



U-A Operational Focus Area #1 – Counter Anti-Access/Area Denial

Mission: USAFE-AFAFRICA plays a pivotal role in maintaining and promoting global security and stability. As adversaries develop increasingly sophisticated anti-access area denial (A2/AD) capabilities, the Command has adopted a multi-faceted approach to gain and maintain air superiority in contested areas and support our Allies and partners in doing the same.

Situation: The rise of A2/AD capabilities presents a significant challenge to the United States and its Allies and partners. Potential adversaries have invested in advanced anti-aircraft and ballistic missile systems, electronic warfare capabilities, and advanced cyber warfare tools, all aimed at restricting access and denying freedom of movement in contested regions. To confront this challenge effectively, USAFE-AFAFRICA has devised a comprehensive operational approach.

Execution:

- **Enhancing Air Superiority:** USAFE-AFAFRICA prioritizes the development and deployment of advanced aircraft and weaponry to maintain air superiority in contested environments. Continuous innovation and technological advancements enable the Command and our Allies and partners to stay ahead of emerging threats to maintain a decisive edge in the air.
- **Agile and Adaptive Strategy:** USAFE-AFAFRICA recognizes the need for flexibility in its approach to operations. By fostering an adaptive strategy, the command can rapidly adjust tactics and approaches to counter evolving A2/AD threats effectively. This includes conducting frequent training exercises and simulations to test and refine operational plans.
- **Enhanced Collective Defense:** NATO's strength lies in its collective defense approach. USAFE-AFAFRICA's collaboration with NATO Allies and partners allows for a cohesive response to A2/AD threats by pooling resources and sharing tactics and intelligence.
- **Interoperability and Shared Capabilities:** Integration with NATO forces fosters greater interoperability and the ability to leverage shared capabilities. This synergy not only enhances operations but is invaluable to the overall effectiveness and ensures a unified response to any threat.
- **Deterrence and Stability:** A cohesive and integrated approach reinforces deterrence by signaling unity and resolve. Potential adversaries are less likely to challenge a united and capable Alliance, promoting stability in the region and beyond.

Supports DAF Operational Imperative on Tactical Air Dominance