



**AFRICA CENTER
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Madagascar Alumni Chapter

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Combined Chapter of ACSS and APCSS Alumni:

1996-2005: Pacific Command - APCSS (38)

2001-2025: Africa Command - ACSS / CESA (104)

Total: 142 including 19 women (13.38%)

Ministries of origin (12): Prime Minister's Office, Defense (Armed Forces), Gendarmerie, Public Security, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Justice, Transport, Environment, Fisheries, Higher Education, Tourism

NGOs of origin (04): International Maritime Organization (IMO), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

Chapter Presentation

The chapter is an association, favoring political and religious neutrality, which takes the form of a **think tank** and serves as a driving force for decision-makers and leaders in both the public and private sectors, and the Malagasy population in general, with a view to the economic, social, and cultural development of the country. Its civic mission has no political dimension, although its activities relate to political and strategic orientations.

One of the chapter's objectives is to capitalize on the knowledge and experience acquired within the CESA and similar training centers in order to promote national and international peace and security in all its aspects (political, economic, social, technological, environmental, and legal) with a view to the harmonious, balanced, and integrated development of Madagascar.

How the Association works

- ▶ Communication via mailing list and WhatsApp group
- ▶ Point of contact in each ministry
- ▶ Regular and extraordinary meetings

Recent activities of the chapter

- ▶ **November 18, 2019:** Two members of the Association participated in the meeting of the Franco-Malagasy Joint Commission on the resolution of the dispute between France and Madagascar over the Scattered Islands.
- ▶ **2020 to 2021:** Drafting of Madagascar's integrated maritime strategy by an interministerial committee composed primarily of members of the Association. This document was officially submitted to the Prime Minister on February 26, 2021, in Antsiranana (formerly Diego Suarez).

Recent activities of the chapter (cont'd)

- ▶ **January 17, 2024:** Conference organized by four members of the Association for the benefit of the students of the Center for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies (CEDDS) on the theme "What strategic approaches for the development of maritime security and maritime transport in Madagascar?"
- ▶ **October 24, 2024:** First meeting of the chapter with the current Defense Attaché at the US Embassy in Madagascar at his home.
- ▶ **January 25, 2025:** Presentation of the chapter's New Year's greetings, preliminary discussions on the content and form of the draft Statutes, and preparation of the Maritime Security Symposium.

Recent activities of the chapter (cont'd)

- ▶ **February 22, 2025 (morning):** Organization by the chapter, in collaboration with the CESA, of the Symposium on Maritime Security around the theme: "Strengthening Maritime Security: Madagascar's Strategic Role in the Security and Stability of the Southwest Indian Ocean"
- ▶ **February 22, 2025 (afternoon):** Plenary meeting on the future activities of the chapter and review of the draft statutes.

Future activities of the chapter

- ▶ Validation of the Bylaws and election of the Steering Committee members
- ▶ Close collaboration with the ACSS and the US Embassy in Madagascar
- ▶ Networking with entities sharing the same values and objectives (MAE/CEAS, CEDS, IEP, Universities, Malagasy Academy, etc.)
- ▶ Internal discussions and debates on national events and current global developments
- ▶ Discussions on information and webinars from the ACSS with a view to research applied to the country's realities

Conclusion

- ▶ Establishment of a legal and institutional framework to give greater credibility to the Association and visibility to its activities
- ▶ Encouragement of each member to research and innovation for the human and sustainable development of Madagascar
- ▶ Need for collaboration and synergy between members and with other stakeholders to have a tangible impact on the well-being of fellow citizens
- ▶ Promote the ideals of peace and security in close collaboration with the ACSS

THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS?