



2012 Exercises

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Overview

U.S. Africa Command forces serve as trainers and examples of military professionalism and U.S. core national values during the command's joint exercises. The exercises they conduct encourage the development of partner security capabilities and the instilling of professional ethos among African military elements.

Regional Focus

U.S. Africa Command has 14 major joint exercises planned for 2012. A long-term goal of U.S. Africa Command is to leverage existing bilateral and regional exercises in support of regional and continental security goals shared by the United States, the African Union, African nations and regional organizations.

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AFRICAN LION (*Morocco*) — An annual combined U.S.-Moroccan exercise focusing on joint and combined air and land combat interoperability missions. (spring)

AFRICA ENDEAVOR (*Cameroon*) — Annual communications exercise focusing on interoperability and information sharing among African partners with the goal of developing command, control, and communication tactics, techniques, and procedures that can be used by the African Union in support of peacekeeping operations. (summer)

ATLAS ACCORD (*Mali*) — Combined joint logistics exercise highlighting logistics planning and airborne resupply. (spring)

CUTLASS EXPRESS (*East Africa Littorals*) — An exercise training U.S. Special Operations Forces in tactical humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and peacekeeping operations. (fall)

EASTERN ACCORD (*East Region*) — Military exercise focusing on humanitarian aid/disaster response with East African nations. (summer)

FLINTLOCK — An annual exercise training small units of Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership nations in North and West Africa. (typically spring)

MED ACCORD CENTRAL (*Gabon*) — Multinational training to enhance medical capabilities and readiness for U.S. and African forces operating in central Africa. (spring)

MEDLITE (*Uganda*) — Multinational training to enhance medical capabilities and readiness for U.S. and African forces operating in central Africa. (summer)

MED ACCORD SOUTH (*Botswana*) — Multinational training to enhance medical capabilities and readiness for U.S. and African forces operating in central Africa (summer)

OBANGAME EXPRESS (*Nigeria/ Gulf of Guinea*) — Training and exercise conducted by U.S. Naval Forces Africa focusing on maritime interdiction operation and visit, board, search, and seizure techniques. (spring)

PHOENIX EXPRESS (*Maghreb Region*) — U.S. and European partners conduct exercises with North African maritime and land forces to increase regional maritime awareness and improve maritime security. (summer)

SOUTHERN ACCORD (*Botswana*) — Trains U.S. and African forces to conduct peacekeeping operations in sub-Saharan Africa. (summer)

SOUTHERN WARRIOR (*Lesotho*) — Small Unit Regional Training exercise tailored to specific unit and country needs to build regional cooperation. U.S. AFRICOM supports the deployment phase of the exercise. (summer)

WESTERN ACCORD (*Senegal*) — Trained U.S. and African forces capable of conducting peacekeeping operations in sub-Saharan Africa. (summer)