

# Enhancing Education and Technology at The Africa Center for Strategic Studies



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## OVERVIEW

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## **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. Interest in Topic**
- 2. Objectives**

How might technology be used to enhance the work being done at the Africa Center?

What are opportunities and constraints that impact the use of technology at the Africa Center?

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## **METHODS**

Case Study

Interviews

Observations

Readings

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **What is the Africa Center for Strategic Studies?**

Part of the US Department of Defense

One of five regional centers

Housed at the National Defense University

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **Mission**

Support US policy objectives aimed at the promotion of democratic governance and enhancement of security in Africa

Develop long-term mutually beneficial relations between the United States and Africa

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **Philosophy/Approach**

Partnerships

Consultation

Non-attribution

Academic approach

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## **BACKGROUND**

**Activities (90 % of which are held in various countries in Africa).**

Seminars

Courses

Workshops

Research

Consultative and technical support

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **Core Areas**

Security Studies

Civil-Military Relations

Terrorism and counter-terrorism

Defense Economics

Conflict Prevention and Management

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **Audience**

African military and civilian officials

Civil society representatives

U.S. and European stakeholders who have  
an interest in Africa-related issues

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## **FINDINGS**

### **Use of Technology (U.S. Gov.)**

Gaming

Simulations

Information Technology

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## **FINDINGS**

### **Use of Technology (The Africa Center)**

E-mail, fax, telephone

Computer Access (cyber café, laptop distribution)

MERLN training

Computer orientation training

Website

Electronic Newsletter

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## **FINDINGS**

### **Opportunities**

Blogging

Webcasts

Simulation exercises

Video technology (exploratory phase)

Distance learning module program

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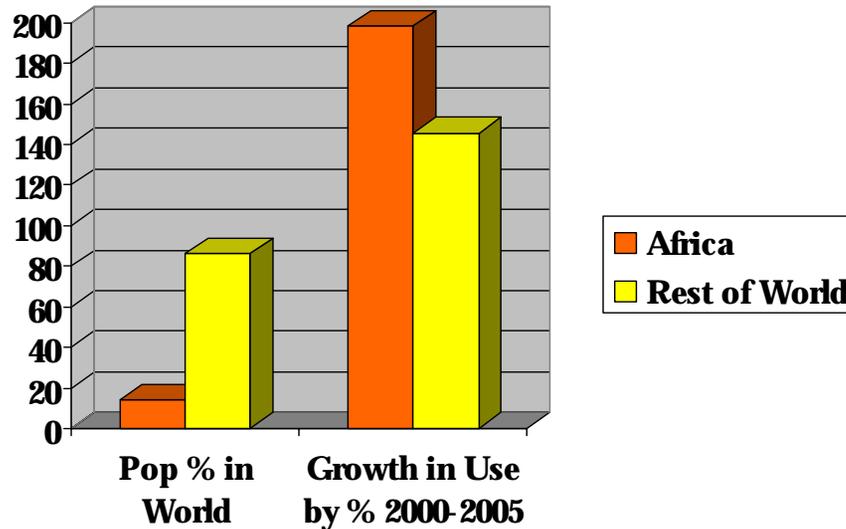
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## FINDINGS

### Constraints

Resource

Digital Divide



One in 15 of the world pop  
has Internet access

One in 250 – 400 of African  
pop has Internet access

Stats from [www.internetworldstats.com](http://www.internetworldstats.com)

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**Q & A**