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General Mamadou Mansour Seck to Receive the 2026 Medal of Glory Award (MOGA) Laureate

The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) is honored to announce that General Mamadou Mansour Seck has been selected as a **2026 Medal of Glory Award (MOGA) Laureate**, the Foundation's highest recognition for lifelong contributions to humanity. The award will be presented during **AfrICANDO 2026**, the 27th U.S.–Africa Trade and Investment Conference & Expo. The event is hosted by the Abia State Government at the International Conference Center in Umuahia, Nigeria, on **Friday, November 19, 2026**.

The Medal of Glory Award recognizes individuals whose lives reflect extraordinary resilience, integrity, and service to humanity. General Seck's journey, from modest beginnings to becoming one of Africa's most respected military leaders, peacekeepers, diplomats, and mentors, embodies the spirit of this distinguished honor.

Throughout a remarkable career in public service, **General Seck** demonstrated exemplary leadership in peacekeeping, diplomacy, governance, and national development. As a senior military officer and later **Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Senegal**, he upheld the highest professional standards, strengthened national security institutions, and advanced reforms that promoted stability and democratic governance. His contributions laid a foundation for institutional resilience and strengthened Senegal's role as a regional leader.

As **Senegal's Ambassador to the United States**, **Ambassador Mamadou M. Seck** served with distinction from 1993 to 2002, representing Senegal in the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados. His ambassadorship is widely regarded as an extension of his national service marked by discipline, humility, and strategic vision. He played a pivotal role in strengthening Senegal–U.S. diplomatic relations and U.S.–Africa trade cooperation. This included supporting the passage of the **African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)** in 2000 and providing ongoing support to the AGOA Civil Society Organization Network. His engagement with American policymakers, international institutions, and the African diplomatic corps advanced Senegal's economic and cultural interests and deepened global partnerships.

Beyond his military and diplomatic achievements, **Ambassador Seck** is celebrated for his profound impact as a mentor. His leadership shaped generations of officers, diplomats, and public servants across Senegal and beyond. Known for discipline, intellectual rigor, and unwavering integrity, he inspired countless individuals to pursue excellence, broaden their global perspectives, and strengthen their commitment to national service.

The Medal of Glory Award Committee recognizes that **Ambassador Seck's** achievements were forged through significant challenges, including conflict zones, political complexities, resource constraints, and personal and national hardships. His resilience, from childhood adversity to continental leadership, exemplifies the values of courage, perseverance, and moral clarity that define this award.

In recognition of his lifelong contributions to humanity through peacekeeping, diplomacy, governance, public service, and economic development, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa proudly confers upon **Mamadou Mansour Seck** the 2026 Medal of Glory Award.

AfrICANDO 2026 will convene government leaders, private-sector executives, civil society organizations, and international partners to advance U.S.–Africa trade, investment, and development cooperation. The Medal of Glory Award presentation will highlight the enduring impact of leadership rooted in service, integrity, and global engagement. For more information, go to: https://www.eventleaf.com/e/AfrICANDO_2026

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