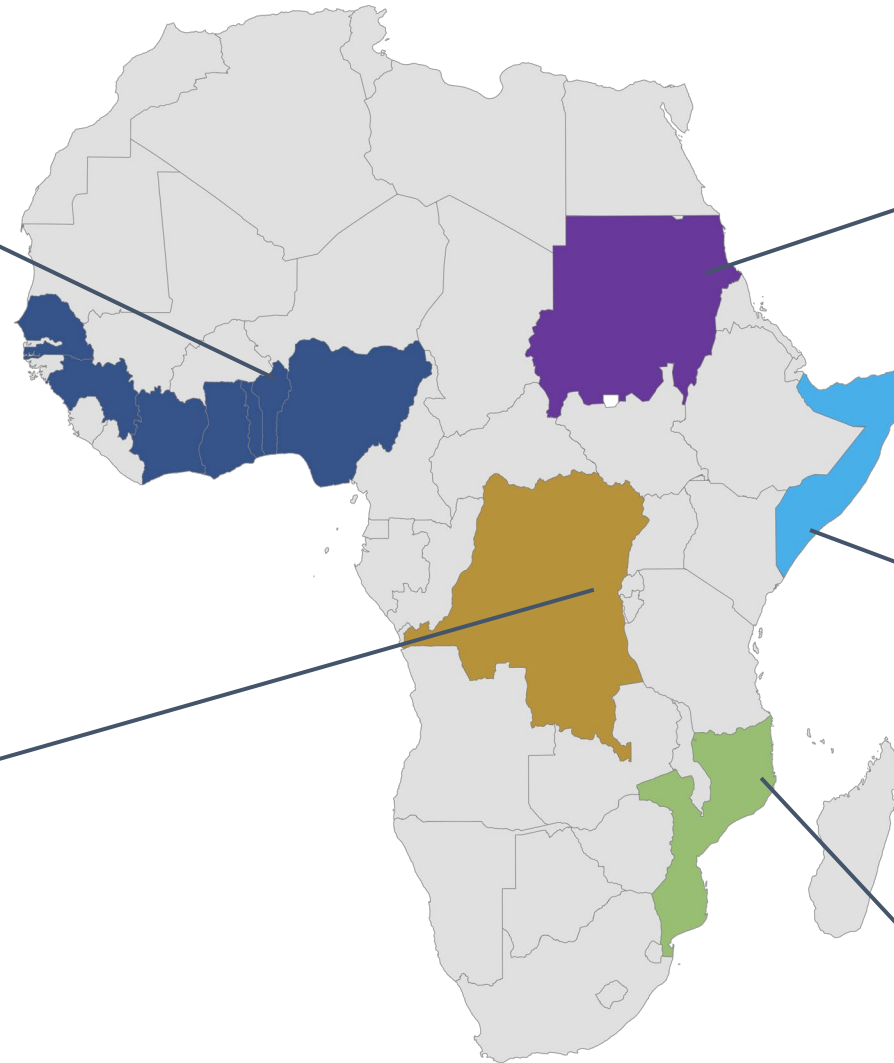


Coastal West Africa

- **Potential Troop Strength:** Up to 3,000
- **Likely Location:** Northern Benin
- **Mandate:** Prevent the spread of Islamist militancy and facilitate humanitarian access
- **Potential Lead TCC:** Ghana, Côte D'Ivoire, Nigeria
- **Likely Challenges:** Cooperation with Sahelian states, integration with existing efforts like the Accra Initiative, disinformation

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- **Potential Troop Strength:** Up to 10,000
- **Likely Location:** Eastern DRC, particularly around Goma and North Kivu
- **Mandate:** Operations against M23 + political settlement or peace agreement
- **Potential Lead TCC:** South Africa, Tanzania
- **Likely Challenges:** Host government consent to AU/UN accountability measures, Rwandan support for M23



Sudan

- **Potential Troop Strength:** Up to 10,000
- **Likely Locations:** Port Sudan, Khartoum, Darfur, South Kordofan
- **Mandate:** Facilitate humanitarian access and a ceasefire
- **Potential Lead TCC:** Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana
- **Likely Challenges:** Consent from warring parties and allies

Somalia

- **Potential Troop Strength:** Up to 10,000
- **Likely Locations:** Major population centers and environs
- **Mandate:** Protect key government and diplomatic installations, strengthen capacity of Somali Armed Forces, facilitate political process with al Shabaab
- **Potential Lead TCC:** Kenya, Uganda
- **Likely Challenges:** Consent of warring parties

Mozambique

- **Potential Troop Strength:** Up to 3,000
- **Likely Location:** Cabo Delgado Province
- **Mandate:** Prevent the spread of Islamist militancy and facilitate humanitarian access
- **Potential Lead TCC:** Rwanda, South Africa
- **Likely Challenges:** Regional consensus, acquisition of enabling capabilities and assets