



# ***AFRICOM Command Brief***

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# Direction

*This new command will strengthen our security cooperation with Africa and help to create new opportunities to bolster the capabilities of our partners in Africa. Africa Command will enhance our efforts to help bring peace and security to the people of Africa and promote our common goals of development, health, education, democracy, and economic growth in Africa.*

*President George Bush  
February 7, 2007*

- **President Bush directed establishment of US Africa Command – Feb 07**
- **Initial Operating Capability (IOC) 1 Oct 07**
  - Building the team
  - Engaging key audiences
  - Preparing for mission transfers
- **Full Operating Capability (FOC) by 1 Oct 08**
- **Establish a command presence on the continent**



# *The Time is Right for AFRICOM*

**The continent's** economic, social, political, and military importance in global affairs has grown tremendously. ...

**We are focused on building the team that will add value** to the various programs that we do on the continent ...

**My goal** as Commander of USAFRICOM is to build an enduring organization with regular and sustained engagement that benefits both the citizens of the United States and the citizens of the nations in Africa. ...

to promote relationships and build partnerships **to enable the work of Africans** in providing for their own security.

-- General Kip Ward



# Commander's Intent



**Build the Team**



**Add Value**



**Enable the Work of Africans**



**Do No Harm**



# ***USAFRICOM is ...***

## ***...a Command Under Construction***



Accepting missions from the other unified commands in a deliberate, seamless fashion



Building the team and building relationships with our partners and friends

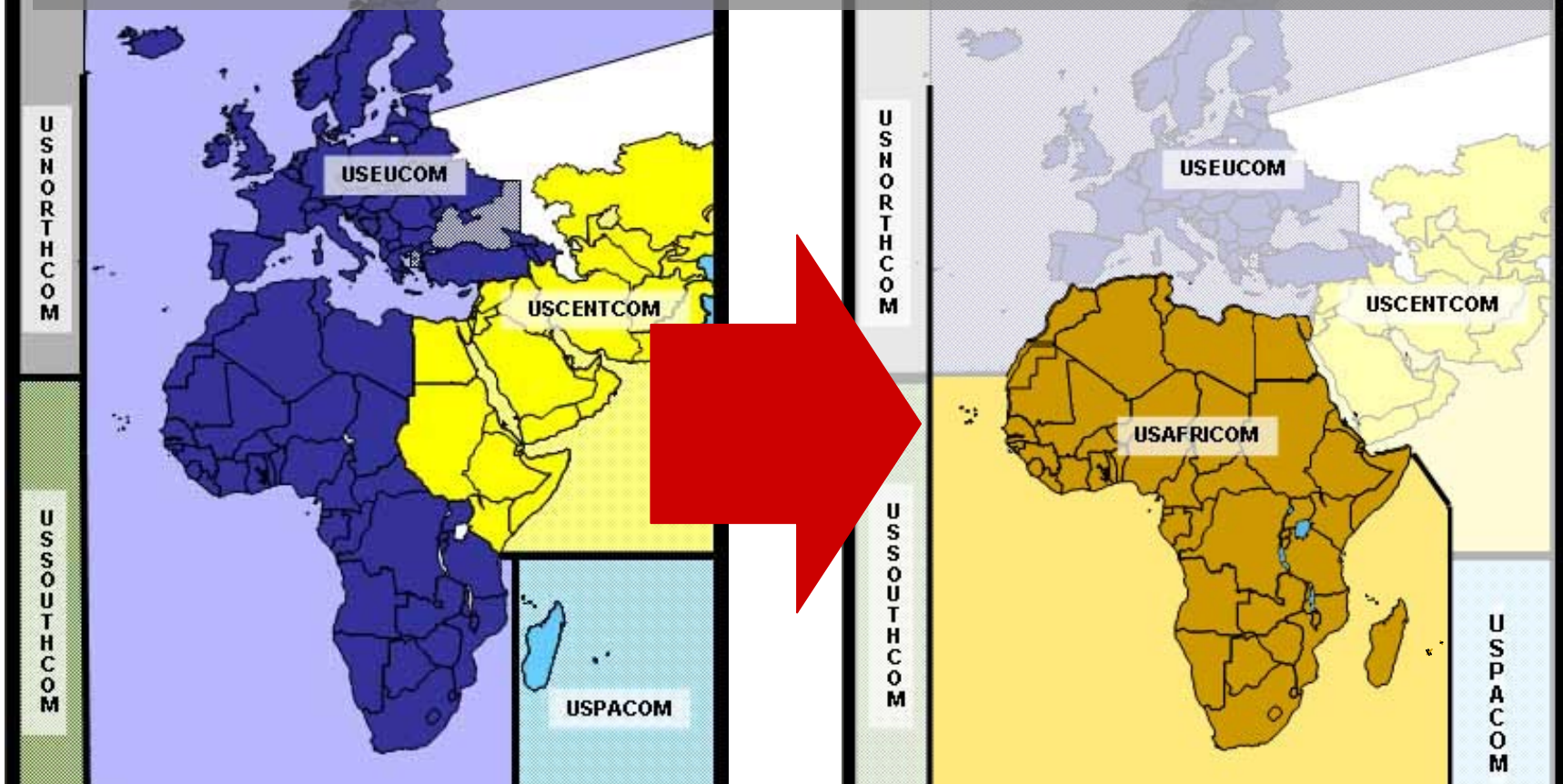
### **Our *Draft* Mission Statement**

U.S. Africa Command enhances a mutually supporting stable, secure, and prosperous African environment through sustained U.S. government engagement with African, national, and international partners. U.S. Africa Command conducts military operations as directed.



# Area of Responsibility

Consolidates the continent under one unified command



Simplifies coordination of DOD activities in Africa and facilitates cooperation with existing regional organizations



# Embracing Innovation

## Pursuing New Approaches



## Two Deputies to the Commander



Africa Partnership Station



Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities



## Greater U.S. Government Participation



# Who's On the Team...?

***We seek to partner with everyone with interests on the continent and its island nations***

## U.S. Government

- State, USAID, Treasury, Commerce, and other U.S. Government agencies
- U.S. Missions in Africa

## African Partners

- African Union and its Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- African nations, African militaries

## International Partners

- UN, NATO, EU, European militaries
- Donor community

## Civil Society

- International and local humanitarian, relief, and development organizations
- Academia, 'think tanks'

## Industry

- Private sector organizations







# Ongoing Capacity Building Programs

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- **Security programs**

- Peacekeeping
- Security Sector Reform
- Maritime and Air Security
- Counter Terrorism

- **Stability and Governance Programs**

- Disease Prevention
- Military Professionalization
- Education
- Economic Security

- **Tools / Activities**

- Exercises
- Foreign Military Financing (FMF)
- International Military Education and Training
- Military to Military Programs
- Medical Programs
- Humanitarian Assistance Programs
- Construction projects
- Environmental Programs
- State Partnership Program



# Peacekeeping

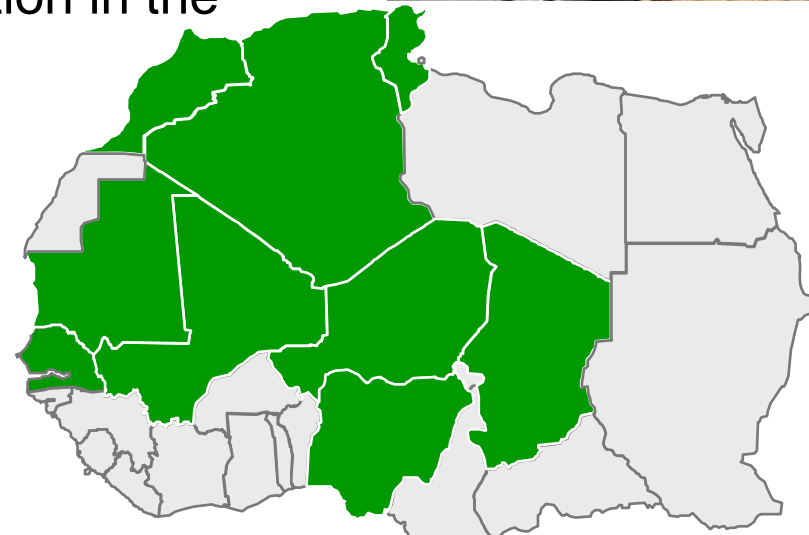
- **Africa Contingency Operations Training and Assistance (ACOTA) program**
- **The US has been training African Peacekeepers through ACOTA since 1997**
  - Enhances existing African peace keeping capabilities
  - Focuses on infantry skills, humanitarian operations, human rights, and rules of engagement in peacekeeping scenarios
  - Trains approximately 20 battalions a year





# Counter-Terrorism Training

- **Trans-Sahara Counter Terrorism Partnership (TSCTP)** is the US Department of State program in these same nations
- **OEF-Trans-Sahara** is EUCOM / AFRICOM's effort to:
  - Build regional capacity
  - Promote interoperability
  - Strengthen Inter-regional cooperation in the trans-Sahara region





# Maritime Security

- **Goals:**

- Improved maritime domain awareness
- Enhanced African regional maritime security and regional cooperation
- Reduced piracy and “freedom of action” of traffickers and terrorists
- Illegal fishing is countered
- Enhanced sovereignty and security

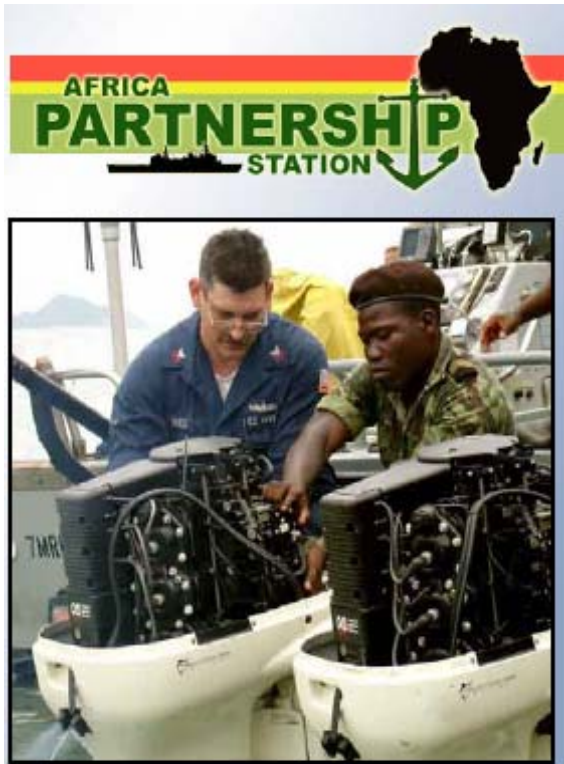
- **EUCOM / AFRICOM actions:**

- Ship visits and maritime training
- Provision of equipment
  - **Boats, Coastal Radars, and Automated Identification Systems (AIS)**





# Africa Partnership Station (APS)



## Training Teams Focus:

- Maritime Situational Awareness
- Leadership
- Navigation / Seamanship
- Search & Rescue
- Civil Engineering
- Planned Maintenance
- Logistics
- Port Facilities Management
- Security (ship, port, oil platform)
- Maritime Law Enforcement
- Medical
- Humanitarian Assistance
- Disaster Response

## Building Maritime Partnerships



International/  
Non-Governmental  
organization partners



***United States  
Africa Command***



***The Time  
is Right!***



# Supporting the National Security Strategy

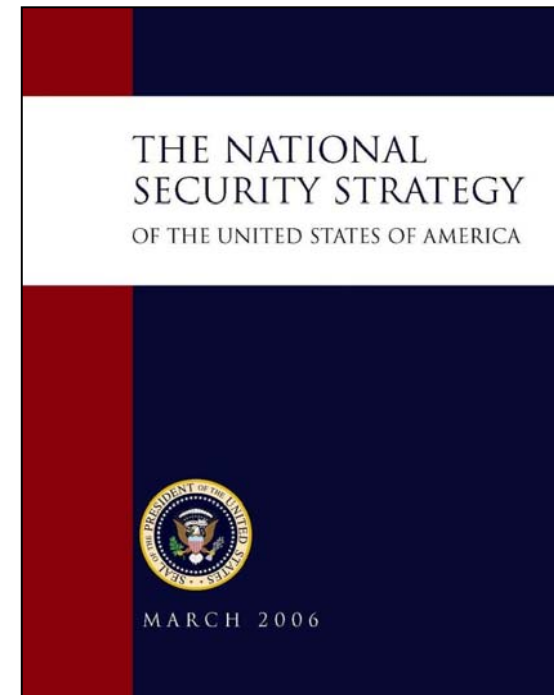
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## On Africa...

- We are committed to working with African nations to strengthen their domestic capabilities and the regional capacity of the African Union to support post-conflict transformations, consolidate democratic transitions, and improve peacekeeping and disaster responses.

## On transforming the Interagency...

- The major institutions of American national security were designed in a different era to meet different challenges. They must be transformed to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century.





# *Guiding Principles*

- **Prevention, presence, and preparation vice response**
  - Enduring relationships and common interests
- **African solutions through enhanced African capacity**
  - Relevant partner capability and willingness to employ in support of common goals
  - Develop institutions and capability vice delivering services
- **Facilitate integrated solutions while focusing on the unique military contributions to the interagency effort**
- **Leverage existing resources to benefit Africa on a regional scale**





# ***AFRICOM Implementation Guidance***

- Promote US National Security objectives **by working with African states, allies, and regional organizations to help** strengthen stability and security in the area of responsibility (AOR)
- Lead the in-theater DOD response **to support other US Government (USG) agencies** in implementing USG security policies and strategies
- **In concert with other USG agencies and international partners**, conduct theater security cooperation activities to assist in building security capacity and improve governance
- As directed, conduct military operations to deter aggression and respond to crisis unilaterally or **jointly with African states and regional organizations**