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REC-Led Peace Operations: Challenges + Opportunities



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Impact through Insight

REC-Led Mission Since 2000

Mission	Countries	Year(s)	Max authorized personnel	Authorizing Entities
ECOWAS Monitoring Group (ECOMOG)	Sierra Leone	1997-2000	15,000	ECOWAS
CEN-SAD Force	CAR	2001-2002	300	CEN-SAD
Central African Multinational Force (FOMUC)	CAR	2002-2008	380	ECCAS
ECOWAS Mission in Liberia (ECOMIL)	Liberia	2003	3,600	ECOWAS
ECOWAS Forces in Cote D'Ivoire (ECOMICI)	Cote D'Ivoire	2003	1,500	ECOWAS
ECCAS Peace Consolidation Mission in the Central African Republic (MICOPAX)	Central African Republic	2008-2013	2,000	ECCAS
ECOWAS Mission in Guinea-Bissau (ECOMIB)	Guinea-Bissau	2012-2020	629	ECOWAS
ECOWAS Intervention in the Gambia (ECOMIG)	The Gambia	2017-2024*	8,000	ECOWAS
SADC Prevention Mission to Lesotho (SAPMIL)	Lesotho	2018	269	SADC
SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM)	Mozambique	2021-2024*	2,000	SADC
East Africa Community Regional Force (EACRF)	DRC	2022-2023	12,000	EAC
ECOWAS Stabilization Support Mission in Guinea-Bissau (SSMGB)	Guinea-Bissau	2022-	629	ECOWAS
Southern African Development Community Mission in the DRC (SAMIDRC)	DRC	2023-	5,000	SADC

Sources: [Williams 2013](#); [SIPRI](#); [Security Council Report](#); AU; ECOWAS; [Fisher and Wilen](#)



Status of Peace Operations in Africa

Figure 3. Current UN and African-Led Missions Deployed in Africa


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 - Launch Date: 2017
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 8,000
 - Location(s): The Gambia
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Ad-Hoc Initiatives

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Accra Initiative
 - Launch Date: 2017
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 10,000
 - Location(s): Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo
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Multinational Joint Task Force
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 - Location(s): Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria

SADC-Led Operations

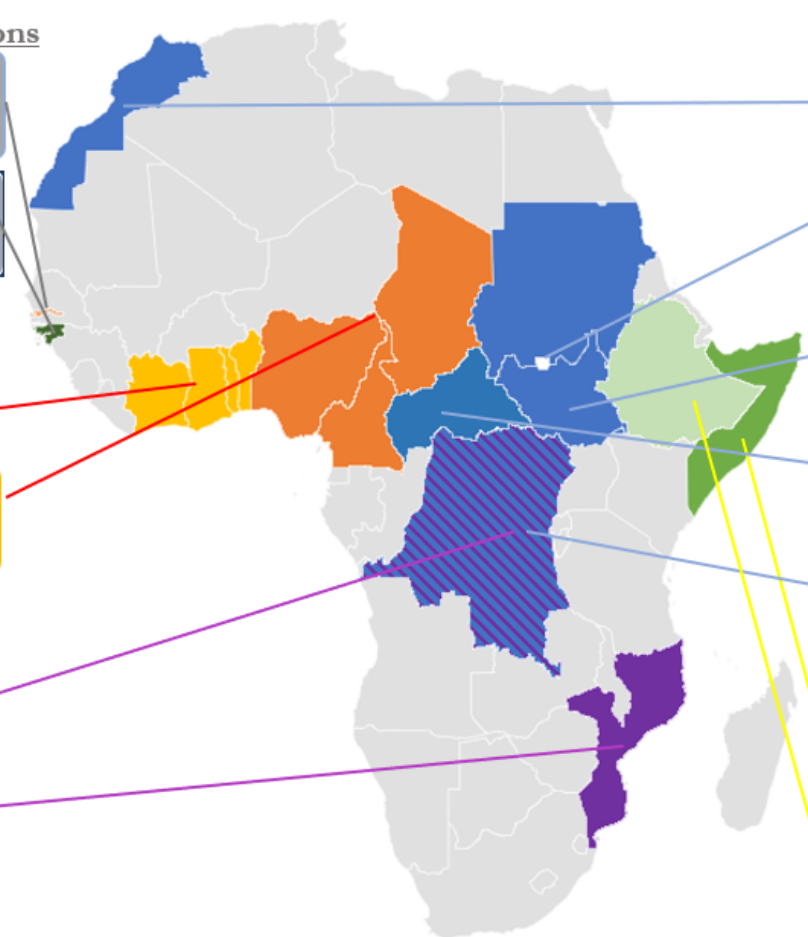
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SADC Intervention in the DRC
 - Launch Date: 2024
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 5,000
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SADC Intervention in Mozambique (SAMIM)
 - Launch Date: 2021
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UN Peacekeeping

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 - Launch Date: 1991
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 245
 - Location(s): Western Sahara
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UN Interim Security Force in Abyei
 - Launch Date: 2011
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 4190
 - Location(s): Sudan
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UN Mission in South Sudan
 - Launch Date: 2011
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 19, 101
 - Location(s): South Sudan
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UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in CAR
 - Launch Date: 2014
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 17,420
 - Location(s): Central African Republic
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UN Stabilization Mission in the DRC
 - Launch Date: 2010
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 16,316
 - Location(s): Democratic Republic of the Congo

AU-Led Operations


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African Union Transition Mission in Somalia
 - Launch Date: 2022
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 22,000
 - Location(s): Somalia
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African Union Monitoring, Verification and Compliance Mission
 - Launch Date: 2022
 - Authorized Troop Strength: 10
 - Location(s): Ethiopia






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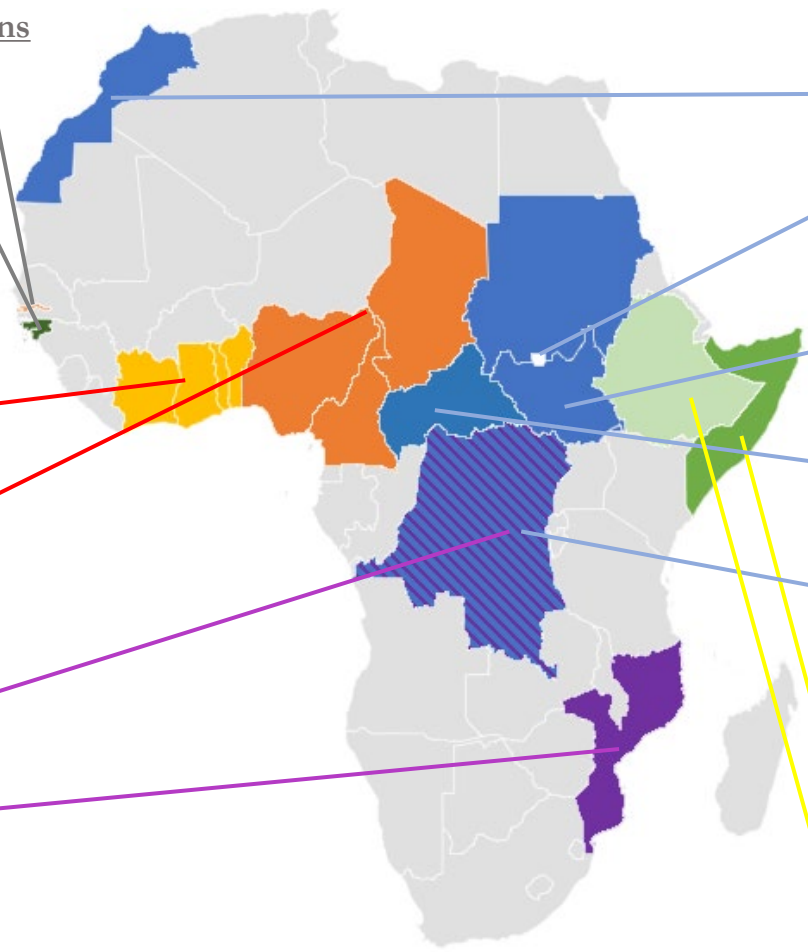
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