Africa Center Overview
Mission

To advance African security by expanding understanding, providing a trusted platform for dialogue, building enduring partnerships, and catalyzing strategic solutions.

Academic Programs

Outreach & Partnerships

Strategic Communications

Research
Africa Center Portfolios/Lines of Effort

1. National Security Strategy Development (NSSD) & Implementation (includes Managing Security Sector Resources)
2. Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)/Counter Terrorism (CT)
3. Countering Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC) and Transnational Threats
4. Rule of Law (RoL)/Security Sector Governance (SSG)
5. Military Professionalism/Civil-Military Relations/Professional Military Education (PME)
6. Cyber Domain Awareness, Cybersecurity, and Information/Disinformation
7. Peace Support Operations (PSO) and Crisis Response
8. Maritime Security and Maritime Domain Awareness

Cross-cutting Themes:
- Legitimacy, Accountability, and Transparency
- Strategic Competition and External Actor Influence
- Women, Youth, Peace, and Security
- Security Implications of Climate Change
The Africa Center tracks and analyzes the continent’s evolving security landscapes and produces policy relevant materials that are disseminated across multiple social media platforms.

Research product themes include:

- **Climate**

![Graph showing temperature anomalies from 1920 to 2020, with a note that temperature has increased over historical patterns over the past four decades.](image)

- **External Influence in Africa**

![Map highlighting China's oil shipment “Malacca Dilemma.”](image)

- **Violent Extremism**

![Map of Africa's active militant Islamist groups.](image)

- **COVID-19 Pandemic**

![Map showing COVID-19 variants spreading in Africa.](image)

- **Civ-Mil Relations**

![Image related to Civ-Mil Relations.](image)
Alumni Network & Partnerships

Alumni Network
- Africa Center alumni in 54 African nations
- 34 Alumni Chapters in 33 countries
- Alumni chapter leaders event in January 2023

Key Partnerships
- African Union
- PSC
- ASCRT/CAERT
- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- ECOWAS NSAs
- African Think-tanks
- CHEDS
- CNESS
- ISS
- AILCT (future)
- African Professional Military Education (PME) schools
Africa Center Impact (1 of 2)

Cultivating a network African national security professionals and sustaining relationships over time
• Mid-career course serves as stepping-stone for emerging security sector leaders…. over time participants have become Chiefs of Defense, Service Chiefs, National Security Advisors, Ministers, Ambassadors
• Self-initiated alumni chapters formed in 33 countries

Enhancing and building the capacity of African security experts and institutions
• Published authors, speakers/panelists, and facilitators
• Partnerships with counterpart research/think-tanks
• Participation of women as experts and attendees in research and programs
• Support collaborative programs with AU Peace and Security Council staff
• Curriculum and faculty support to African professional military education institutions

Facilitating establishment of new African security architectures, institutions, and networks
• Yaounde Code of Conduct agreement and related architecture for a coordinated regional approach to maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea
• Forum of National Security Advisors within ECOWAS
Africa Center Impact (2 of 2)

**Raising awareness on both sides of the Atlantic of security threats, challenges, and opportunities**

- Continued website, social media growth
- Created Africa-focused dynamic analysis products during COVID pandemic to inform decision-makers and public audiences of risks and trends
- Lent critical support to citizen-centric security approach now widely incorporated in national, regional, and AU-level strategies and plans
- Trusted source for data on extremism trends since 2013

**Trusted partner to advise on strategy development**

- Created and published national security strategy toolkit, hosted workshops for participants from 30 countries, and provided support national development of strategies in 10 countries
- Developed maritime security strategy toolkit for Gulf of Guinea maritime professionals; created Gulf of Guinea Maritime Security and Criminal Justice Primer