Session 7:
Building External Partnerships

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Why Does External Partnership Matter in Africa?

Grants to Africa as % of GDP, 2010-2020.

Challenges in Leveraging and Coordinating Security Assistance in Africa?

Global Transnational Organized Crime

Source: Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
Challenges in Leveraging and Coordinating Security Assistance in Africa? Growing Number of International Actors

Source: Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
Successes and Challenges in Leveraging External Partnership: Security Sector Reform Assistance
Successes and Challenges in Leveraging External Partnership: Yaoundé Code of Conduct

African Framework for External Strategic Partnerships

- **AU/OAU: Vision** “an integrated, prosperous, equitable and well governed and peaceful United States of Africa, effectively managed by its own citizens and representing a creative and dynamic force in the international arena”.

- **AU Guiding Principles for Strategic Partnerships**
  - Sovereign equality, inter-dependence, and
  - Equal burden-sharing and mutual assistance and interests, and
  - Indivisibility of the African security

- **AU Forms of Strategic Partnerships**
  - Continent to Continent Partnerships
  - Continent to Country Partnerships
  - Partnership in Demand

Source: AU https://au.int/en/partnerships/intro
Shaping and Leveraging Security Partnership in Africa

• **Need for New Partnership Approaches:**
  - Thorough knowledge of a partner
  - Flexibility and Coordination
  - Scalability of Partnership

• **National Security Strategy and Strategic Leadership**
  - National Values and Interests
  - National Security Vision
  - National Ownership
  - Mapping and Prioritizing Security Threats
  - Setting National Security Goals and Strategic Objectives
  - Division of Labor
  - Institutional Framework for decision-making and coordination
  - Civilian Oversights and Accountability

• **National Aid Strategy**