



AFRICA CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

ADVANCING MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM THROUGH PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

INFORMATION NOTE

WHAT: The Africa Center for Strategic Studies will convene a workshop for senior leaders from select Professional Military Education (PME) institutions to examine the role of education in advancing military professionalism and to explore opportunities to partner with the Africa Center and U.S. PME institutions to advance our mutual interests.

WHERE: Fort McNair, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

WHEN: 25-27 July 2023

WHO: Approximately 50 participants from 16 African countries. Each country is invited to send a PME representative from its higher headquarters as well as the Commandant, Dean, or Director of Studies from its Command and Staff College or War College. Countries that have an AMEP (Africa Military Education Program Program) project are invited to send the Commandant from that PME institution as well. Representatives from U.S. PME institutions will also be participating. All participants must be able to read and engage in detailed, sector-specific discussions in English or French.

WHY: The evolving nature of the threats many African countries confront places an increased emphasis on the need for professional militaries. Military education is an important tool a nation can employ to develop a professional military. This workshop will provide a forum to look closely at the role PME plays in advancing military professionalism, share ideas and best practices among educators of military professionals, and consider ways in which the Africa Center, U.S. PME institutions, and African countries can partner in our shared interest in advancing military professionalism in service of regional and international security.

HOW: The workshop will be three days long and will consist of 5 or 6 panel presentations by U.S. and African educators of military professionals followed by discussion group breakout sessions. The event will also include a tour of the National Defense University. The workshop will be conducted in English and French.

All discussions and activities will be conducted under a policy of strict non-attribution, a cardinal principle of the Africa Center.