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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Defense Policy Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Policy Board (DPB) will take place.

**DATES:** Closed to the public Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The closed meeting will be held at The Pentagon, 2000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-2000.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Designated Federal Officer, the Defense Policy Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning the meeting on November 19, 2019 of the Defense Policy Board. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., App.), the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DPB's mission to advise on (a) issues central to strategic DoD planning; (b) policy implications of U.S. force structure and force modernization and on DoD's ability to execute U.S. defense strategy; (c) U.S. regional defense policies; and (d) other research and analysis of topics raised by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

**Agenda:** On November 19, 2019, the DPB will have classified discussions on national security issues regarding National Defense Strategy alignment and priorities for the United States Africa Command (USAFRICOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR). Topics and speakers include (1) an intel community baseline from the DIA and CIA of actions in this space; (2) policy perspectives from Dr. James Anderson, Ms. Amanda Dory, Ms. Simone Ledeen, Ms. Michelle Lenihan, and Mr. Chad Sbragia of the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy; (3) perspectives from leadership at USAFRICOM; (4) perspectives from the Defense Security Cooperation Agency and the Joint Staff on security cooperation and exercise activities happening on the continent; and (5) State Department and USAID presentations on their operations and presence in Africa.

**Meeting Accessibility:** In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the DoD has determined that this meeting shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), in consultation with the DoD FACA Attorney, has determined, in writing, that this meeting be closed to the public because the discussions fall under the purview of Section 552b(c)(1) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, and are so inextricably intertwined with unclassified material that they cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without disclosing classified material.

**Written Statements:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-

3.105(j) and 102-3.140(c), the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the DPB at any time regarding its mission or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the DPB's Designated Federal Officer (DFO), which is listed in this notice or can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database – <http://www.facadatabase.gov/>. Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the DPB may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than two business days prior to the meeting in question. The DFO will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all members.

Dated: November 13, 2019.

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