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Foreword

We are delighted to present this second 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 Morocco. 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 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 21st century — rethinking mental maps of the Atlantic in economic, political, and security terms. The United States and Europe have a strong stake in this exercise, alongside Morocco, as do societies across the southern Atlantic. This year, we have devoted special attention to Africa, and African perspectives in Atlantic context, alongside issues and data we plan to track from year to year. 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

AECF	Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
AQIM	al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CcHUB	Co-Creation Hub
CGIAR	Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research
CIDA	Canadian International Development Association
CIMMYT	International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
CVE	Countering Violent Extremism
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DFID	U.K. Department for International Development
DFIs	Development Finance Institutions
EMBRAPA	Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GMOs	Genetically Modified Organisms
ICARDA	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Area
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
IDA	International Development Association
IMA	Islamic Movement for Azawad
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INTA	Argentine National Institute of Agricultural Technology
IRRI	International Rice Research Institute
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MINUSMA	UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
MINUSTAH	UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti
MNCs	Multinational Corporations
MNLA	National Movement for the Liberation of the Azawad
MSMEs	Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises
MUJAO	Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa
NARS	National Agricultural Research Systems

ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OTI	Office of Transition Initiatives (U.S. Agency for International Development)
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SSA	Sub-Saharan Africa
SICP	White House Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SIRUM	Supporting Initiatives to Redistribute Unused Medicine
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
TICVE	Transnational Initiative Countering Violent Extremism
TNCs	Transnational Corporations
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
TTIP	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
UNCTAD	UN Conference on Trade and Development
UNSC	UN Security Council
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
WANA	West Asia/North Africa

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