SPECIAL OPERATIONS



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Procedimus Una

"We go forward together"

BG Christopher K. Haas Commander

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Bottom Line Up Front About U.S. Africa Command

- Provides dedicated focus on Africa
 - Single geographic combatant command responsible for all Department of Defense programs and activities in Africa
 - Continent, island nations, maritime zones, and airspace
- Supports U.S. foreign policy goals and objectives
- Protect American lives and interests in Africa and in the homeland
 - Performs military-to military activities that help build capacity of African partners to counter transnational threats
 - Foster increased security and stability
 - Support peacekeeping operations
 - Address consequences of humanitarian disasters





African Problems are Global Security Challenges

- Trafficking
- Piracy
- Irregular Militaries
- Terrorism & Extremism
- Ethnic Strife
- Undergoverned Areas
- Pilferation of Resources (e.g., Illegal Fishing)
- Pandemic Disease HIV/AIDS
- Insufficient Means to Confront Challenges
- <u>Dependence on Foreign Assistance</u>

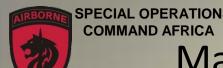
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3-1/2 times the Continental United States

53 Nations, 1 Billion people

Over 800 ethnic groups and 1000 languages





Many and Increasing Opportunities

"Africans must solve Africa's problems, but with a little help from our friends" -- Nelson Mandela

- Growing political will to confront challenges
- Promising regional security & economic communities
- Increasing democratization
- Growing economies







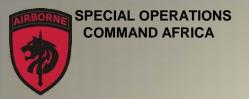
The key is *Stability* that allows Africans to leverage their opportunities

What Resources and Authorities are Changing for SOF?

 Conventional budget and manpower reductions translate to less BOS/Logistics Support for SOF.

Special Operations requires non SOF Support assistance.

On the verge of setting the precedent that SOF supports itself.



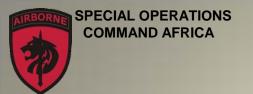
What TSOC Needs

- Logistical Support and BOS for enduring and episodic SOF activities:
 - Rapid

Durable and expeditionary

Small footprint that is tailorable

BOS Providers who understand the human terrain



TSOC Activities, Way Ahead

 To register the demands of SOCAFRICA with interagency and DoD partners in an effort to expand the scope and quality of support for SOF requirements.

Focus efforts in key partner nations in order to achieve regional effects

Prepare and rapidly respond to crisis events on the Continent