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## **U.S. Army Africa participates in Central Accord 2016**

LIBREVILLE, Gabon – The U.S. military, in partnership with the Gabonese Armed Forces, the Multinational Force of Central Africa, and other partner nations will conduct Central Accord 2016, a command post and field training exercise, in Libreville, Gabon, June 13-24.

CA16 is an U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM)-directed and U.S. Army Africa (USARAF)-led combined and joint exercise designed to exercise and assess the capacity and capability of participating staff and forces in peacekeeping operations. Approximately 1,000 military personnel from 14 participating nations will participate in the annual, combined, joint military exercise.

Central Accord brings together partner nations to practice and demonstrate proficiency in conducting peacekeeping operations. The exercise will include headquarters staff training, land force maneuvers, air operations and medical training.

The exercise will consist of one week of classroom-based academics and one week of a command post and field training exercise. The end goal of Central Accord 16 is to increase interoperability and build capacity between U.S. and African militaries, while cementing partnerships built from previous Central Accord exercises.

Once the exercise is complete, all exercise participants will return to their home countries and stations.

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