Program Overview

Partnership for Integrated Logistics Operations and Tactics (PILOT) is a Theater Logistics Engagement activity that builds long-term operational logistics planning capacity within the African Union Standby Force (ASF), and promotes interoperability between the U.S. military and the ASF.

Methods

U.S. Africa Command service components provide instruction via two-week seminars for ASF officers, focusing on the planning, coordination, and conduct of logistics in Peace Support Operations.

Comprised of seminars, exercises, and syndicate discussions, the program addresses the following topics:

- Legal aspects of peacekeeping operations
- United Nations contingency owned equipment
- United Nations mission planning process
- Role of civilian police and military observers
- Force deployment planning and execution
- Gender issues/code of conduct/ethics

PILOT familiarizes mid-level ASF officers with the principles necessary to be successful in both complex and traditional peacekeeping missions.

Objectives

Conducting complex peacekeeping operations in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environments requires specific skills and the ability to manage limited resources in a timely and efficient manner.

The PILOT activity is designed to:

- Provide participants with the skills they need to be more effective logisticians for roles in United Nations or African Union peacekeeping missions.
- Improve deployment and sustainment capabilities of the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) through multinational collaboration.
- Build African logistics expertise that will enable future organic logistics capacity.

Facts & Figures

PILOT seminars are conducted quarterly at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping and Training Center (KAIPTC) in Accra, Ghana.

Classes are taught by a joint team from U.S. Marine Forces Africa and African partner logisticians.

Four PILOT activities have been conducted since 2009, training over 120 officers and civilians from 15 countries of the African Union Standby Force and Economic Community of West African States.