How the U.S. Military is Organized

President & Secretary of Defense

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Military Departments
Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines

Train & equip / Force providers

Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff

Plan & coordinate

Unified Commands

Conduct operations, exercises and other military activities
How USAFRICOM Fits In

- U.S. Africa Command
- U.S. European Command
- U.S. Southern Command
- U.S. Pacific Command
- U.S. Central Command
- U.S. Northern Command
- U.S. Strategic Command
- U.S. Special Operations Cmd
- U.S. Transportation Command

Regionally Focused
U.S. National Policy and Guidance

- National Security Strategy
- Presidential Policy Directives
  - PPD 13, 16, 23
- Department of Defense Guidance
  - Guidance for the Employment of the Force
  - DoD Strategy for Africa
Mission

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.
Operations Balanced with Engagements

Key Tasks

• Counter VEOs and their networks
• Support Defense Institution Building
• Strengthen Maritime Security
• Support Peace Support Operations
• Support Humanitarian and Disaster Response
• Counter Illicit Flows
Our Team

U.S. ARMY AFRICA – Italy
U.S. AIR FORCES AFRICA – Germany
U.S. MARINE FORCES AFRICA – Germany
U.S. NAVAL FORCES AFRICA – Italy
U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND AFRICA – Germany

Enduring Support on the Continent

COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - HORN OF AFRICA, DJIBOUTI
DEFENSE ATTACHÉS
OFFICES OF SECURITY COOPERATION
BILATERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICERS
Our Team (cont.)

Joint Headquarters Staff with Interagency Representatives including:

• Department of State
• U.S. Agency for International Development
• Department of Homeland Security
• Department of Energy
• Department of Justice

We work with Embassy Country Teams via our Defense Attachés
Africa: Conflict and Instability

- African institutions more assertive
- Weak state institutions
- High volatility
- Conflicts transcend borders
- AQ exploits instability
- VEOs proliferating
- VEOs connected, share resources, enabling operations
- Transnational networks resilient
- Long-term trends will impact globalized world
A Combination of Operations, Exercises, Security Cooperation Activities
**UNCLASSIFIED**

**Operations Overview**

**Threats to US Interests**

- Illicit Trafficking
- AQEA / Al-Shabaab
- Piracy
- LRA
- Instability
- AQIM
- Boko Haram

**Objectives**

**Strengthen Defensive Capabilities of African Partners**

- Protect Americans, our interests, and allies by deterring or defeating Al Qaeda & other VEOs directly or thru coalition partners.

**TSC Objectives**

- Strengthen the defense capabilities of key African States and regional partners.

**EXERCISES**

- AFRICA ENDEAVOR
- African Partnership Station
- JUDICIOUS RESPONSE
- SOUTHERN ACCORD

**Mission**

United States Africa Command, in concert with interagency and international partners, builds defense capabilities, responds to crisis, and deters transnational threats in order to advance U.S. national interests and promote regional security, stability, and prosperity. (29 Jul 2013)
WELCOME