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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

Direction

- 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
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

Distance
Tunis—Cape Town: 4885 miles
New York—Moscow: 4674 miles

Coastline: 47,560 miles
-over 800 ethnic groups and 1000 languages
Number of countries: 53
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
AFRICOM: Vertical and Horizontal

- **Vertical staff**: manage programs, build capacity and expertise

- **Horizontal teams**: collaborate on lines of operation, plan and execute missions
  - Permanent
  - Standing
  - On-call
  - Ad hoc
Our Role

- Continent-wide: African Union
- Regional: Regional Economic Community (REC)
- Bi-Lateral: With each nation

Exercise military to military contacts

Help harmonize the U.S. Government effort

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U.S. foreign policy lead – worked through Embassies

Coordinate all activities with USAMBs to host nations

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

USAID
FBI
Energy
DHS
Treasury
Commerce
Agriculture
Others

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Mission Transfer Process

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Strategy, Plans, and Policy

Theater Security Cooperation

Contingency Planning

On-Going Operations, Training, Exercises

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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
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