

Dashboard Peace Operations 2023

Current Developments

The downsizing trend that prevailed from 2015 to 2021 reversed in 2022, if only minimally. In September 2022, around 135,000 persons were deployed in international peace operations, compared to around 134,000 a year earlier. The numbers of military (118,500 to 119,800) and police (8,300 to 8,700) personnel did increase, while the number of civilian staff has decreased (7,200 to 6,500). This is mainly due to the end of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) in Ukraine, which also reduced the total number of OSCE personnel to less than a quarter compared to the previous year (1,170 to 250). However, the number of staff in missions of African (sub-)regional organisations increased (40,800 to 44,300).

The development of German contributions was uneven. There was an increase in Bundeswehr personnel in UN and EU missions. The number of civilian personnel in UN

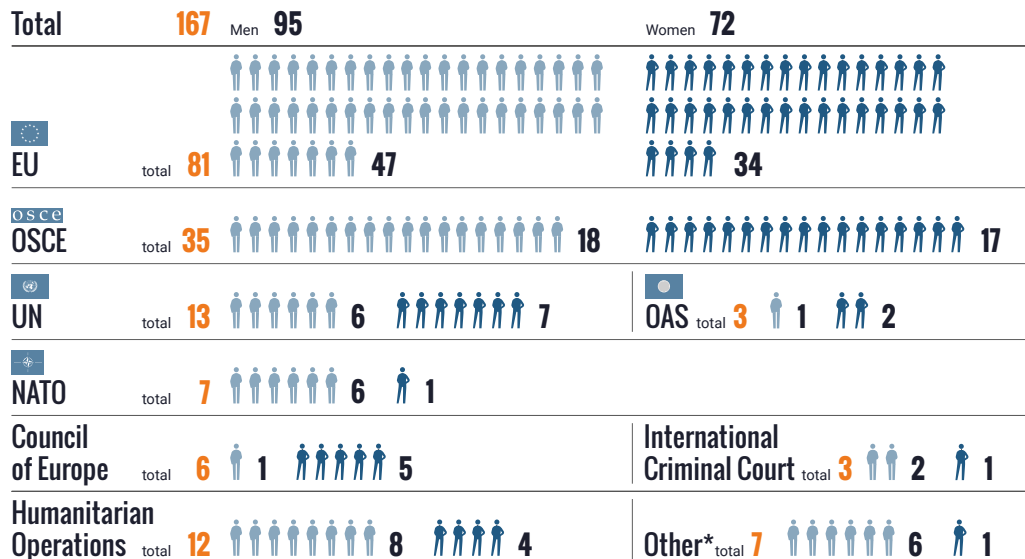
missions also rose slightly, but in OSCE missions it fell sharply - again due to the closure of the SMM. The total number of German civilian experts seconded to peace operations at the end of 2022 was 80, plus 87 in headquarters of various organisations and in humanitarian missions, among others.

Three other facts remain unchanged: (i) the UN is still by far the largest actor, (ii) the majority of personnel continue to be concentrated in a small number of large missions, and (iii) Sub-Saharan Africa remains the region with the most extensive deployments. Of the seven missions with over 10,000 personnel, six operate in this region. (ATMIS/AU/Somalia; MINUSCA/UN/Central African Republic; MINUSMA/UN/Mali; MNJTF/Lake Chad, MONUSCO/UN/Democratic Republic of the Congo; UNMISS/UN/South Sudan). The seventh is the UN operation in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

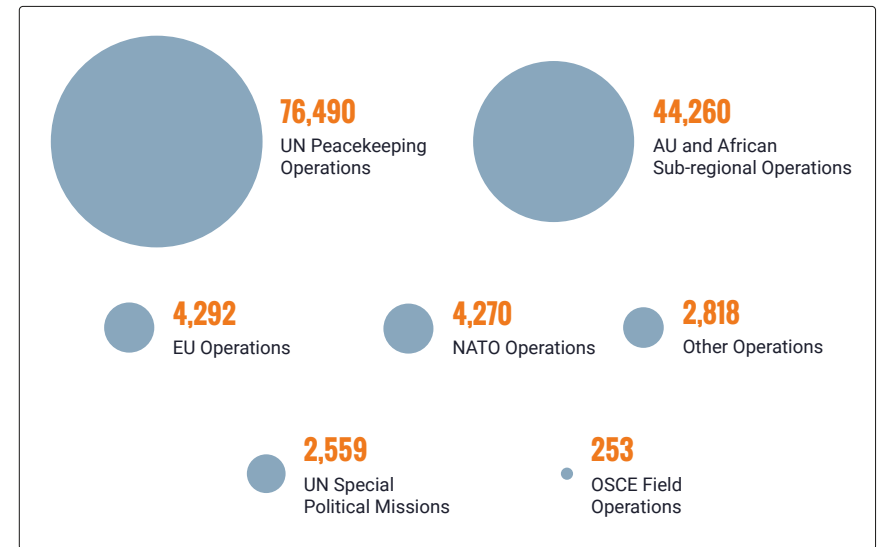
Around **135,000** personnel in peace operations



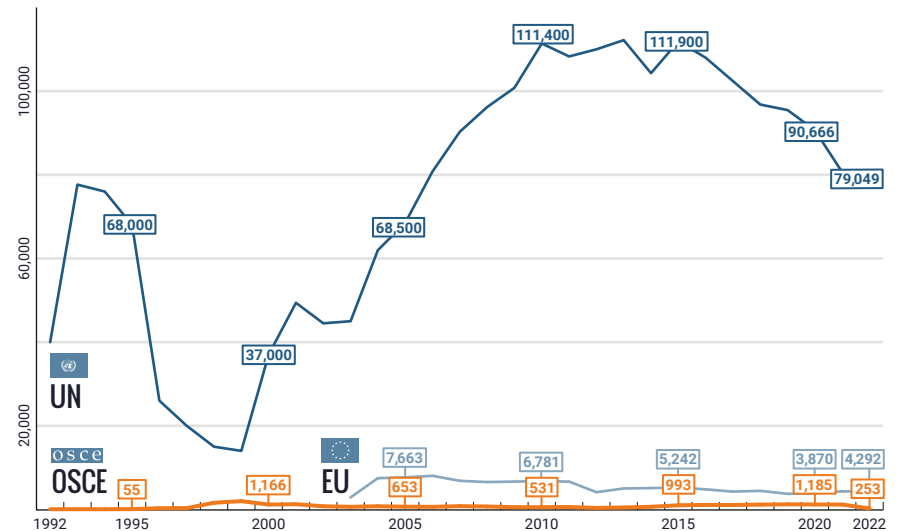
Seconded German Civilian Experts in the Field, HQs and Institutions



Personnel Strength by Organization



Development of Personnel Numbers in Peace Operations



*e.g. Kosovo Specialist Chambers • as of 31.12.2022

SPOTLIGHT African (Sub-)Regional Organizations

Current Situation

As a consequence of a possible blockade of the UN Security Council as a result of the confrontation between Russia and the "West", the importance of (sub)regional organisations in conflict management will probably increase. In Africa, these actors already play a major role. Currently, they have deployed 13 missions on the continent (see map). However, these missions, some of which are quite extensive, face a number of challenges.

The African peace and security architecture is characterised by a multi-layered network of actors, including a continental regional organisation (the African Union / AU) and a number of sub-regional organisations. Due to their history in economic cooperation, these are referred to as Regional Economic Communities (RECs) or Regional Mechanisms (RMs). A central problem is the issue of "subsidiarity", i.e. the precise delineation of the responsibilities of these organisations for crises on the continent. Although the RECs/REMs in principle

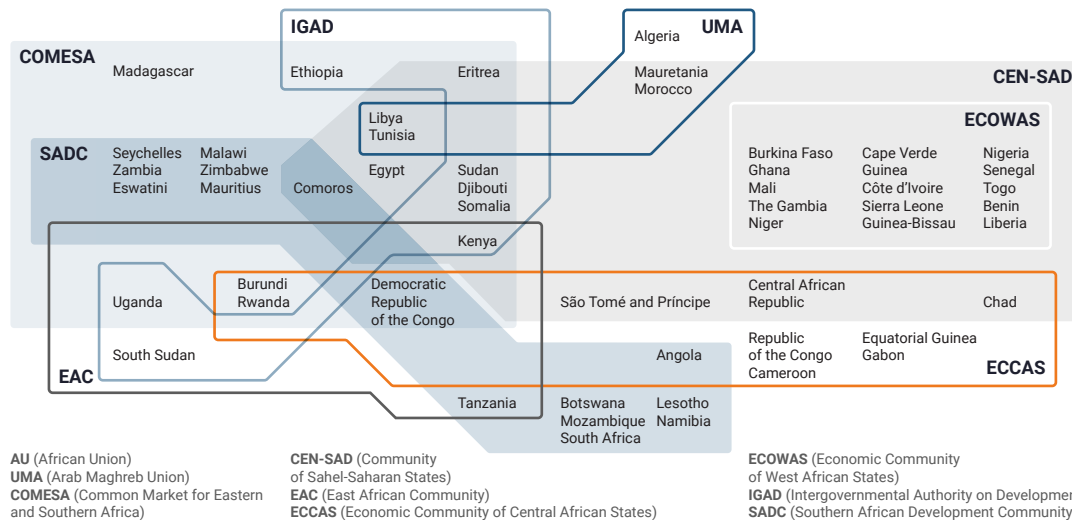
recognise the primacy of the AU in this field, the respective competences of the AU and RECs/RMs are vaguely defined. To make matters worse, the division of responsibilities between the various sub-regional organisations with their multiple and overlapping memberships (see chart) is also undefined. This circumstance allows for "forum shopping", i.e. states with multiple memberships turn to the organisation from which they expect a decision in their own interest.

The second key challenge for African peace operations is funding. The AU has the African Peace Fund (APF) to finance its operations, which reached an all-time high of around US\$ 300 million in 2022. However, two-thirds of the AU's budget is still financed by external partners. For years, African actors in New York have therefore repeatedly called for a mechanism to provide financial support to African peace operations from the assessed contributions to the UN peacekeeping budget.

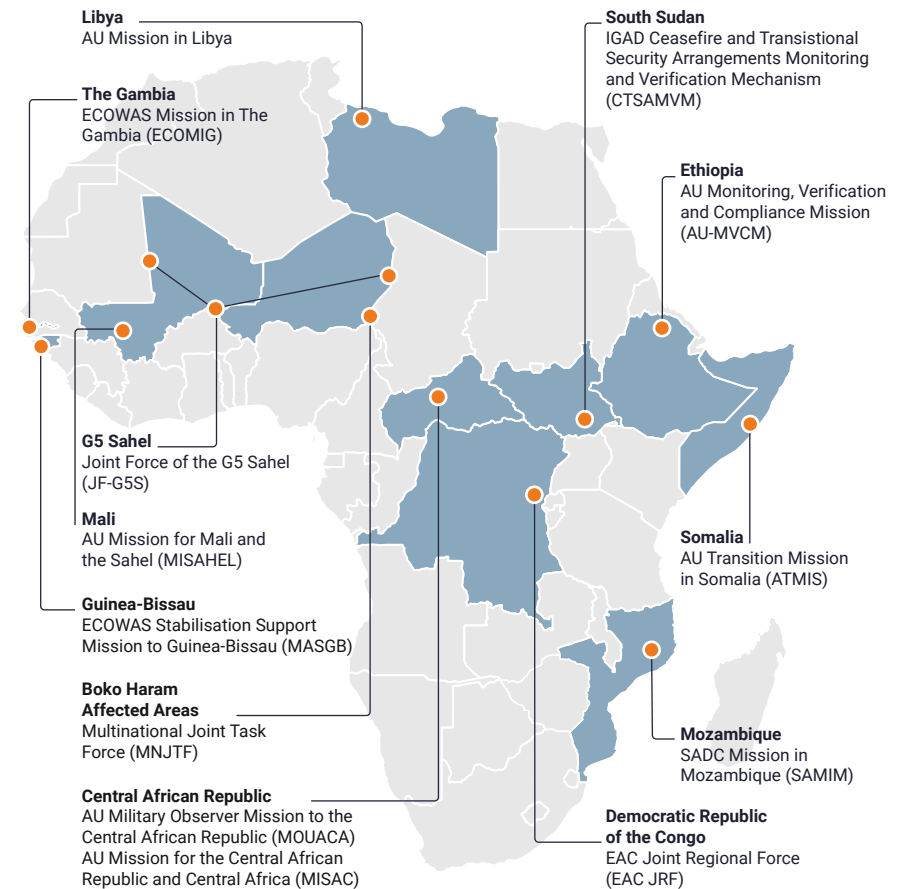
UN **6,38 \$ billions**
UN Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) budget for fiscal year July 2022 – June 2023

AU **279,2 \$ millions**
AU Peace Support Operations (PSO) budget for 2022

Official Regional Economic Communities



Peace Operations by African (Sub-)Regional Organizations



Timeline: Foundation of African (Sub-)Regional Organizations

