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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 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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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

Cross-cutting Themes
- Women, Peace, and Security
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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
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
- 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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