

U.S. Africa Command

... building the command



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Direction

This new command will strengthen our security cooperation with Africa and help to create new opportunities to bolster the capabilities of our partners in Africa. Africa Command will enhance our efforts to help bring peace and security to the people of Africa and promote our common goals of development, health, education, democracy, and economic growth in Africa.

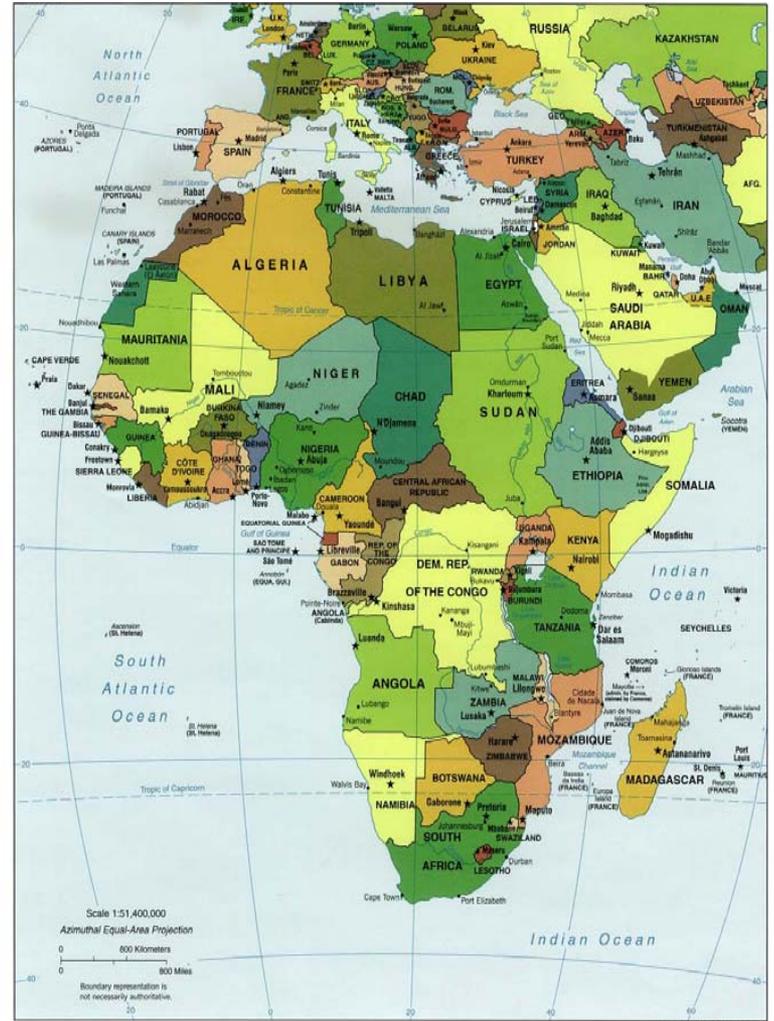
*President George Bush
February 7, 2007*

- **President Bush directed establishment of US Africa Command – Feb 07**
- **Initial Operating Capability (IOC) by 1 Oct 07**
 - **Building the team**
 - **Engaging key audiences**
 - **Preparing for mission transfers**
- **Unified Command status by 30 Sep 08**
- **Establish a command presence on the continent**



Why is Africa Important?

- **Africa has significant strategic & economic importance:**
 - 11.7m square miles
 - 900m people
 - 3 countries on UN Security Council
 - Oil, minerals, metals, food
- **Our focus is to build the capacity of our African partners to:**
 - Reduce conflict
 - Improve security
 - Defeat terrorists
 - Support crisis response



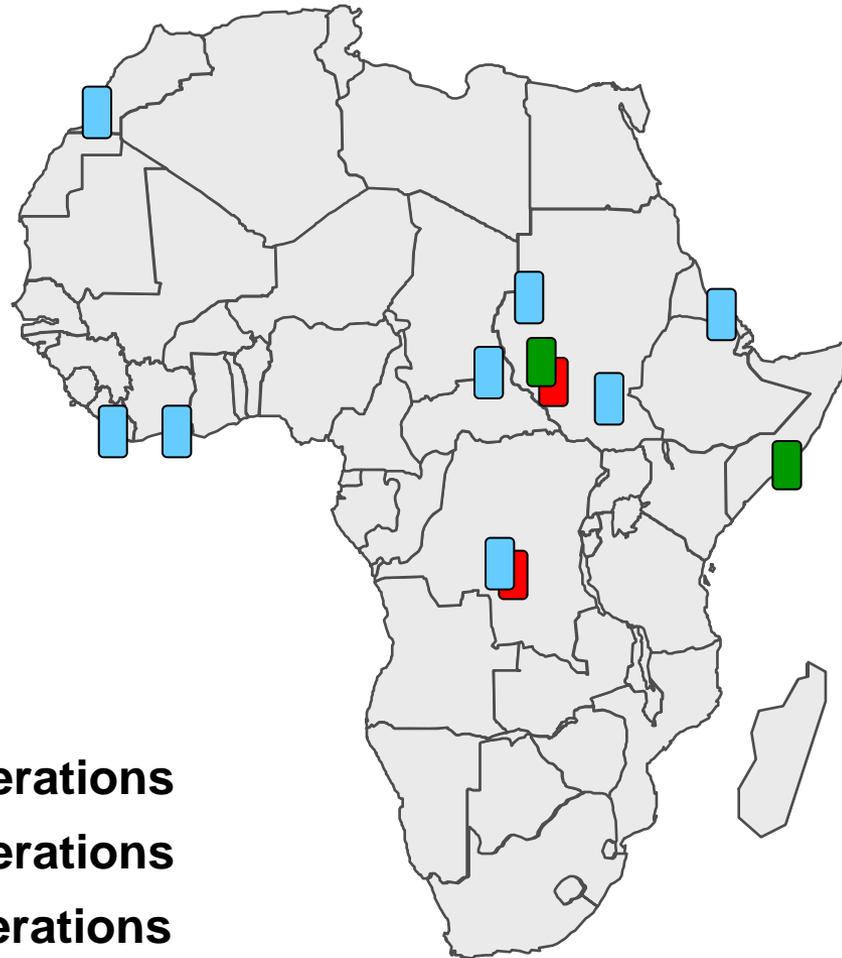
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Current Peacekeeping Operations

- 68,300 uniformed UN peacekeepers in Africa (Jan 08)
- Current UN/AU Peacekeeping Operations:
 - Western Sahara
 - Liberia
 - Cote D'Ivoire
 - Ethiopia/Eritrea
 - DRC
 - Sudan
 - Darfur
 - Chad/CAR
 - Somalia

- UN Peacekeeping Operations
- AU Peacekeeping Operations
- EU Peacekeeping Operations



The Size of Africa



Distance

Mogadishu—Dakar: 4365 miles

Chicago—Honolulu: 4250 miles

Coastline: 47,560 miles

Population: 888 million (2005)

-over 800 ethnic groups and 1000
languages

Number of countries: 53

Distance

Tunis—Cape Town: 4885 miles

New York—Moscow: 4674 miles



Africa's Size and Diversity

**11.7 million
square miles**

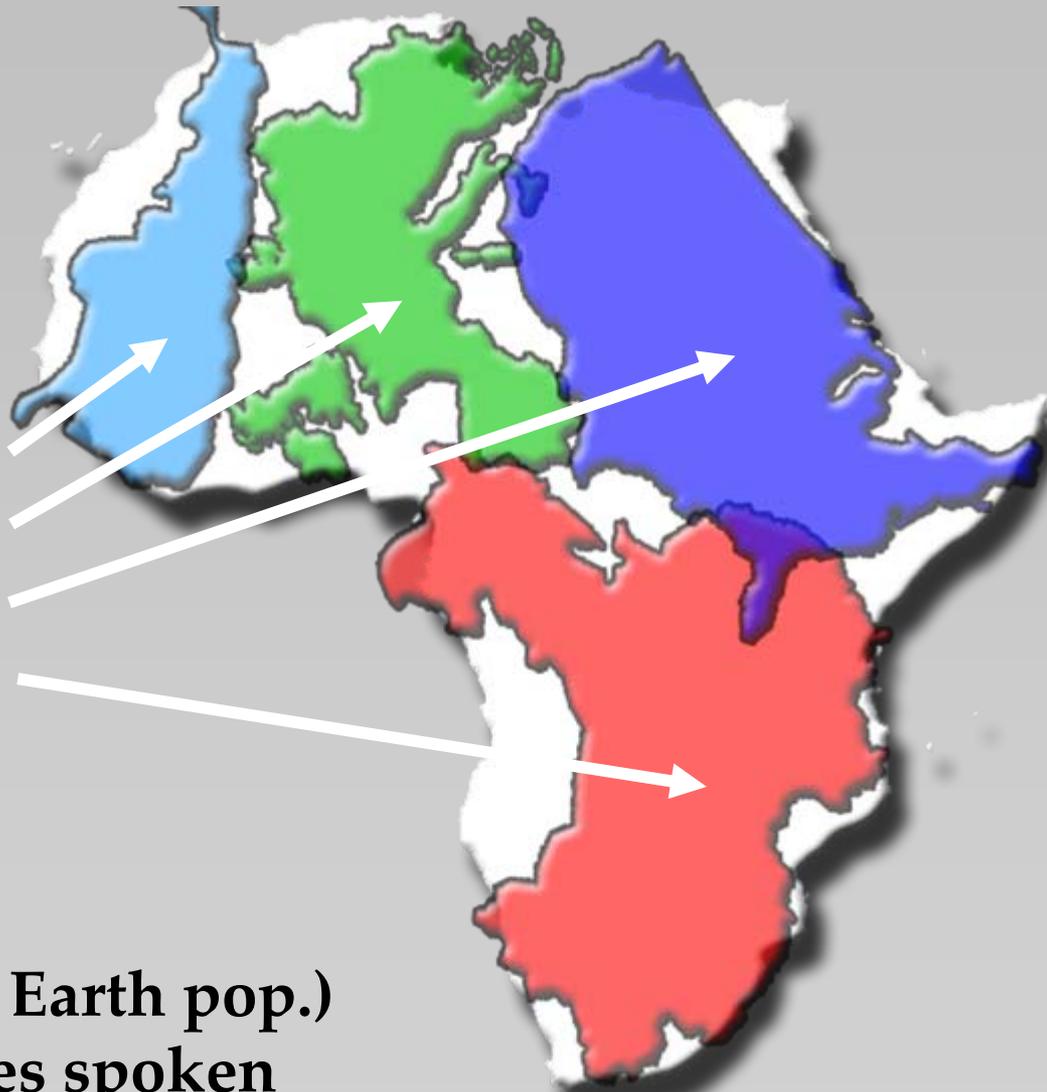
More than **Argentina (1.1)**

Western Europe (1.4)

The United States (3.1)

and China (3.7)

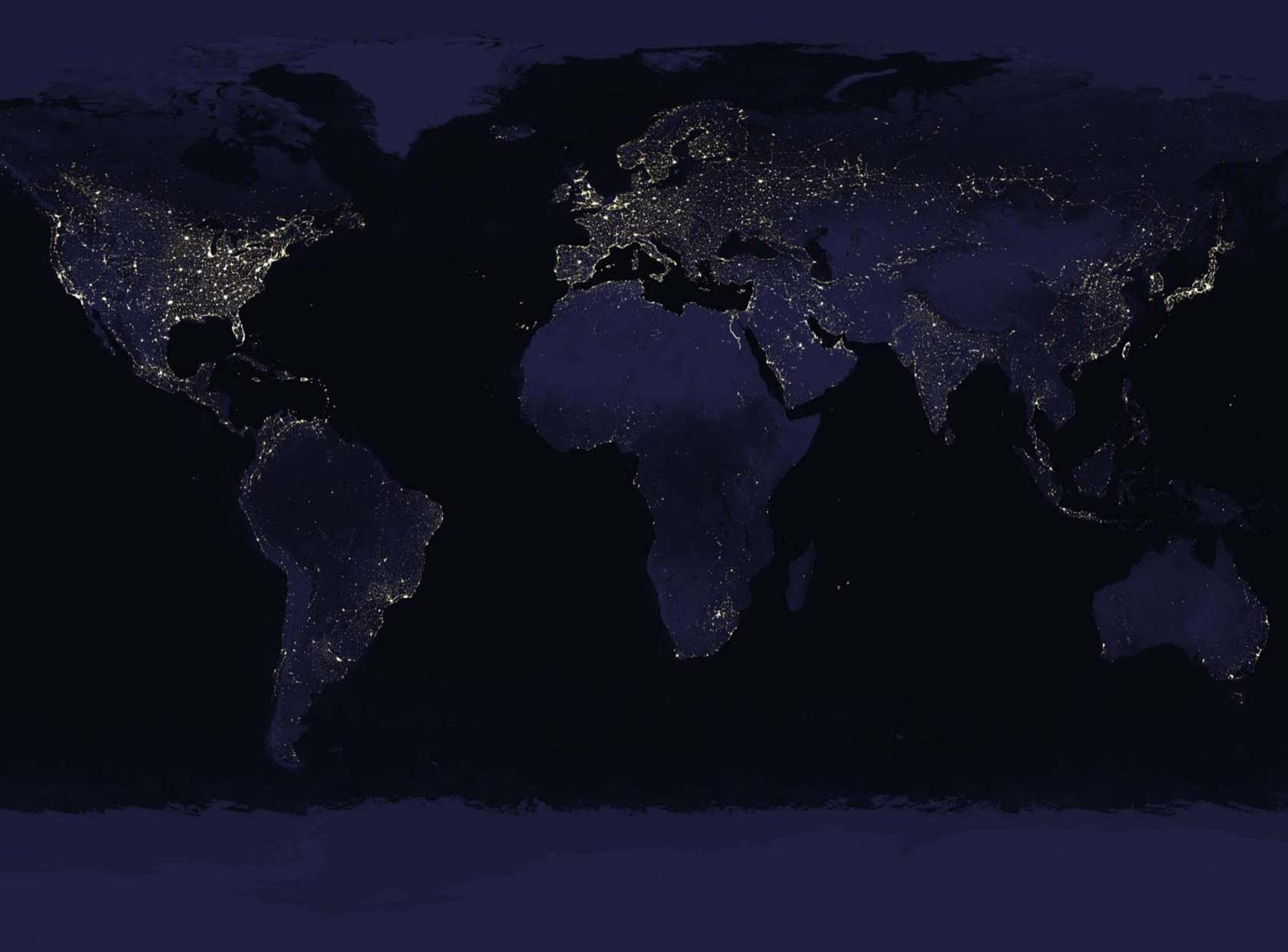
Combined (9.3)



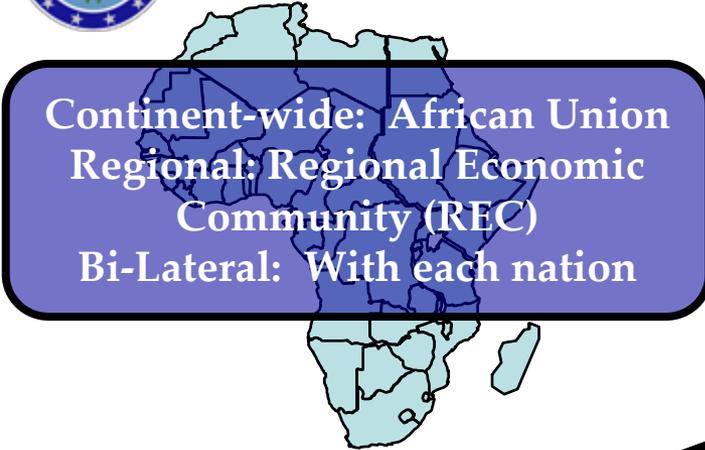
53 nations

900 million people (14% of Earth pop.)

More than 1,000 languages spoken



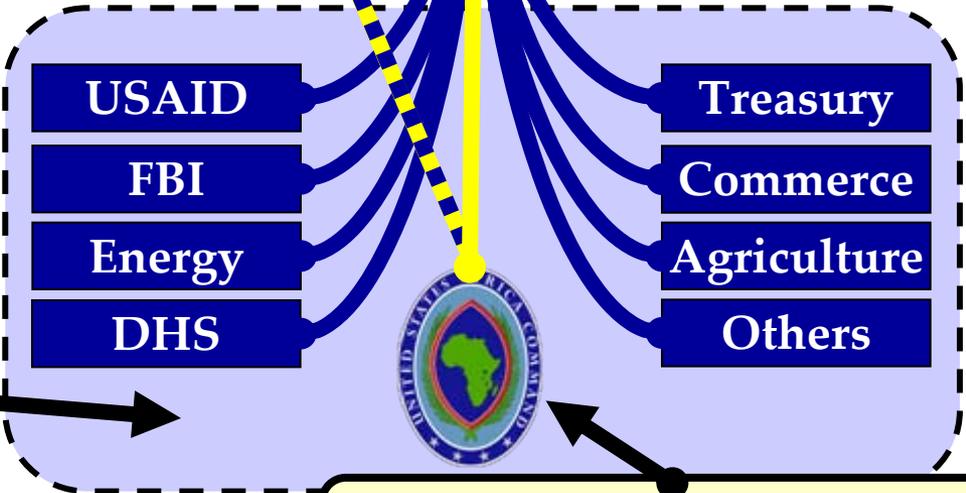
Our Role



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U.S. foreign policy lead -- worked through Embassies

Coordinate all activities with USAMBs to host nations

Exercise military to military contacts



Help harmonize the U.S. Government effort

Apply DOD capabilities to meet needs of Africans in support of U.S. foreign policy





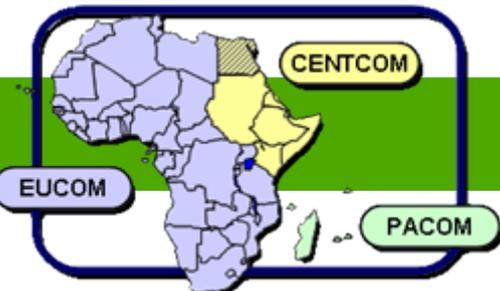
Mission Transfer Process

1 Oct 2007

1 Oct 2008



Strategy, Plans, and Policy



Theater Security Cooperation



Crisis Response



Humanitarian Assistance/
Disaster Relief

Contingency Planning



TSCTP and OEF-TS



Horn of Africa

On-Going Operations, Training, Exercises





Our Approach

Persistent, Sustained Level of Effort

Building Partner Security Capacity



Supporting Humanitarian Assistance Efforts



Providing Crisis Response



Oriented on Preventing Conflict



Fostering Continued Dialogue and Development



...to Enable the Work of Africans

U.S. Africa Command



QUESTIONS???

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