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 and training 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

- Security Sector Governance -- Leadership, Strategy and Institutions
- Strategic Responses to Insecurity and Transnational Security Challenges
- Collective Security and Regional Responses
- Cross-cutting Themes
  - External Actor Influence in Africa
  - Legitimacy, Accountability, and Transparency
  - Africa’s Security-Development-Governance Nexus
  - Women, Peace, and Security
FY 21 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
- 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
- Community Policing approaches to Countering Violent Extremism
- National Countering Terrorism (CT) Strategies in Africa
- Countering Transnational Organized Crime (TNOC) in Africa
- Cybersecurity Challenges and Opportunities

Advancing Collective Security and Regional Response
- Maritime Safety and Security Dialogues
- Red Sea Arena Security Dialogues
- Africa’s Security Landscape 2030
- Lessons from Regionally-led Peace Support Operations

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
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
Virtual Engagement and Dialogue

Africa Center for Strategic Studies - Alumni Group

254 members