



AFRICA CENTER
FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

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

Research & Strategic Communications

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.

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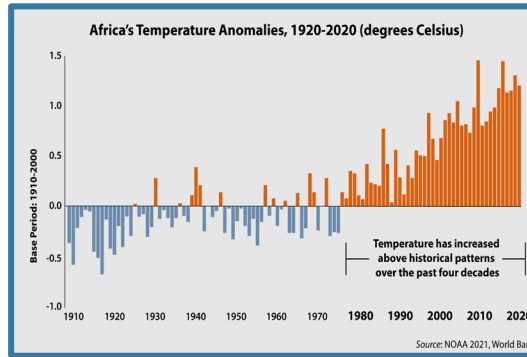


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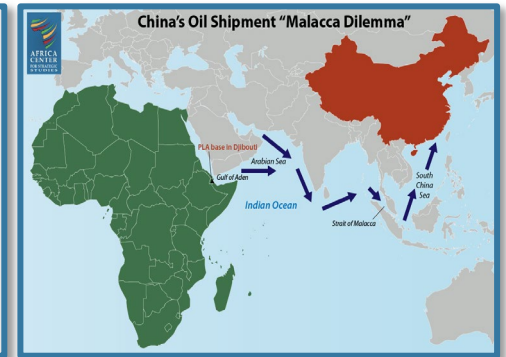


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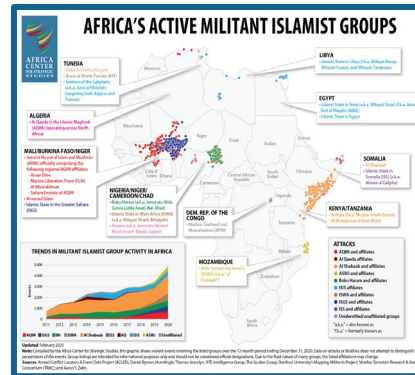
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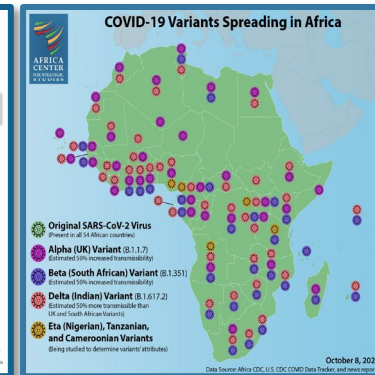
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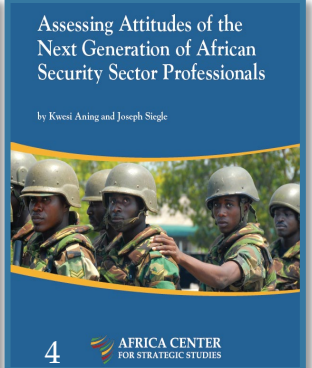
Violent Extremism



COVID-19 Pandemic



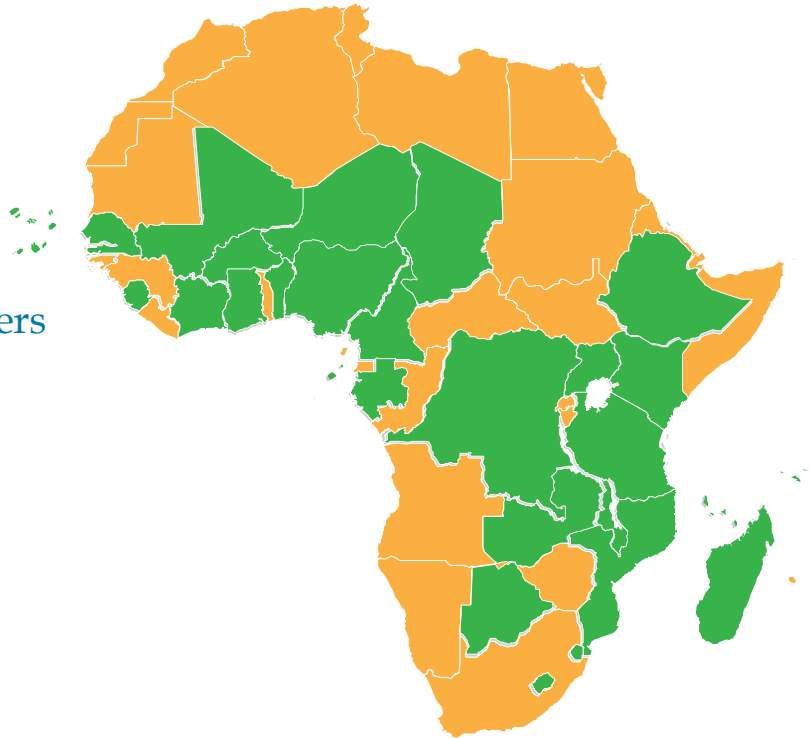
Civ-Mil Relations



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



Alumni Chapters
Alumni

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



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