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University of Utah to explore future of Africa

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The University of Utah will host a summit next week on current issues facing Africa. (Jordan Allred, Deseret News)

SALT LAKE CITY — The University of Utah will host a summit next week on current issues facing Africa.

The Ebola virus, U.S. counterterrorism operations in Somalia and the potential drone base in Niger are among recent relevant events in Africa in the news. To explore the continent, economic development and the future of Africa, the U.'s Hinckley Institute of Politics and the Council of American Ambassadors will host the summit Monday-Tuesday in the Spencer Fox Business Building at the U.

“In our increasingly globalized world, Africa’s economic potential, security issues and health care challenges have a far-reaching impact,” said Kirk Jowers, director of the Hinckley Institute. “This summit will provide a critical forum for dialogue regarding potential partnerships and solutions.”

The conference, “[Africa’s Future in the Global Economy](#),” will feature Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Linda Thomas-Greenfield, who will address her office’s mission to partner with Africans for “democracy, peace and prosperity.” Fifteen former U.S. ambassadors and a leading expert on Ebola will also speak. The event is free and open to the public.

“This conference will provide an invaluable opportunity to hear from key experts on arguably the most dynamic region of the 21st century,” Jowers said.

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