

**SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE**  
**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
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**Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations**  
**Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ), Chairman**

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**TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

You are respectfully requested to attend an OPEN hearing of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to be held by Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations in Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building (and available live on the Committee website at <http://www.ForeignAffairs.house.gov>):

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 9, 2018

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**SUBJECT:** Protecting Civil Society, Faith-Based Actors, and Political Speech in Sub-Saharan Africa

**WITNESSES:**

\* **Panel I**  
\* Mr. Negussie Mengesha  
Director  
Africa Division  
Voice of America

**Panel II**  
Mr. John Prendergast  
Co-Founder  
The Sentry

Ms. Nanythe Talani  
Representative  
The Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition

Mr. Steven Harris  
Policy Director  
The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission  
Southern Baptist Convention

\* Mr. Emerson Sykes  
Legal Advisor – Africa  
The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

**\*NOTE: Witnesses have been added.**

**\*\*NOTE: Further witnesses may be added**

**By Direction of the Chairman**

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