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Visit of Senegal President Macky Sall - Talking Points

President Sall will make his first visit to Vermont and with a three day visit. He will be received by the Vermont National Guard and events will include a private meeting with you, the Lt. Governor, Adjutant General and members of Senegal's ministry.

He and members of his official party will also meet with Chuck Ross, Rebecca Holcombe and Chris Recchia. These meetings were requested by the Senegalese and are meant to encourage relationship building in the areas of agriculture, education and energy. A meeting will also take place with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Senegal and Vermont are paired as part of the National Guard State Partnership Program. This 24 year old program initially focused on former Soviet Bloc countries, but expanded into Africa with the establishment of U.S. Africa Command and Defense Department emphasis on building partnership capacity. In 2010, President Abdoulaye Wade visited Vermont and met with Governor Douglas and the Adj. General Michael Dubie.

The National Guard State Partnership Program helps establish long-term relationships at the more personal state level, and gives partner nations a better understanding of the U.S.

Vermont's relationship began as a military to military partnership - the VNG has contributed to training, and increased cooperation between the two armies in military exercised.

US-AFRICA LEADERS SUMMIT

President Sall comes to Vermont after attending a three day meeting in Washington with nearly 50 African leaders. The three main themes of the meeting were governance, trade and investment and peace and security.

The President announced that the U.S. govt., World Bank and businesses will invest a combined \$33 billion in Africa's economy.

\$7 billion in business exports and investments

\$14 billion in deals with U.S. companies

\$12 billion from the World Bank, Sweden and private sources to fund Power Africa, a plan to bring electricity to 20 million households across sub-Saharan Africa.

Secretary of State John Kerry encouraged the group to avoid the mistakes of rich countries that rely on fossil fuels. "Africa can be a clean energy beacon for the world and energy prosperity can actually replace energy poverty. Kerry went on to mention the U.S. is investing in a wind power project in Senegal.

Ebola - While speaking on a panel at the summit, President Sall brought up the Ebola outbreak and mentioned Senegal's neighbor countries dealing with the outbreak. "I will tell the international community that Ebola is a devastating virus. It is not an African disease. You have to see this virus as a threat against humanity. It is a threat

against humanity because with intercontinental flights, all you need is a flight to U.S. or Europe so that you have a world crisis."

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