



Session 13:  
Professionalism in Africa's security sector

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# OUTLINE

- ❑ **Defining professionalism in the african context.**
- ❑ **Trends of security sector professionalism in Africa.**
- ❑ **Lessons learnt and good practices of professionalism of the security sector in Africa.**

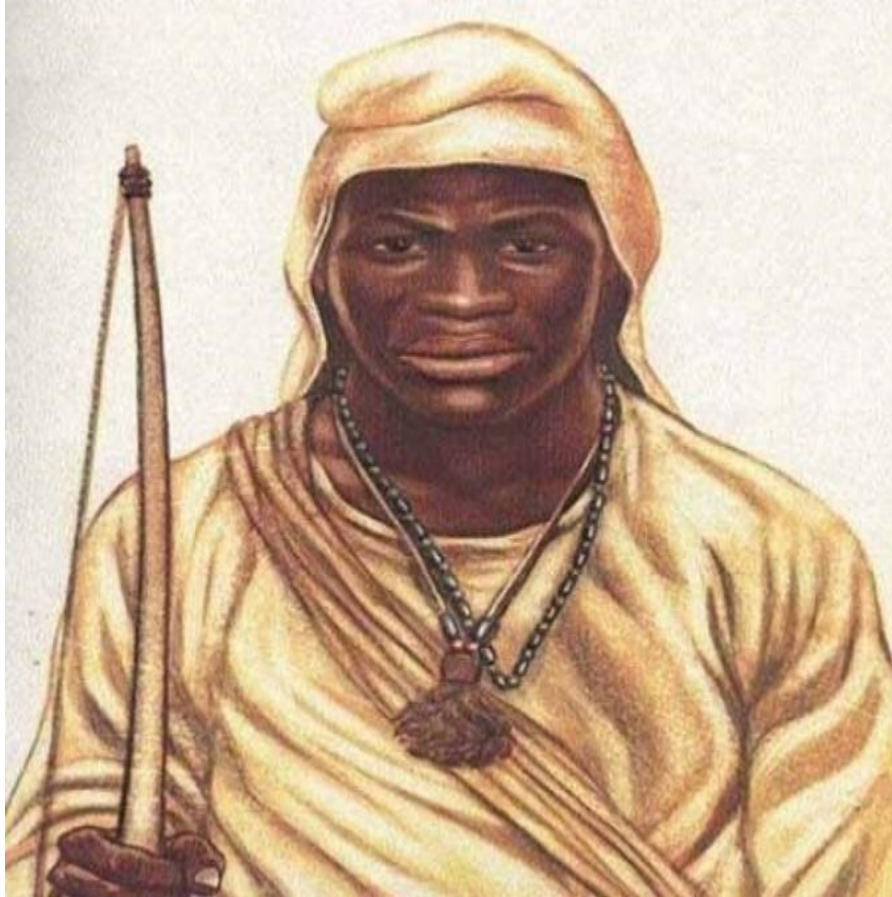
# PRINCIPLES OF MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM

- **Subordination of Defense and Security Forces to democratic civilian authority**
- **Allegiance to the state**
- **Commitment to political neutrality**
- **Ethical institutional culture**
- **Know how and competencies (skills)**

# VALUES OF A PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER

- **Discipline**
- **Integrity**
- **Honor**
- **Commitment**
- **Selfless service**
- **Spirit of sacrifice and duty**

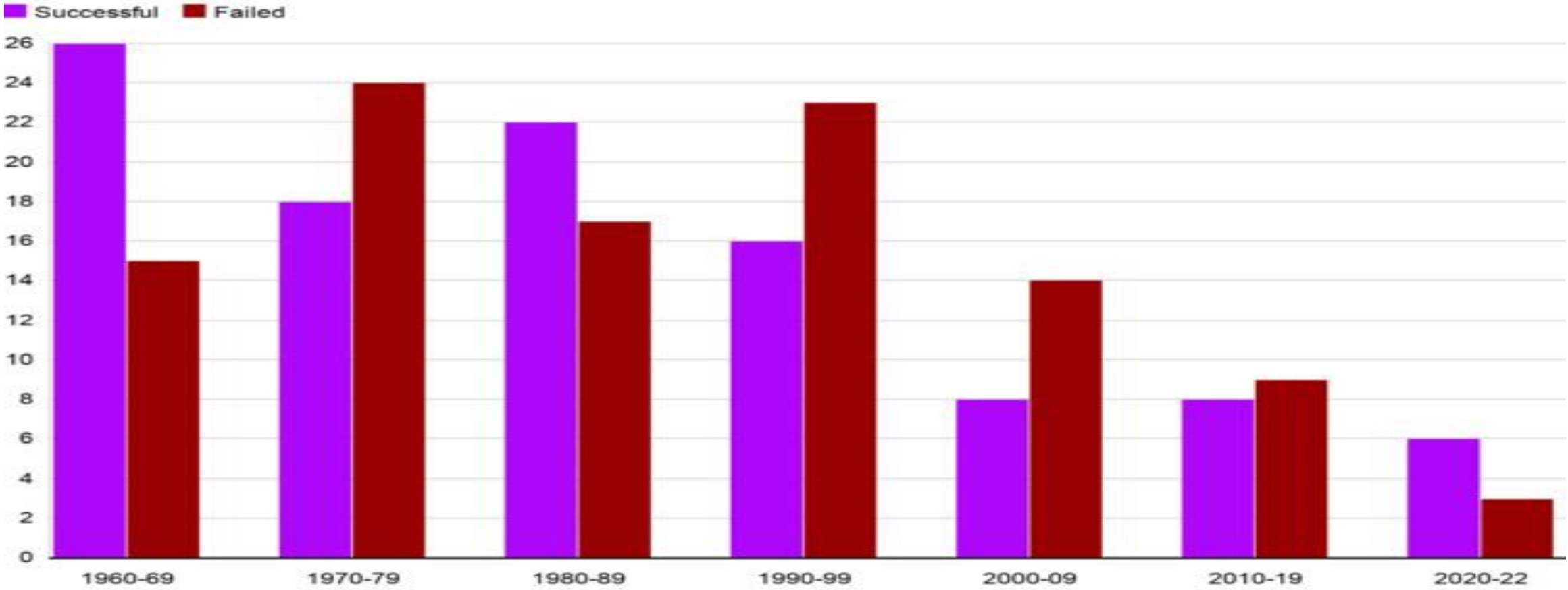
## SOUNDJATA KEITA (1190-1255)



“Soundjata, son of Sogolon. From now on I will take my kingdom from you, for I recognize you as my sovereign. My tribe and I are getting back into your hands. I greet you Supreme Leader, I greet you Fama (chief) of the Fama, I greet you Mansa” (King)

# GRAPH: NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL OR FAILED COUPS SINCE 1960

## Coups d'État militaires en Afrique au fil des décennies

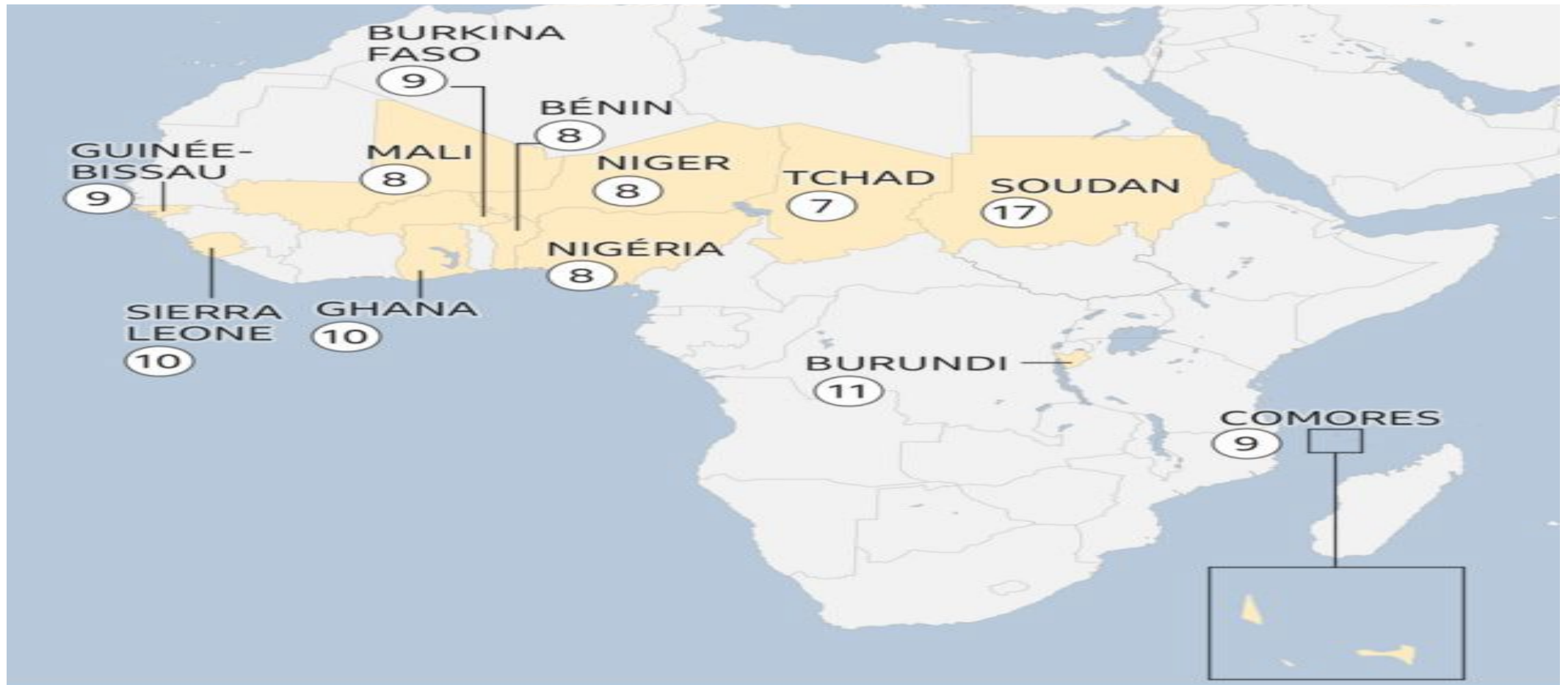


\*2022 jusqu'au 1er février

Source : Recherches menées par les universités de Floride centrale et du Kentucky



# MILITARY COUPS SINCE 1952



Source : Jonathan Powell, Université de Floride centrale et Clayton Thyne, Université du Kentucky



# COUPS IN WEST AFRICA AND THE SAHEL SINCE 2019

COUNTRY	COUP DATE	TYPE OF COUP	LEADER/S	TARGETED GOV'T
GUINEA-BISSAU	February 1, 2022	Failed	Unclear	Pres. Umaro Embalo
BURKINA FASO	January 24, 2022	Successful	Lt-Col Paul-Henri Damiba	Pres. Roch Kaboré
	October 30, 2023	Successful	Capt Ibrahim Traoré	Lt-Col Paul Henri Damiba
GUINEA	September 5, 2021	Successful	Col. Mamady Doumbouya	Pres. Alpha Conde
NIGER	March 31, 2021	Failed	Unclear	Pres-Elect Mohamed Bazoum
MALI	August 19, 2020	Successful	Assimi Goita	Pres Ibrahim Keita
	May 24, 2021	Successful	Assimi Goita	Pres. Bah Ndaw
TCHAD	April 20,2021	Successful	Mahamat Deby	Pres. Idriss Deby



# ADVANCING PROFESSIONALISM IN THE SECURITY SECTOR

1

**Depoliticizing the security sector environment**

2

**Institutionalizing ethics and accountability**

3

**Establishing independent oversight mechanisms**

4

**Strengthening Parliamentary oversight and external audits**

5

**Strengthening discipline and the sense of duty**

6

**Strengthening training and professional education**

