



**AFRICA CENTER**  
FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

# **Africa Center Overview**

*Impact through Insight*

# 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, and exchange of ideas involving military and civilian participants. (10 USC 184)**

# 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



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

- ❖ National Security Strategy Development
- ❖ Security Sector Governance
- ❖ Emerging Leaders in Africa's Security Sector

- ❖ Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism
- ❖ Countering Terrorism
- ❖ Countering Transnational Organized Crime

- ❖ African Peace and Security Architecture
- ❖ Peace Support Operations in Dynamic Contexts
- ❖ Maritime Safety, Security and Regional Cooperation

- ❖ External Actor Influence
- ❖ Legitimacy, Accountability, and Transparency
- ❖ Security-Development-Governance Nexus
- ❖ Women, Peace, and Security



# FY 20 Program Plan

## Security Sector Governance -- Leadership, Strategy and Institutions

- ❖ Emerging African Security Sector Leaders Seminar
- ❖ African Parliamentarians' Forum
- ❖ National Security Strategy Development (NSSD) and Implementation
- ❖ Security Governance Initiative (SGI)
- ❖ ACSS Community Chapter Bilateral and Sub-regional Alumni Events: Managing Security Resources in Africa
- ❖ Washington Seminar on U.S.-Africa Security Engagement
- ❖ African Military Education Program (AMEP)

## Strategic Responses to Insecurity and Transnational Security Challenges

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

## Advancing Collective Security and Regional Response

- ❖ Whole-of-Africa Maritime Security Dialogues
- ❖ Red Sea Arena Security Dialogues
- ❖ Africa's Security Landscape 2030
- ❖ Continental and Regional Conflict Prevention

## Cross-cutting Goals

- ❖ External Actor Influence in Africa
- ❖ Legitimacy, Accountability and Transparency
- ❖ Women, Peace, and Security
- ❖ Africa's Security, Development and Governance Nexus

## AFRICOM and Interagency Support

- ❖ Africa's External Actors Roundtables
- ❖ Africa's Contemporary Security Challenges Seminar
- ❖ USAFRICOM CHOD, CSEL Conferences
- ❖ Advanced Area Studies Workshops
- ❖ AFRICOM Component Exercises SLS
- ❖ Europe-Africa Transregional Security Issues



# Developing and Implementing National Security Strategies

**Goal Statement:** African leaders and practitioners in the security sector develop and implement their own national security strategies through inclusive, transparent, and participatory processes.

❖ Demand signals for bilateral NSSD support:

- Somalia
- Ethiopia
- Burkina Faso
- Tunisia
- Senegal
- Niger

❖ West African/ECOWAS National Security Advisors Roundtable: August 2018; November 2019

❖ National Security Strategy Development Workshop: August 2018, Senegal

❖ National Security Strategy Development Workshop: April 2019, Botswana

❖ National Security Strategy Development Workshop: August 2019, Tunisia

❖ NSSD Toolkit

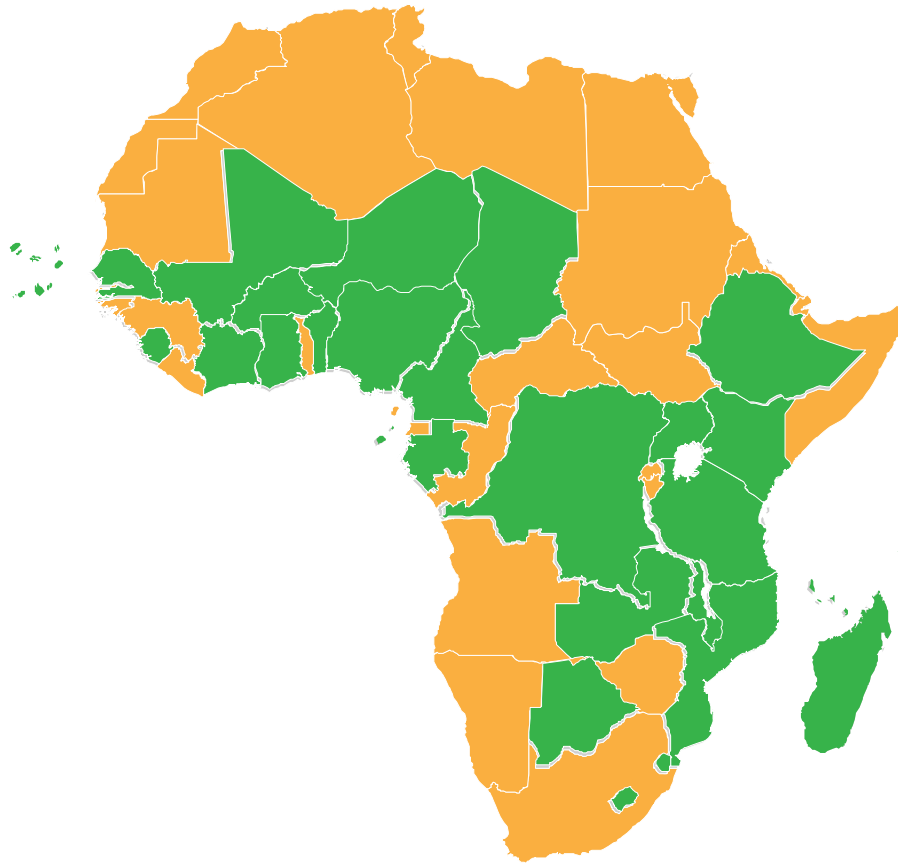
❖ NSS case studies



*"We will strengthen and evolve our alliances and partnerships into an extended network capable of decisively acting to meet the shared challenges of our time."* **National Defense Strategy, 2019**

# 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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