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# Foreword

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**W**e are delighted to present this third edition of *Atlantic Currents*, an annual report charting wider Atlantic patterns and perspectives. The report is the result of a close collaboration between The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) and OCP Policy Center, and is a companion to the Atlantic Dialogues, our annual forum in Marrakesh. Both activities are part of a multi-year partnership to promote dialogue and analysis on issues affecting the wider Atlantic — Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and the United States — as well as global stakeholders in Atlantic affairs.

GMF and the OCP Policy Center are proud of the role we have played in extending the transatlantic debate to embrace the Atlantic Basin, north and south, and in stimulating new thinking about “Atlanticism” for the 21<sup>st</sup> century — breaking down the often self-imposed barriers to robust dialogue among societies with a deep shared history, and a shared stake in cooperation. The rapid changes on all sides of the Atlantic over the past year only underscore the importance of this Atlantic conversation on issues and ideas.

This year, we have paid special attention to strategic, forward-looking analyses that seek to encourage creative thinking about where we may be headed and how we might get there. We wish to thank all the authors who have contributed to this edition of *Atlantic Currents* as well as the dedicated staff at GMF and OCP Policy Center who made it possible. Comments on *Atlantic Currents* are most welcome, and may be addressed to the editors at GMF and OCP Policy Center.

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# Acronyms

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2DS	2°C Scenario
ACP	Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Group of States
AfDB	African Development Bank
AIM Strategy	2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy
AMD	Africa's Maritime Domain
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union
APRM	African Peer Review Mechanism
APSA	African Peace and Security Architecture
ASF	African Standby Forces
AU	African Union
AUC	African Union Commission
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
CCS	Carbon Capture and Storage
CEMAC	Central African Economic and Monetary Community
CEMZA	Combined Exclusive Maritime Zone of Africa
CEN-SAD	Community of Sahel-Saharan States
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
COP21	21st Conference of the Parties
CSDP	EU Common Security and Defense Policy
DDPP	Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EAC	East African Community
EASBRICOM	East Africa Standby Brigade Coordination Mechanism
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EEAS	European External Action Service
EPA	Economic Partnership Agreement
ESS	European Security Strategy
EUGS	EU Global Strategy
FDI	Foreign direct investment
GDP	Gross domestic product
GGC	Gulf of Guinea Commission
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GVC	Global value chain
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IEA	International Energy Agency
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development

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IMF	International Monetary Fund
INDCs	Intended Nationally Determined Contributions
IRENA	International Renewable Energy Agency
JAES	Joint Africa-EU Strategy
LCCR	Low carbon, climate resilient
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
LEDs	Low emission development strategies
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MIGA	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NDA	Niger Delta Avengers
NDCs	Nationally Determined Contributions
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PPAs	Power purchase agreements
REC	Regional Economic Community
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SDSN	Sustainable Development Solutions Network
SE4All	Sustainable Energy for All Initiative
UNCLOS	UN Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCOMTRADE	UN Commodity Trade Statistics Database
UNCTAD	UN Conference on Trade and Development
UNECA	UN Economic Commission for Africa
UNFCCC	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNGA	UN General Assembly
UNODC	UN Office on Drugs and Crime
WACC	Weighted Average Cost of Capital
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
ZOPACAS	Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic

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