Africa Center Overview

Mandate

Regional Center Enterprise

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.
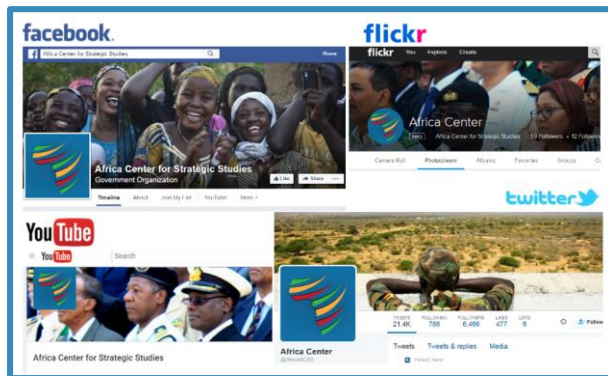
Academic Programs

Outreach

Strategic Communications

Research

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Vision

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

❖ **Strengthening Leadership, Strategy and Institutions in Africa's Security Sectors**
  - ❖ National Security Strategy Development
  - ❖ Security Sector Governance
  - ❖ Emerging Leaders in Africa's Security Sector

❖ **Addressing Drivers of Conflict and Insecurity**
  - ❖ Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism
  - ❖ Countering Terrorism
  - ❖ Countering Transnational Organized Crime

❖ **Advancing Collective Security and Crisis Response**
  - ❖ African Peace and Security Architecture
  - ❖ Peace Support Operations in Dynamic Contexts
  - ❖ Maritime Safety, Security and Regional Cooperation

❖ **Cross-cutting Themes**
  - ❖ Women, Peace, and Security
  - ❖ Legitimacy, Accountability, and Transparency
  - ❖ Security-Development-Governance Nexus

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FY 18-19 Program Plan

Strengthening Leadership, Strategy and Institutions

- ❖ Emerging African Security Sector Leaders Seminar
- ❖ African Executive Dialogue
- ❖ National Security Strategy Development (NSSD) and Implementation
- ❖ Security Sector Transformation and Reform (SST/SSR) in Challenging Contexts
- ❖ Security Governance Initiative (SGI) Partners Seminar
- ❖ ACSS Community Chapters Leaders Forum
- ❖ ACSS Community Chapter Bilateral and Sub-regional Events
- ❖ Washington Seminar on U.S.-Africa Security Engagement
- ❖ African Ambassadors Forum
- ❖ African Military Education Program (AMEP)

Addressing Drivers of Conflict and Insecurity

- ❖ Countering Violent Extremism (CVE): Lessons Learned for Security Sector Practitioners
- ❖ National Countering Terrorism (CT) Strategies in Africa
- ❖ Transnational Organized Crime (TOC), Security and Governance Nexus in Africa
- ❖ Effective Counter-Insurgency (COIN) Strategies in Africa

Advancing Collective Security and Crisis Response

- ❖ Regional Responses to Maritime Insecurity
- ❖ Maritime Safety and Security: Gulf of Guinea Zone D Coordination Workshop
- ❖ Peace Support Operations in Dynamic Contexts
- ❖ Continental and Regional Conflict Prevention
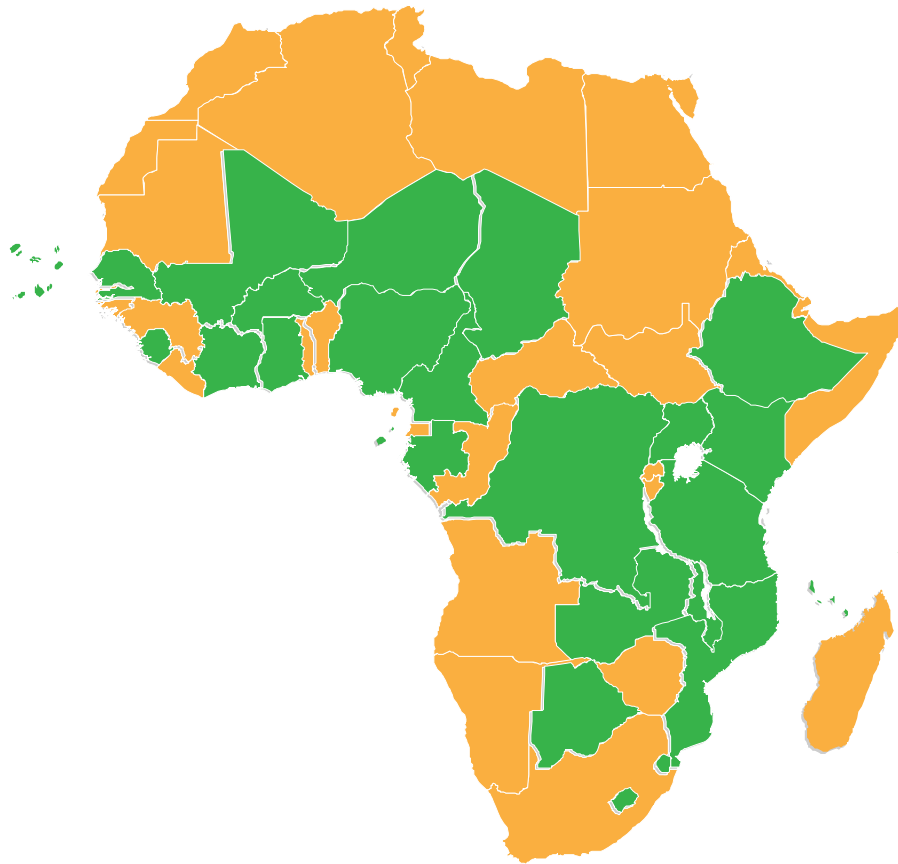
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AFRICOM and Interagency Support

- ❖ Africa's Contemporary Security Challenges Seminar
- ❖ USAFRICOM-ACSS Symposium
- ❖ Advanced Area Studies Workshops
- ❖ AFRICOM Component Exercises
- ❖ Africa Strategic Dialogue

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Alumni Network

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

Alumni Chapters
Alumni

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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