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The African Union's challenges as a regional and global security actor

The African Union (AU) has become a key actor in conflict prevention and resolution on the continent. Institutionally, the AU relies on a Peace and Security Council, a Continental Early Warning System, and an African Standby Force, which have enabled the organization to deploy peacekeeping missions and mediate between conflict parties. In addition, the AU has begun to play a role in peace and security issues beyond the continent, whether at the United Nations or directly with other regions. This presentation will discuss how the AU seeks to become an essential actor in regional and global security, focusing particularly on the main challenges it encounters, such as competition from other regional organizations, internal divisions, and a lack of resources.



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