U.S. Interests in Africa

- Containing terrorism
- Advancing democratic stability
- Obtaining support for U.S. geostrategic priorities
- Preventing state failure
- Accessing strategic resources
- Providing humanitarian relief
- Supporting economic development
- Supporting major health initiatives

As we look toward the future, it is clear that Africa is more important than ever to the security and prosperity of the international community, and to the United States in particular.

~ President Barack Obama
Africa – Facts to Consider

- 54 Nations
  - World’s newest country – South Sudan
- 11.7 million square miles
  - 3-1/2 times the Continental United States
- 1 Billion people
  - Expected to double by 2050
- Over 800 ethnic groups
  - Over 1000 languages spoken
- High economic growth
  - 5.5% annual GDP growth vs. 3.2% global GDP growth
- Pandemic disease and HIV/AIDS
  - 90% of all cases of malaria worldwide
United States Africa Command, in concert with interagency and international partners, builds defense capabilities, responds to crisis, and deters and defeats transnational threats in order to advance U.S. national interests and promote regional security, stability and prosperity.
A Safe, Secure, and Stable Africa is in our National Interest

Africans are best able to address African challenges

End States We Seek:
- America, Americans, and American interests are protected from threats emanating from Africa
- African militaries contribute to the safety, security, and stability of their nations and their regions
- Africa is not a safe haven for al-Qa’ida or other violent extremists
- Africans are protected from the threat of mass atrocities
What We Do – Deter/Defeat Violent Extremism

• Support “3-D” U.S. government approach – Diplomacy, Development, and Defense

• Support partner and regional counterterrorism efforts

• Improve conditions for local populations
What We Do – Promote Regional Cooperation

• Support training and mentoring of African security forces
• Participate in bilateral and multilateral exercises
• Enhance interoperability of tactics, techniques, and communications
What We Do – Enduring and Tailored Engagement

• Build capable, sustainable forces and defense institutions
• Maintain balanced engagement throughout air, ground, and maritime sectors
• Support key states and regional partners
What We Do – Crisis Response and Contingency Operations

• Provide rapid support to our African partners, U.S Government agencies, and international aid organizations

• Participate in Joint and combined operations and readiness exercises

• Be prepared to help protect African nations and their people
Our Team

Our Service Components

- U.S. ARMY AFRICA
- U.S. AIR FORCE AFRICA
- U.S. MARINE FORCES AFRICA
- U.S. NAVAL FORCES AFRICA
- U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND AFRICA

Enduring Support on the Continent

COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - HORN OF AFRICA, DJIBOUTI
DEFENSE ATTACHÉS OFFICES OF SECURITY OF COOPERATION
BILATERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICERS

UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND