Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs, 2011 to 2015*

Served as the President's senior advisor on sub-Saharan Africa. Initiated and coordinated U.S. policies toward sub-Saharan Africa, including political, economic, and security matters. Conceived of and was a primary lead in implementing the historic U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, which generated \$37 billion in new commitments to support trade, investment, and development across Africa. Initiated and coordinated the Doing Business in Africa Campaign, to encourage greater U.S. trade and investment; launched the President's Young African Leaders Initiative, to support emerging leaders; and conceived and was the primary architect of the *U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa*.

**U.S. Mission to the United Nations**, Washington, D.C.

*Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor; Senior Policy Advisor, 2009 to 2011*

Advised Ambassador Susan E. Rice on issues related to Sudan and East Asia. Assisted with management of the Mission.

**Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP**, New York, NY

*Associate, 2005 to 2009*

Counseled and assisted clients with respect to international business transactions, primarily in Latin America. Represented Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies, including in a \$700 million acquisition named a "Deal of the Year" by *Latin Lawyer Magazine*.

**National Security Council, The White House**, Washington, D.C.

Coordinated U.S. policy on issues with respect to central and southern Africa.

**U.S. Mission to the United Nations**, Washington, D.C.

Advised Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke and his Deputy on issues related to Africa and Latin America.

## **EDUCATION** YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D.

- Ambrose Gherini Prize for best paper in field of International Law
- *Yale Journal of International Law*, Editor

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**, Woodrow Wilson School, M.P.A., International Relations

- Qualified with Distinction

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY**, B.A., Political Science

- *Summa cum laude*
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship
- John Gardner Public Service Fellowship
- Student Body President

## **SELECT**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "How Vladimir Putin is outplaying the U.S. in Africa," *The Washington Post* (2019)
- "Why Every University Needs an Africa Strategy," *Inside Higher Ed* (2019)
- "The Perils of Chinese Debt Diplomacy," *Wilson Center* (2019)

- “How Trump’s ‘Victory’ Became Kim’s Triumph,” *Project Syndicate* (2019)
- “Trump’s Africa Policy Is Destined for Failure,” *Foreign Affairs* (2019)
- “The U.S. is Punishing Rwanda for Rejecting Our Old Jeans and T-Shirts. It’s a Shortsighted Move,” *The Washington Post* (2018)
- “China Is Loaning Billions of Dollars to African Countries. Here’s Why the U.S. Should Be Worried,” *TIME* (2018)
- “In Africa, It’s Not Just China Eating America’s Lunch,” *Wilson Center* (2018)
- “Trump’s Militaristic Africa Policy Will Backfire,” *Foreign Policy* (2018)
- “The Key to Stopping an Outbreak,” *U.S. News & World Report* (2018)
- “Why U.S. Companies Need to Include Africa in Their Global Growth Strategies,” *Initiative for Global Development* (2018)
- “Stop the Ghost of ISIS from Haunting Africa,” *U.S. News & World Report* (2018)
- “Challenging North Korea,” *Wilson Center* (2018)
- “End Africa’s Lifeline to North Korea,” *U.S. News & World Report* (2018)
- “The U.S. Needs Real Diplomacy to Counter North Korea in Africa,” *Foreign Policy* (2017)
- “Ignoring Africa Endangers America,” *U.S. News & World Report* (2017)
- “By Ignoring Africa, U.S. Cedes Jobs To China,” *Forbes* (2017)
- “Where Trump Fails on US-Africa Policy, Congress Must Step In,” *The Hill* (2017)
- “Will African Leaders Allow Youth To Make The World A Better Place?” *HuffPost SA* (2017)
- “Why Africa Matters to U.S. National Security,” *The Atlantic Council* (2017)
- “Obama Stakes His Africa Legacy On Economic Growth,” *Forbes* (2017)
- “Why Africa Matters to U.S. National Security,” *Pouvoirs d’Afrique* (2017)
- “U.S. Investors Are Missing Out On Africa’s Economic Growth,” *Forbes* (2016)
- “It’s Time for U.S. Companies to See Africa as an Investment Destination,” *Initiative for Global Development* (2016)
- “A Global Stage for Africa’s Rising Tech Entrepreneurs,” *Wilson Center* (2016)
- “A Legacy in the Making: Obama’s Approach to Security Sector Assistance,” *The Cipher Brief* (2016)
- “The Imperative of African Leadership: Fulfilling the Continent’s Massive Potential,” *Horizons* (2016)
- “Human Rights, Israel, and the Political Realities of Occupation,” *Israel Law Review* (2008)
- “The Era of Multilateral Occupation,” *Berkeley Journal of International Law* (2006)
- Note, “The CIA Mandate and the War on Terror,” *Yale Law & Policy Review* (2005)

**BOARDS**

- *United States Holocaust Memorial Council* (2017-2019). Appointed by President Obama to serve on the governing board of trustees of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- *Africa Finance Corporation* (2016-2018). Independent director on the board of an international multilateral finance institution with a balance sheet size of approximately \$3.2 billion that invests in infrastructure assets across Africa.
- *World Learning Inc.* (2017 to present). Serve on Global Advisory Council of a nonprofit organization advancing leadership in over 100 countries.

**SELECT AWARDS & SKILLS**

- Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, U.C. Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies (2010)
- Francis Lieber Prize for outstanding scholarship, American Society of International Law (2009)
- Travel in over 95 countries

**MEDIA**

- Quoted widely in U.S. and international media, including in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, and other publications; see [www.harrisafricapartners.com](http://www.harrisafricapartners.com)

**SPEAKING EVENTS**

- Have spoken across the country at numerous business associations, universities, and think tanks; see [www.harrisafricapartners.com](http://www.harrisafricapartners.com)