US Foreign Policy Towards Africa Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Analyze the **historical evolution** of U.S. foreign policy toward Africa, from the Cold War to the present.
- Evaluate the **strategic interests** that drive U.S. engagement with African nations.
- Assess the impact of U.S. policies on **African governance, development, and stability**.
- Examine the role of key U.S. government agencies, including the State Department, USAID, and Department of Defense, in shaping policy.
- Deconstruct the **geopolitical competition** between the U.S., China, and Russia for influence in Africa.
- Understand the complexities of **security cooperation**, including counter-terrorism and peacekeeping initiatives.
- Critically analyze U.S. approaches to **trade, investment, and economic partnership** with African countries.
- Assess the effectiveness of U.S. **development and humanitarian assistance** programs.
- Formulate a comprehensive understanding of **human rights and democracy promotion** within the context of U.S. foreign policy.
- Identify the influence of domestic politics, special interest groups, and public opinion on U.S. policy toward Africa.
- Predict future trends and **policy shifts** in the U.S.-Africa relationship.
- Apply **critical thinking** and **policy analysis** skills to real-world scenarios.
- Engage in informed and constructive dialogue on pressing issues in **U.S.-Africa relations**.

Organizational Benefits

- Equip your team with the knowledge to anticipate geopolitical shifts and their impact on business and policy objectives in Africa.
- Better understand political, economic, and security risks associated with operations and partnerships on the continent.
- Develop a team capable of navigating complex international relationships and negotiations.
- Invest in your employees' growth by providing a specialized, high-value training that boosts their expertise and career trajectories.
- Empower staff to make more informed choices by grounding their actions in a deep understanding of policy and historical context.

- Gain an edge by cultivating a workforce with a nuanced understanding of the African landscape and the forces that shape it.

Target Audience

- Government Officials and Diplomats
- Military and Intelligence Professionals
- Business Executives and Investors with interests in Africa
- International Development Practitioners and NGO staff
- Journalists and Researchers specializing in foreign affairs
- Policy Analysts and consultants
- Academics and Students of International Relations
- Public and Private Sector Professionals engaged in U.S.-Africa partnerships

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Module 1: Historical and Theoretical Foundations

- Key Concepts: Understanding core concepts of foreign policy, national interest, and soft/hard power.
- Cold War Legacy: Examining U.S. policy in Africa through the lens of Cold War competition and decolonization.
- Post-Cold War Engagement: Analyzing the shift from a bipolar world to a more complex, multi-actor environment.
- Key Doctrines: An overview of major U.S. foreign policy doctrines and their application to Africa.
- **Case Study**: The U.S. role in the Angolan Civil War: A deep dive into Cold War proxies and strategic miscalculations.

Module 2: Institutions and Policymaking

- Executive Branch: The roles of the National Security Council, State Department, and White House in shaping policy.
- Legislative Influence: How Congress and various committees influence, fund, and oversee Africa policy.
- Interagency Dynamics: Navigating the complex relationships between the Department of State, Department of Defense, and USAID.
- Non-State Actors: The role of think tanks, NGOs, and special interest groups in lobbying for specific policies.
- **Case Study**: The creation and implementation of PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief): An analysis of a successful public health initiative and its policy drivers.

Module 3: Geopolitical Competition and Security

- Strategic Competition: A detailed analysis of the U.S. response to the growing influence of China and Russia in Africa.
- Counter-Terrorism Operations: Examining U.S. security partnerships and military presence in Africa, including AFRICOM.
- Peacekeeping and Stability: The U.S. role in supporting regional peacekeeping efforts, such as those by the African Union.
- Fragile States: U.S. policy challenges and responses to state fragility, political instability, and internal conflict.
- **Case Study**: U.S. counter-terrorism efforts in the Sahel region: An evaluation of security partnerships and their effectiveness.

Module 4: Economic and Trade Policy

- Trade Initiatives: A look at landmark U.S. trade policies, including the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).
- Investment and Finance: Analyzing the role of the U.S. Development Finance Corporation and private sector investment.
- Energy and Resources: U.S. policy toward Africa's critical energy and mineral resources.
- Debt and Development: The U.S. role in global efforts to address African debt and promote sustainable economic growth.
- **Case Study**: U.S.-Kenya strategic partnership and economic agreements: An examination of bilateral trade and investment flows.

Module 5: Development and Humanitarian Assistance

- USAID and its Mandates: The structure and priorities of the U.S. Agency for International Development in Africa.
- Health and Education: Analyzing key U.S. programs and their impact on public health and educational outcomes.
- Humanitarian Crises: The U.S. response to famines, natural disasters, and displacement crises.
- Aid Conditionality: The debate over linking aid to political and economic reforms.
- **Case Study**: U.S. humanitarian response to the Horn of Africa famine: An assessment of policy coordination and on-the-ground impact.

Module 6: Democracy and Human Rights

- Promotion of Democracy: Examining U.S. policies aimed at supporting democratic transitions, elections, and civil society.
- Rule of Law and Governance: The U.S. approach to anti-corruption efforts and institutional strengthening.
- Human Rights Advocacy: The role of U.S. diplomacy in addressing human rights violations and promoting freedoms.
- Contradictions and Challenges: Analyzing the tensions between U.S. security interests and its stated democratic values.
- **Case Study**: U.S. sanctions and policy toward Zimbabwe: An exploration of the use of punitive measures to promote political change.

Module 7: Public Diplomacy and Cultural Exchange

- Public Diplomacy: The use of soft power, including cultural and educational exchanges, to shape perceptions of the U.S.
- Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI): A deep dive into a major U.S. initiative to empower future African leaders.
- Media and Information: The role of U.S. media outlets and information programs in Africa.
- Diaspora Engagement: The growing influence of the African diaspora in the U.S. on policy and advocacy.
- **Case Study**: The legacy of YALI and its impact on leadership development and civil society in Africa.

Module 8: Future Trends and Policy Challenges

- Climate Change and Security: The growing nexus between environmental challenges and security threats in Africa.

- Technological Advancement: The impact of digital transformation and emerging technologies on U.S.-Africa relations.
- Pandemic Response: Lessons learned from U.S. policy during public health crises like COVID-19.
- Future of Strategic Competition: Forecasting future dynamics in the U.S.-China-Africa relationship.
- **Case Study**: U.S. policy on climate finance in Africa: An analysis of current commitments and future challenges.

Training Methodology

Our training methodology combines a variety of engaging and effective approaches to ensure a rich learning experience:

- Expert-Led Lectures.
- Interactive Discussions.
- Case Studies and Simulations.
- Policy Briefing Exercises.
- Guest Speakers.
- Reading Assignments and Handouts.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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