Africa Center Overview
The Africa Center is a U. S. Department of Defense institution established and funded by Congress for the study of security issues relating to Africa and serving as a forum for bilateral and multilateral research, communication, exchange of ideas and training involving military and civilian participants. (10 USC 342)
Mission

To advance African security by expanding understanding, providing a trusted platform for dialogue, building enduring partnerships, and catalyzing strategic solutions.
Vision

Security for all Africans championed by effective institutions accountable to their citizens

- Strengthening Leadership, Strategy and Governance in Africa’s Security Sectors
  - Leadership
  - Strategy
  - Institutions and Democratic Accountability

- Addressing Drivers of Insecurity and Advancing Collective Security
  - Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism
  - Countering Trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime
  - Maritime Safety and Security in Africa
  - African Peace and Security Architecture

- Cross-Cutting Themes
  - Women, Peace, and Security
  - Anti-corruption
  - Development and Security Nexus
FY 17-18 Program Plan

**Strengthening Leadership, Strategy, and Institutions in Africa’s Security Sectors**

**Leadership**
- Emerging Security Sectors Leaders Seminar
- Senior Leaders Seminar
- African Executive Dialogue
- ACSS Community Chapters Leaders Forum
- Washington Seminar on U.S.-Africa Security Engagement
- ACSS African Ambassadors Forum

**Strategy**
- National Security Strategy Development (NSSD) and Implementation
- Effective Counter-Insurgency (COIN) Strategies in Africa
- Managing Security Resources in Africa (MSRA) 2.0
- Leveraging Donor Security Assistance for National Priorities

**Institutions and Democratic Accountability**
- Elections and Security in Africa
- SST/SSR in Challenging Contexts
- African Military Education Program (AMEP)

**Addressing Drivers of Insecurity and Advancing Collective Security**

**Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism**
- National Counterterrorism Strategy Development
- Addressing the Diversity of African Terrorists: From Foot Soldiers to Foreign Fighters
- Countering Violent Extremism: Lessons Learned
- Gender and Countering Violent Extremism

**Countering Trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime**
- Transnational Organized Crime, Security, and Governance

**Maritime Safety and Security in Africa**
- National Maritime Strategy Development
- Regional Responses to Maritime Insecurity
- Strategic Integration of Maritime Security Law and Best Practices
- Interregional Coordination Centers

**African Peace and Security Architecture**
- Peace Support Operations in Strategic Context
- Continental and Regional Conflict Prevention

**AFRICOM Support**
- AFRICOM Academic Symposium
- Advanced Area Studies 201 Workshops
- AFRICOM Exercises – Regional Leaders Seminars (Accord, Flintlock, Obagame)
- Logistics
- Cybersecurity
- Air Domain

**Interagency Support**
- Africa’s Contemporary Security Challenges Seminar
- Africa Strategic Dialogue

**Cross-cutting Themes**
- Women, Peace, and Security
- Anti-corruption
- Development and Security Nexus (Urbanization, Youth, Climate/Natural Resources and Conflict)
Alumni Network

- ACSS has alumni from all 54 African nations, 34 Alumni Chapters in 33 countries

- **2003**: Mali and Senegal
- **2004**: Mozambique, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, and Burkina Faso
- **2005**: Nigeria, Ethiopia, Botswana, Chad, and Ghana
- **2006**: Madagascar, Rep. of Congo, Rwanda, and Benin
- **2007**: Djibouti, Guinea, and Burundi
- **2008**: Mauritius and the Dem. Rep. of the Congo
- **2009**: Lesotho
- **2010**: Comoros, Ethiopia (International Chapter), and Tanzania
- **2011**: Gabon, Cape Verde, Swaziland, Sierra Leone
- **2012**: San Tome & Principe, and Malawi
- **2013**: Niger
- **2014**: Zambia
- **2017**: Côte d'Ivoire

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