AFRICA:

- 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
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

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

Maritime insecurity; resource bunkering

Hyperinflation, looming humanitarian crisis

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

IDPs, refugees, endemic violence

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Failed State Index 2009

Failed States
CRITICAL
IN DANGER
BORDERLINE
STABLE
MOST STABLE
Africa’s Greatest Challenge...

Real GDP Growth (2008) vs. UN Human Development Index (2009)

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

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10% or more
6 to 10%
3 to 6%
0 to 3%
-3 to 0%
Less than -3%
Corruption and weak institutions are endemic in Africa...
Africa’s Political Landscape

- Failing/Ineffective states
- Increasing weakness/fragility
- Increasing liberalization
- Increasing authoritarianism

*Illustrative in nature
Peacekeeping Producers and Consumers
A Survey of Potential Partners...

--Demand continues to outstrip supply
--Some states capable, but not ‘exporting’
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
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)
Questions
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