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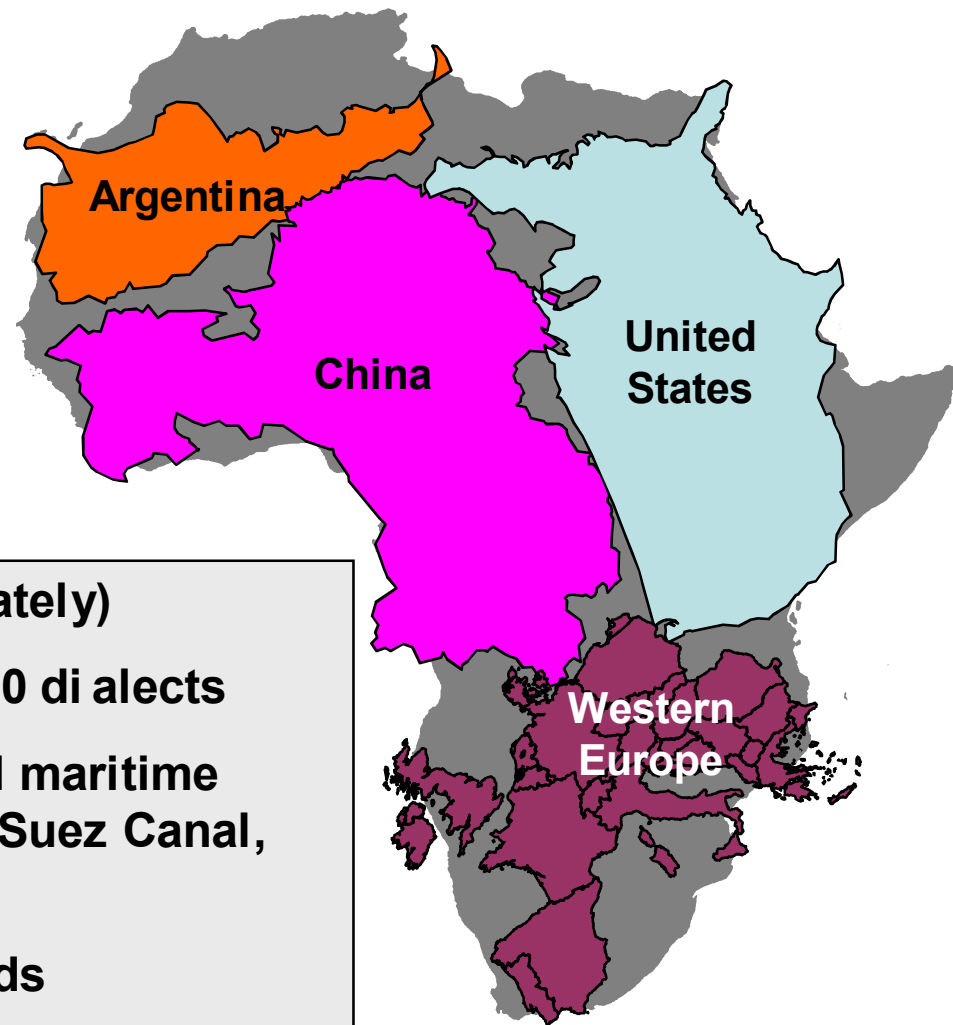

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# *An Understanding of Africa*

AFICA:

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- ˝ **Population: 1 billion (approximately)**

- ˝ **Over 800 ethnic groups and 1000 dialects**

- ˝ **Geographic proximity to critical maritime chokepoints (Straits of Gibraltar, Suez Canal, Bab al Mandab)**

- ˝ **Meets 20% of US oil import needs**

- ˝ **2009 supplied 4.7% of US natural gas imports**

Map labels: Argentina, China, United States, Western Europe

Our Area of Responsibility
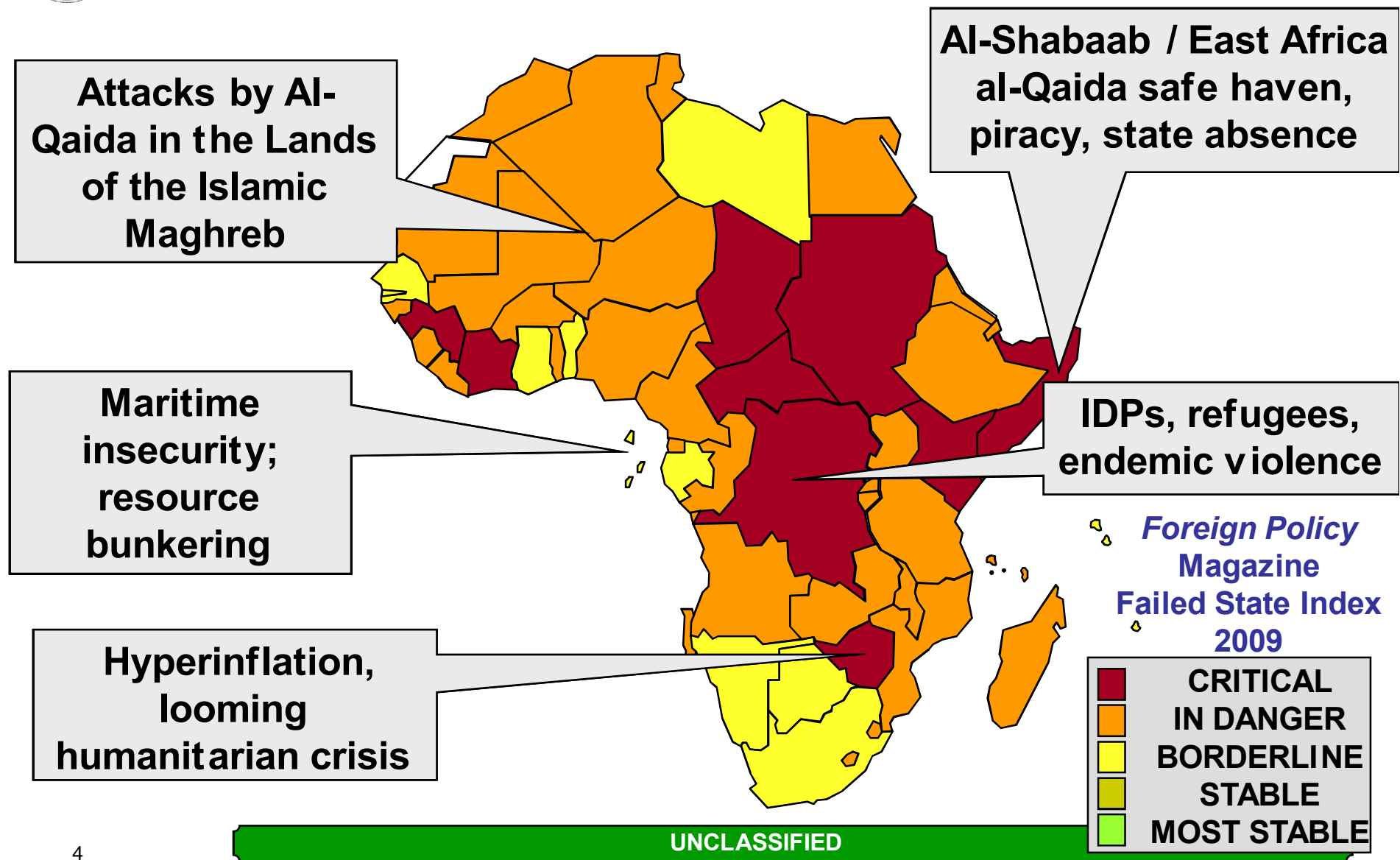
Consolidates the continent under one unified command
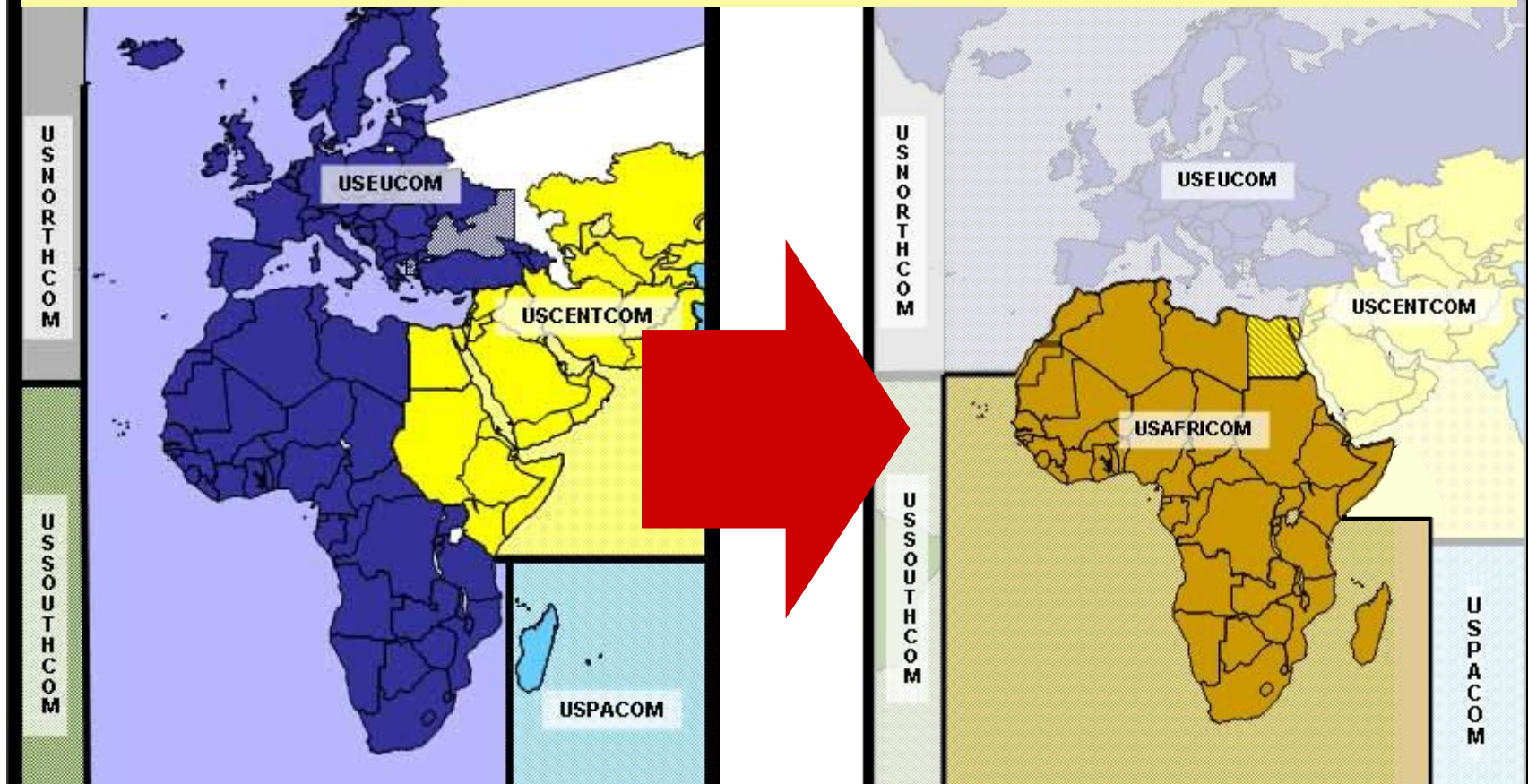
Simplifies coordination of DOD activities in Africa and facilitates cooperation with existing regional organizations

Failing States, Insecurity and Instability

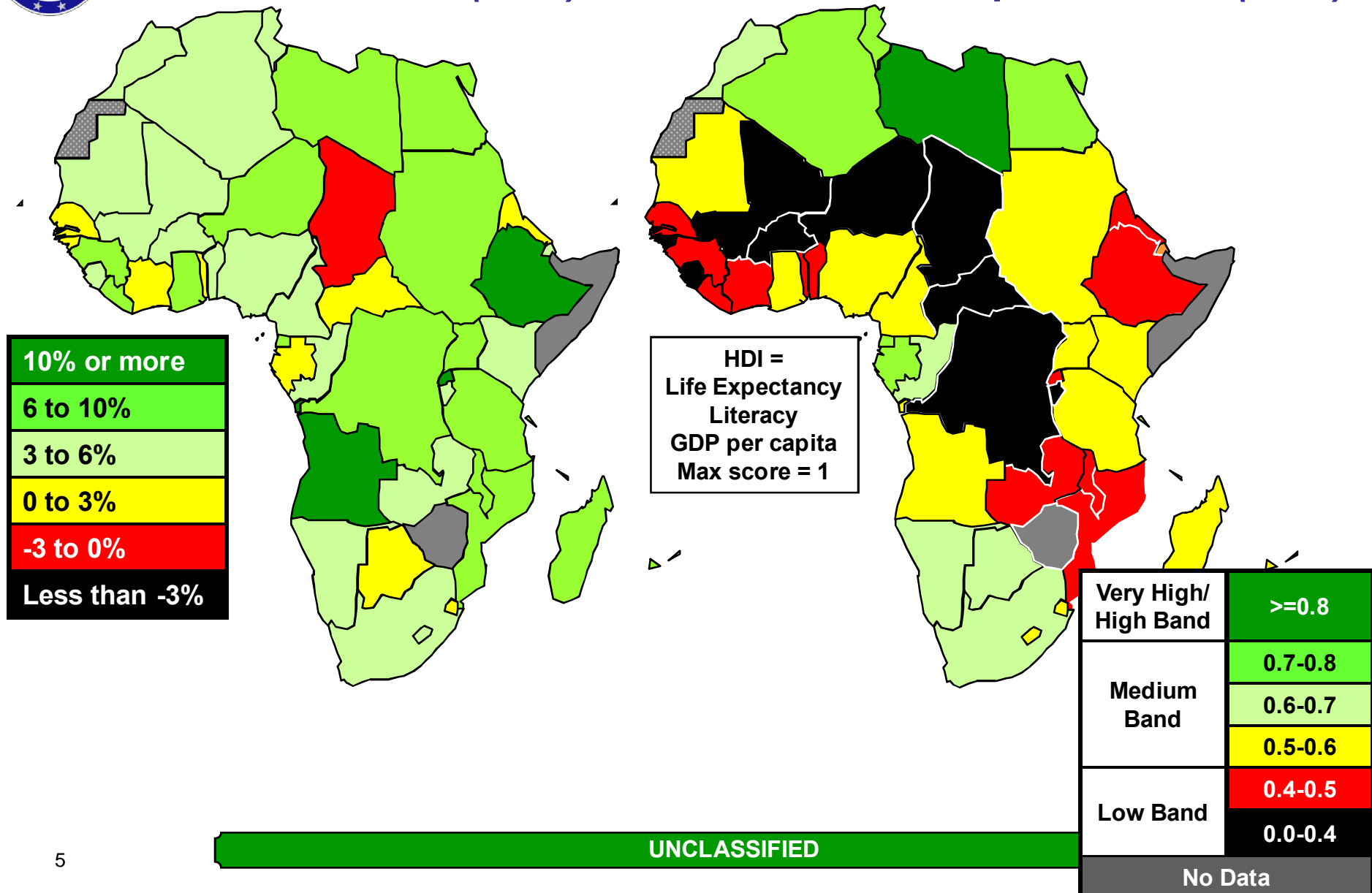**Al-Shabaab / East Africa al-Qaida safe haven, piracy, state absence**

Attacks by Al-Qaida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb

Maritime insecurity; resource bunkering

IDPs, refugees, endemic violence

Hyperinflation, looming humanitarian crisis

Foreign Policy **Magazine Failed State Index 2009**

■	CRITICAL
■	IN DANGER
■	BORDERLINE
■	STABLE
■	MOST STABLE

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Africa's Greatest Challenge...
Real GDP Growth (2008) vs. UN Human Development Index (2009)

GDP Growth legend:
- 10% or more
- 6 to 10%
- 3 to 6%
- 0 to 3%
- -3 to 0%
- Less than -3%

HDI =
Life Expectancy
Literacy
GDP per capita
Max score = 1

HDI legend:
- Very High/High Band: >=0.8
- Medium Band: 0.7-0.8
- Medium Band: 0.6-0.7
- Medium Band: 0.5-0.6
- Low Band: 0.4-0.5
- Low Band: 0.0-0.4
- No Data

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Corruption and Human Development

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Literacy
GDP per capita
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Legend

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Corruption and weak institutions are endemic in Africa...

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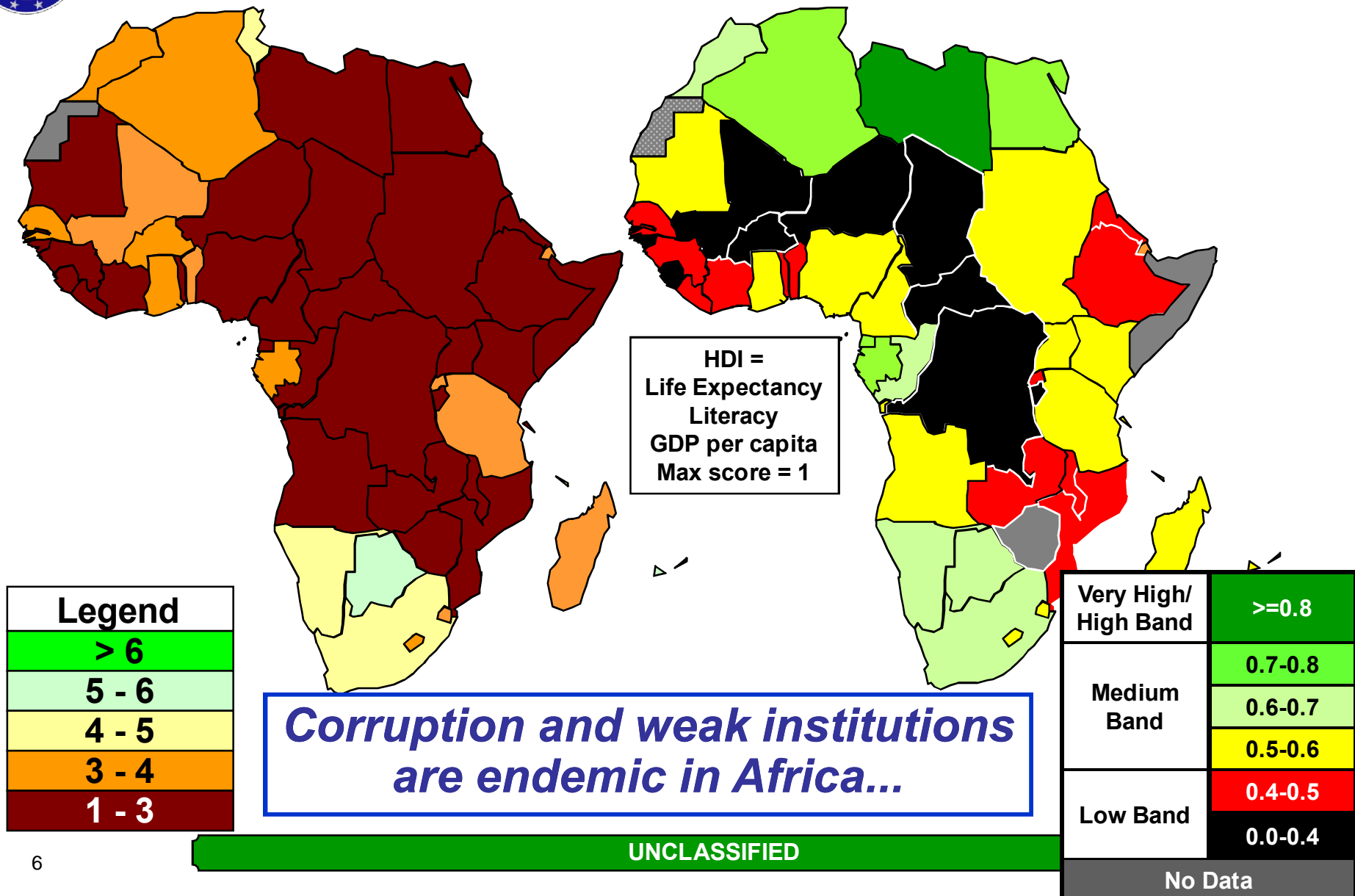
Africa's Political Landscape
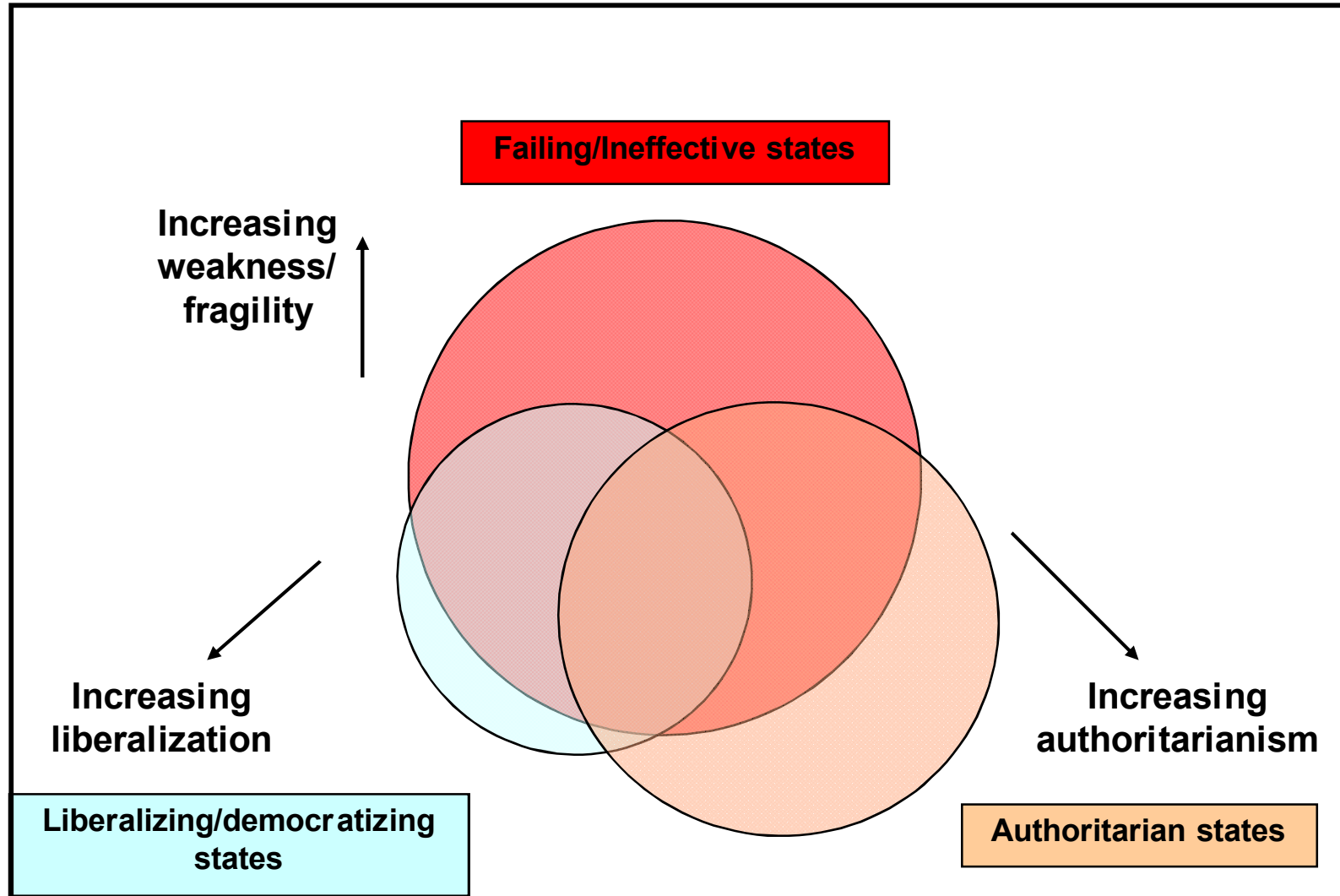
Failing/Ineffective states

Increasing weakness/ fragility

Increasing liberalization

Increasing authoritarianism

Liberalizing/democratizing states

Authoritarian states

*Illustrative in nature
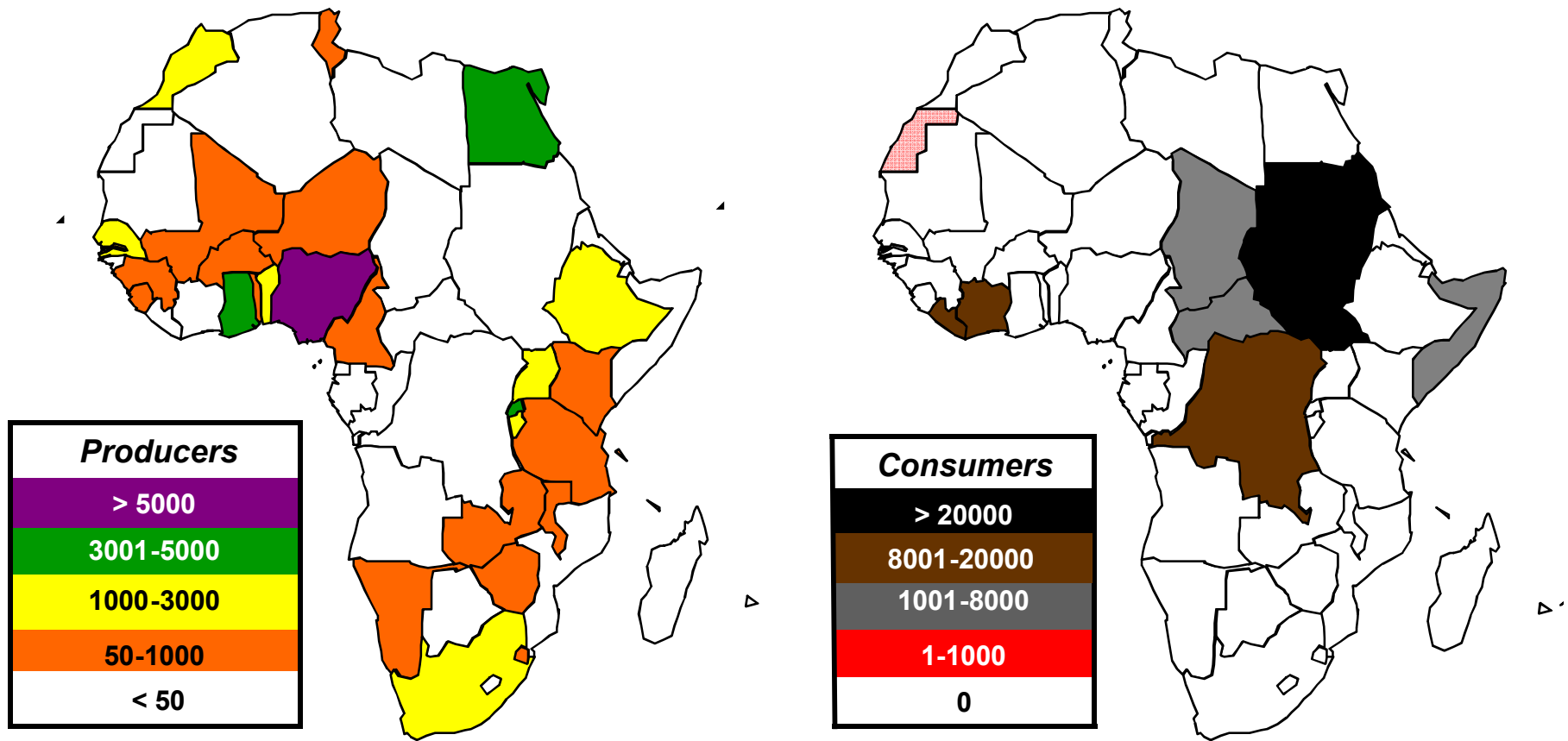
What U.S. Leaders are Saying …

President Obama, in Ghana, July 2009:

"Africa is a fundamental part of our interconnected world …we must start from the simple premise that Africa's future is up to Africans."

"We will continue to lay a strong foundation for a new kind of engagement with Africa, one that is built on shared responsibility and shared opportunity, and on partnerships that produce measurable, lasting results."

Secretary of State Clinton, U.S.-Africa Business Summit, October 2009

Many and Increasing Opportunities

"Africa will continue to seek Africa's solutions to its problems…"

-- Brigadier General Jean De Martha Jaotody, African Union

˝ **Growing political will to confront challenges**

˝ **Promising regional security & economic communities**

˝ **Increasing democratization**

˝ **Rapidly growing economies**

The key is *Stability* that allows Africans to leverage their opportunities

A Security-Focused Vision for Africa…

…As expressed by our African partners

Employment of capable and accountable military forces

Strengthened security institutions

Able to support international peace efforts

Ability and will to dissuade, deter and defeat threats

Theater Strategic Objectives
(1 of 2)

˝ **AQN is defeated in AOR**

˝ **U.S. and designated African states maintain assured access and freedom of movement throughout the AOR**

˝ **The American population is protected from deadly contagions emanating from the AOR**

Theater Strategic Objectives
(2 of 2)

˝ **Partners cooperate in the creation of an environment inhospitable to the unsanctioned possession and proliferation of WMD**

˝ **Support to broader USG efforts improves security sector governance/increases stability**

˝ **Continental peace operations are effectively meeting mission requirements; peace operations capacity exists to respond to emerging crises**

Major Focus Areas

- **Building partner capacity**
  - **peacekeeping, air/maritime domain security, counter-terrorism, counter-narcotics, counter-piracy, HIV/AIDS prevention**

- **Professionalization of militaries**

- **Improving defense institutions, centers of excellence**

- **Information operations**

Examples of Operations and Exercises

Increasing Regional Response Capacity: NATURAL FIRE

Growing Maritime Security Capacity: Africa Partnership Station (APS)

Supporting Partner Counter-Terrorism Efforts: OEF-Trans Sahara

Examples of Training and Education

**State Partnership
Program (SPP)**

**Africa Contingency
Operations Training
and Assistance (ACOTA)**

**WO/NCO
Professionalization**

Examples of Supporting USG Efforts

Foreign Military Finance (FMF) Program

International Military Education and Training (IMET)

Preventing HIV/AIDS Among African Militaries: DHAPP

The Command

U.S. Africa Command: Stuttgart, GE

USARAF

AFAFRICA

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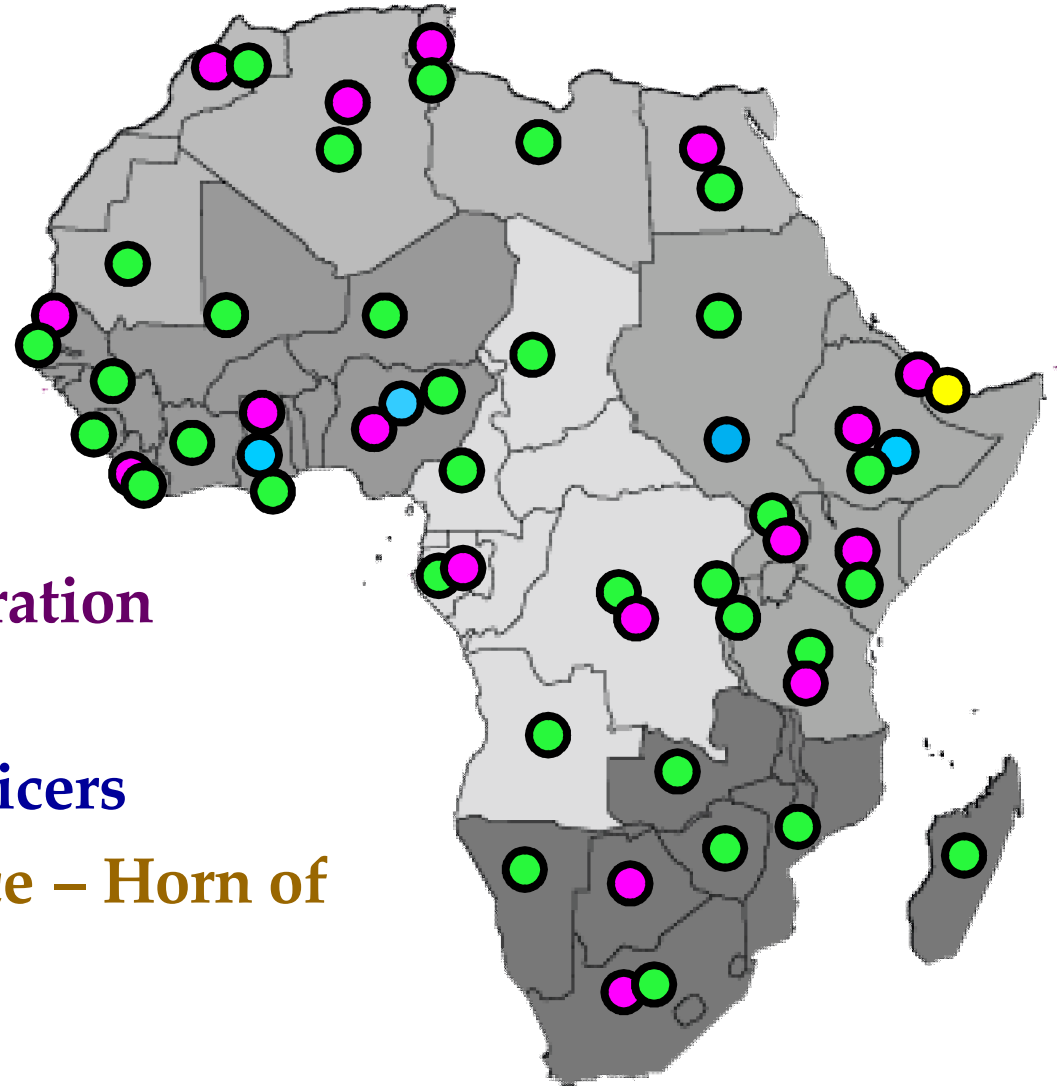**Seven Functionally Aligned Directorates**

NAVAF

SOCAF

CJTF-HoA

Our Team in Africa

● Offices of Security Cooperation

● Defense Attaché Officers

● USAFRICOM Liaison Officers

● Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA)

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Questions

U.S. Africa Command Mission Statement

United States 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.

"Sustained Security Engagement" means we …

˝ *Maintain long-term view*
˝ *Listen and learn*
˝ *Reinforce success*

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