REC-Led Peace Operations: Challenges + Opportunities

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## REC-Led Mission Since 2000

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Sources: [Williams 2013](#); [SIPRI](#); [Security Council Report](#); AU; ECOWAS; [Fisher and Wilen](#)
Figure 3. Current UN and African-Led Missions Deployed in Africa

ECOWAS-led Operations

- **ECOWAS Intervention in the Central African Republic**
  - Launch Date: 2017
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 2,000
  - Location(s): Central African Republic

- **ECOWAS Mission in Guinea-Bissau**
  - Launch Date: 2022
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 420
  - Location(s): Guinea-Bissau

Ad-Hoc Initiatives

- **Accra Initiative**
  - Launch Date: 2017
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 10,000
  - Location(s): Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria

- **Multinational Joint Task Force**
  - Launch Date: 2015
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 10,000
  - Location(s): Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria

SADC-Led Operations

- **SADC Intervention in the DRC**
  - Launch Date: 2022
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 5,000
  - Location(s): DRC

- **SADC Intervention in Mozambique (SAMIM)**
  - Launch Date: 2021
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 2,000
  - Location(s): Mozambique

UN Peacekeeping

- **UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)**
  - Launch Date: 1991
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 245
  - Location(s): Western Sahara

- **UN Interim Security Force in Abyei**
  - Launch Date: 2011
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 810
  - Location(s): South Sudan

- **UN Mission in South Sudan**
  - Launch Date: 2011
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 19,101
  - Location(s): South Sudan

- **UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in CAR**
  - Launch Date: 2014
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 1,425
  - Location(s): Central African Republic

- **UN Stabilization Mission in the DRC**
  - Launch Date: 2013
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 8,136
  - Location(s): Democratic Republic of the Congo

AU-Led Operations

- **African Union Transition Mission in Somalia**
  - Launch Date: 2022
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 22,000
  - Location(s): Somalia

- **African Union Monitoring, Verification and Compliance Mission**
  - Launch Date: 2022
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 10
  - Location(s): Eritrea
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- **ECOWAS Intervention in the Gambia**
  - Launch Date: 2017
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 8,000
  - Location(s): Gambia

- **ECOWAS Mission in Guinea-Bissau**
  - Launch Date: 2022
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 629
  - Location(s): Guinea-Bissau

**Ad-Hoc Initiatives**

- **Accra Initiative**
  - Launch Date: 2017
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 10,000
  - Location(s): Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana, Togo

- **Multinational Joint Task Force**
  - Launch Date: 2015
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 10,000
  - Location(s): Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria

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- **SADC Intervention in Mozambique (SAMIM)**
  - Launch Date: 2021
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 2,000
  - Location(s): Mozambique

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- **African Union Transition Mission in Somalia**
  - Launch Date: 2022
  - Authorized Troop Strength: 22,000
  - Location(s): Somalia

**ECOWAS-led Operations**

- **UN Peacekeeping**
  - **UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)**
    - Launch Date: 1991
    - Authorized Troop Strength: 240
    - Location(s): Western Sahara
  - **UN Interim Security Force in Abyei**
    - Launch Date: 2011
    - Authorized Troop Strength: 4150
    - Location(s): Sudan
  - **UN Mission in South Sudan**
    - Launch Date: 2011
    - Authorized Troop Strength: 19,101
    - Location(s): South Sudan
  - **UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in CAR**
    - Launch Date: 2014
    - Authorized Troop Strength: 17,420
    - Location(s): Central African Republic
  - **UN Stabilization Mission in the DRC**
    - Launch Date: 2010
    - Authorized Troop Strength: 16,316
    - Location(s): Democratic Republic of the Congo

**UN Peacekeeping**

- **AU-Led Operations**
  - **African Union Monitoring, Verification and Compliance Mission**
    - Launch Date: 2022
    - Authorized Troop Strength: 10
    - Location(s): Ethiopia