



U.S. Africa Command Fact Sheet



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Overview

United States Africa Command, AFRICOM, is one of six of the U.S. Defense Department's regional military headquarters with administrative responsibility for U.S. military support to U.S. government policy in Africa, to include military to military relationships with 53 African nations. The other five regional commands and their locations are: U.S. Central Command, Tampa, Florida; U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany; U.S. Northern Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado; U.S. Pacific Command, Honolulu, Hawaii; and U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Florida.

Commander: General Carter F. Ham, U.S. Army

Deputy to the Commander for Military

Operations: Vice Admiral Charles J. Leidig, Jr., U.S. Navy

Deputy to the Commander for Civil-Military

Activities: Ambassador J. Anthony Holmes, Department of State

Command Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Chief Master Sergeant Jack Johnson, Jr., U.S. Air Force

U.S. Africa Command Mission

U.S. Africa Command, in concert with other U.S. government agencies and international partners, conducts sustained security engagement through military-to-military programs, military-sponsored activities, and other military operations as directed to promote a stable and secure African environment in support of U.S. foreign policy.

Partnering with African Nations

U.S. Africa Command values the views of our African partners and learns from them. Our partners have expressed four common defense-oriented goals consistent with American interests and the Command's theater objectives. These goals are:

- That they have capable and accountable military forces that perform professionally and with integrity;



- That their forces are supported and sustained by effective, legitimate, and professional security institutions;
- That they have the capability to exercise the means nationally and regionally to dissuade, deter, and defeat transnational threats, and;
- That they have the capacity to increase their support to international peacekeeping efforts.

U.S. Africa Command Objectives

U.S. AFRICOM supports U.S. national security interests by conducting a wide range of programs and activities that help African states and regional organizations—at their request—meet their security and defense goals. Our strategic objectives are:

- Ensure that the al-Qaida networks and associated violent extremists do not attack the United States;
- Maintain assured access and freedom of movement throughout our AOR;
- Assist African states and regional organizations in developing the will, capability, and capacity to combat transnational threats such as terrorism, piracy, and the illicit trafficking of weapons, people, and narcotics;
- Assist African states and regional organizations in developing the capacity to execute effective continental peace operations and to respond to crises, and;
- Encourage African militaries to operate under civilian authority, respect the rule of law, abide by international human rights norms, and contribute to stability in their respective states.

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Personnel

U.S. Africa Command has approximately 2,100 personnel. This includes approximately 1,500 personnel at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany; approximately 400 personnel at RAF Molesworth, U.K.; approximately 50 personnel in Tampa, Fla.; and approximately 100 personnel (half of whom are local national employees) with Offices of Security Cooperation (OSC) in African host nations. The U.S. Africa Command staff is about half military and half civilian employees of the Department of Defense, plus approximately 40 civilian employees of non-Defense Department agencies of the U.S. government; as well as approximately 300 contracted employees in Germany, the United Kingdom, and Florida.

Location

U.S. Africa Command is located at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart-Moehringen, Germany. U.S. Africa Command is not actively seeking any other headquarters locations. The command's focus is on working with U.S. Embassies and African partner nations and organizations to strengthen existing military-to-military relationships. The command's programs in Africa are coordinated by approximately 18 Offices of Security Cooperation. Located in U.S. Embassies, OSC staffs typically include one to three people. The command plans to add seven more OSC's in Fiscal 2012. The command also has liaison officers at key African posts, including the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping and Training Centre in Ghana.

U.S. AFRICOM Component and Subordinate Commands

- **U.S. Army Africa:** USARAF, headquartered in Vicenza, Italy, conducts sustained security engagement with African land forces to promote security, stability, and peace. USARAF has approximately 275 personnel.
- **U.S. Naval Forces Africa:** Headquartered in Naples, Italy, NAVAF's primary mission is to improve the maritime security capability and capacity of

African partners. Personnel are shared with U.S. Naval Forces Europe.

- **U.S. Air Forces Africa:** AFAFRICA, or 17th Air Forces, conducts sustained security engagement and operations to promote air safety, security, and development in Africa. AFAFRICA, located at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, has approximately 300 personnel.
- **U.S. Marine Corps Forces Africa:** MARFORAF conducts operations, exercises, training, and security cooperation activities throughout the African Continent. Approximately 90 personnel work at U.S. Marine Corps Forces Africa, which is located in Stuttgart, Germany.
- **U.S. Special Operations Command Africa:** SOCAFRICA, co-located with U.S. Africa Command at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart, aims to build operational capacity, strengthen regional security and capacity initiatives, implement effective communication strategies in support of strategic objectives, and eradicate violent extremist organizations.

- **Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa:** In East and Central Africa, CJTF-HOA is critical to U.S. AFRICOM's efforts to build partner capacity to counter violent extremists and address other regional security partnerships. CJTF-HOA is located at Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti and includes approximately 2,000 of Camp Lemonnier's 3,500 personnel.

Chain of Command

The commander of Africa Command reports to the U.S. Secretary of Defense, who reports to the President of the United States. In individual countries, U.S. Ambassadors are the President's personal representatives in diplomatic relations with host nations. In addition, U.S. Ambassadors have authority over all U.S. government activities, including those of U.S. AFRICOM, within their assigned countries.

Funding

U.S. Africa command received \$274 million in Fiscal Year 2010. The Obama administration has requested \$298 million for the command for Fiscal Year 2011.

