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, 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
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
  - 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 (TNOC), 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: 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

- 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