

USAFRICOM



U.S. Africa Command

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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*

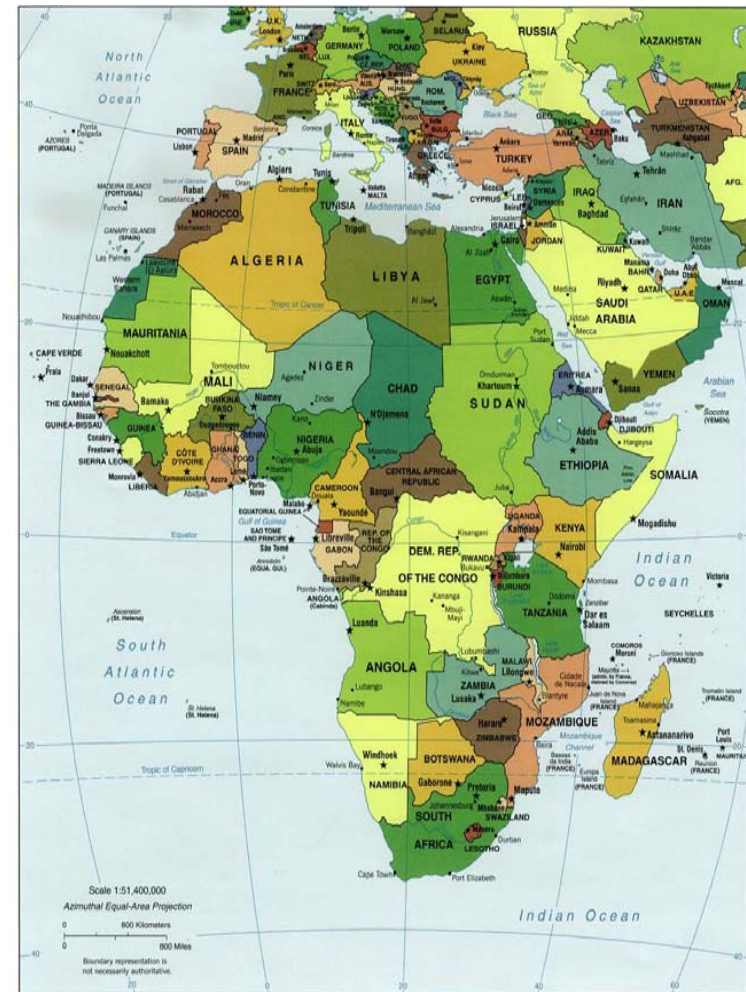
- **President Bush directed the establishment of US Africa Command**
 - **We are consulting with Congress, other USG Departments and Agencies, and key friends and allies**
 - **With their help, we are creating a new command that addresses the unique challenges and opportunities in Africa**



The Importance of Africa

- ❑ Africa is of significant strategic and economic importance

- ❑ Our focus is to build the capacity of our African partners to:
 - Reduce conflict
 - Improve security
 - Defeat terrorists
 - Support crisis response





USAFRICOM Concept

- U.S. Africa Command will support U.S. Government activities across Africa to:**
 - **Integrate US Interagency efforts**
 - **Assist diplomacy and development efforts**

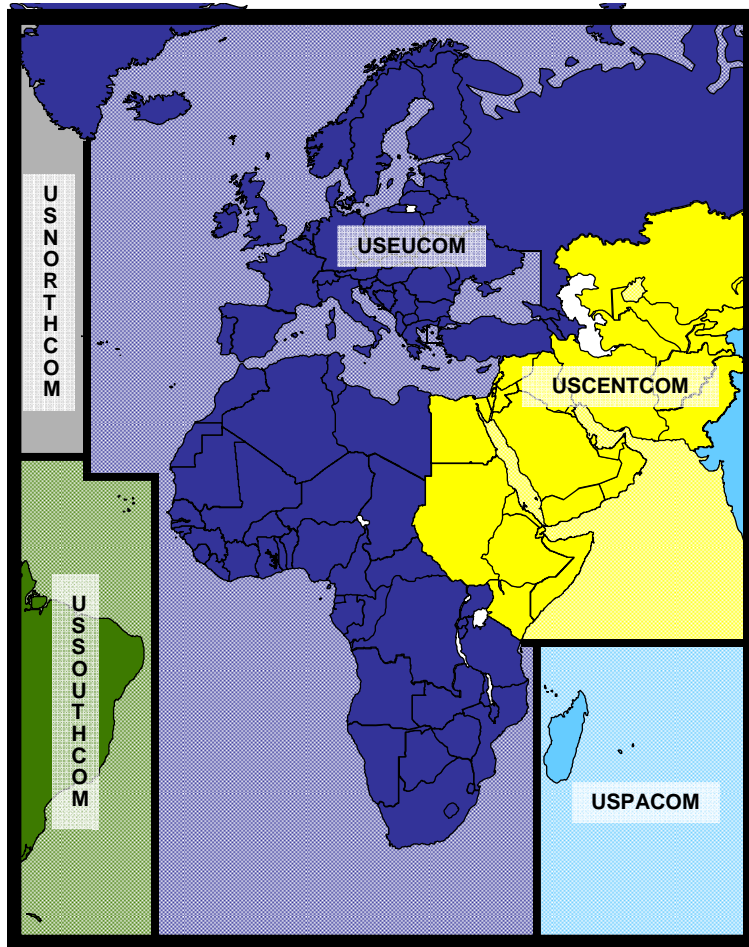
- Will consolidate the African responsibilities of three commands into one**

- Goal is significant inter-agency representation from the beginning**

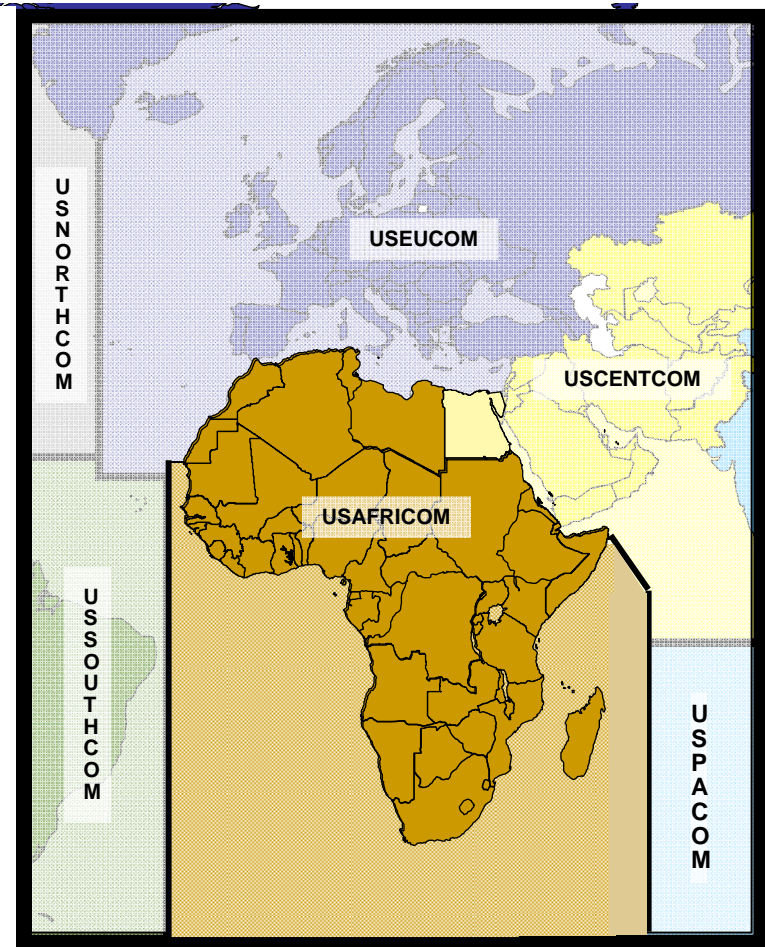


Draft Area of Responsibility

Today



Full Operational Capability (Draft)





AFRICOM Tasks

- ❑ **Work with African states, regional organizations, and other partners to:**
 - **Build Partnership Capacity**
 - **Support USG agencies in implementing security policies**
 - **Conduct Theater Security Cooperation activities**
 - **Increase partner counter-terrorism skills**
 - **Enhance humanitarian assistance, disaster mitigation, and response activities**
 - **Foster respect for human rights**
 - **Support African regional organizations**
 - **As directed, conduct military operations**



Draft Mission Statement

US Africa Command promotes US National Security objectives by working with African states and regional organizations to help strengthen stability and security in the AOR. US Africa Command leads the in-theater DoD response to support other USG agencies in implementing USG security policies and strategies. In concert with other U.S. government and international partners, US Africa Command conducts theater security cooperation activities to assist in building security capacity and improve accountable governance. As directed, US Africa Command conducts military operations to deter aggression and respond to crises.



Way Ahead

- ❑ **Transition responsibilities to USAFRICOM:**
 - **Continue on-going activities without interruption**
 - **Increase USAFRICOM personnel and resources**

- ❑ **Establish USAFRICOM HQ on the continent**

- *Many details of U.S. Africa Command remain to be developed*

- *We look forward to working with Congress, interagency partners, and security allies in building USAFRICOM*



Conclusion

- ❑ Establishing USAFRICOM recognizes the strategic importance of Africa**
- ❑ Goal is innovative inter-agency structure**
- ❑ Emphasis on building partnership capacity to strengthen security & stability**

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Questions?