



# International Military Education and Training

## U.S. Africa Command Fact Sheet

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### Program Overview

The International Military Education and Training (IMET) program provides funds for international personnel to attend U.S. military professional training programs. The IMET program specifically targets current and future military and civilian leadership in African nations.

### Program Objectives

The overall objective of the IMET program is threefold: to further the goal of regional stability through effective, mutually beneficial military-to-military relations; to provide training that augment the capabilities of participant nations' military forces; and to increase the ability of foreign military and civilian personnel to instill and maintain democratic values.

### Program Benefits

The IMET program exposes foreign students to U.S. professional military organizations and procedures and the manner in which military organizations function under civilian control. The program also introduces students to elements of U.S. democracy such as the U.S. judicial system, legislative oversight, free speech, equality issues, and U.S. commitment to human rights. IMET's mandatory English-language proficiency requirement also establishes a baseline of communication skills for students to attend courses. Lastly, IMET training graduates fill key leadership positions in military of many African nations.

### Facts and Figures

The IMET program is funded through the U.S. Department

of State and jointly coordinated by the Departments of State and Defense. Funding for U.S. Africa Command IMET recipient countries in Fiscal Year (FY) 11 was \$21.6M. Projected funding for FY12 is \$20.4M. In FY11, 1,292 students from 47 partner nations throughout Africa participated in IMET-funded training and educational opportunities.

### Common Q&A

*How do countries apply for IMET funding?* Funding is allocated annually from Congress in the yearly appropriations budget, based on a request from State Department.

*Who is the target audience of IMET training?* IMET targets the current and future leadership of our partner militaries through training to the mid and senior-level military corps, both officer and enlisted. In some cases, civilians working within the Ministry of Defense can be trained.

*What kind of training is provided with IMET funding?* IMET provides training through courses attended by US military personnel, sponsored by the three military services, in areas such as Professional Military Education, defense institution building, and officer and enlisted skills training.

For more information:

[Defense Security Cooperation Agency](#)

[Department of State -- IMET page](#)

### Participating IMET countries in FY 2012

|                          |                              |                       |                       |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Algeria                  | Democratic Republic of Congo | Libya                 | Sao Tome and Principe |
| Angola                   |                              | Malawi                | Senegal               |
| Benin                    | Djibouti                     | Mali                  | Seychelles            |
| Botswana                 | Ethiopia                     | Mauritania            | Sierra Leone          |
| Burkina Faso             | Gabon                        | Mauritius             | South Africa          |
| Burundi                  | Gambia                       | Morocco               | South Sudan           |
| Cameroon                 | Ghana                        | Mozambique            | Swaziland             |
| Cape Verde               | Guinea                       | Namibia               | Tanzania              |
| Central African Republic | Guinea-Bissau                | Niger                 | Togo                  |
| Chad                     | Kenya                        | Nigeria               | Tunisia               |
| Comoros                  | Lesotho                      | Republic of the Congo | Uganda                |
| Cote d'Ivoire            | Liberia                      | Rwanda                | Zambia                |