

Land Forces Symposium



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Kenya president opens 2009 LFS



Delegates line up to greet the President of Kenya Mwai Kibaki at the start of Land Forces Symposium which took place in Mombasa, Kenya, April 20-23. (Photo by Kenya Navy Article by

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His Excellency, the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Hon. Mwai Kibaki officially opened the 2009 Land Forces Symposium on April 20, 2009 at the Mombasa Serena Beach Hotel.

LFS is an annual event that provides a forum for senior land forces commanders and army chiefs of staff from the United States, Horn of Africa, the Middle East and South West Asia to address topics of mutual interest.

LFS 2009 was co-hosted by Lt. Gen. Jackson Tuwei, Kenya Army commander, and Lt. Gen. James Lovelace, U.S. Army Central commanding general.

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The Kenya Army offered to co-host this year's event with USARCENT. This is the fourth symposium to be held and the first to be held in Africa.

The opening ceremony was well attended by military officials drawn from more than 24 partner nations.

The theme of the three-day conference was 'Land Forces' Challenges in a Full Spectrum Environment.'

Prof. Macharia Munene a professor of History and International Relations delivered the keynote address dubbed 'Global Security Concerns and Outlook.'

"It is imperative that the symposium comes up with ideas on how best we can work together in addressing the problem of Piracy" said Kibaki, adding that he looked forward to the results of the Land Forces Symposium.

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2009 LFS Facts

What is LFS?

-Land Forces Symposium is an annual forum that brought together military leaders from 24 countries in CENTCOM's and AFRICOM's areas of responsibility to discuss common challenges, exchange views and foster security cooperation.

What happened?

- During the week-long symposium, senior military leaders from the HOA, the U.S., the Middle East, and South-central Asia collectively addressed issues including regional security organizations, full spectrum operations and training, disaster relief, interagency operations, Provincial Reconstruction Teams, and environmental security concerns.

What themes did this year's LFS cover?

-The theme for this year's LFS was Land Forces' Challenges in a Full Spectrum Environment and consisted of three panels focusing on:

- Global Trends Impacting the Central Command AOR and the Horn of Africa

- Full Spectrum Enablers

- Multinational Army Training and Preparedness

Emerging military challenges addressed during panel



Retired Colonel Dennis Murphy of the U.S., opened the session with a presentation dubbed, 'New media and Military Operations.' Murphy emphasized the importance of reaching out to younger audiences. (Photo by Kenya Navy SSGT James Makori)

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Challenges Land Forces face in dealing with emerging threats was the topic of the first session of the Land Forces Symposium, April 21, 2009. The meeting centered on the transformation of the role of the military in the modern day world.

Four panelists delivered speeches quoting relevant examples from their mother countries and world history.

Retired Col. Dennis Murphy of the U.S., opened the session with a presentation dubbed, 'New Media and Military Operations.' Murphy emphasized the importance of embracing the media in communicating especially in information warfare. He gave the example of the internet with its large elements of communication sites like You-tube, and Facebook.

"Information superiority is unachievable but can be emphasized through the power of the media," said Murphy.

He also stressed that the media can be used as a war fighting function and commanders must effectively learn to use it especially the modern media which tends to reach a younger audience. Land Forces should proactively engage the media because they can win battles but may also lose the war of perception and support through the civil public across nations if they disregard the media.

Brig. Gen. Maroun Hitti, from Lebanon also presented a paper on Operations of Land Forces in Border Areas. Hitti,

also an Operations Director went to great lengths to define how border conflicts arise and the best way to handle them, mentioning significant and modern day illustrations from Lebanon and its neighboring countries.

The third speaker, Royal Saudi Brig. Gen. Al Shehri made a presentation on Anticipating Future Environment Security Challenges. Al Shehri gave delegates new data on rural urban migration and after a careful analysis determined that the limited resources experienced worldwide could lead to an uprising against governments from the populace. He even said that governments risked being toppled unless they were going to be able to cater to their populace.

The presence of the Land Forces in aiding Civil Authorities and the liaison of military to the civilian world were also discussed during the forum through the co-host of the Land Forces' Symposium Lt. Gen. Jackson Tuwei. He discussed the secondary role of the Kenya Military in aiding Civil Authorities. The Kenya Army Commander shared how the Kenyan military had taken part in humanitarian activities, citing instances ranging from borehole sinking to classroom re-construction, from cattle rustling to the Mt. Elgon operation and the recent participation of the military in disaster management.

Land Forces are gradually revising operations to meet the modern day needs of the ever-changing world. The goal should be towards improving relations with the media, civil authorities and across borders in the quest to be transformed from conventional operations.

Key enablers to address Land Forces' challenges



Major General Zaid Tarik Mahmood Shukry, Iraqi Army Deputy Chief of Staff of training, talks about the principles of joint operations at LFS 2009 in Mombasa, Kenya, April 21. (Photo by Sgt. Beth Lake, USARCENT Public Affairs)

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Joint training and planning of Land Forces whilst incorporating government, non-governmental and international organizations have been identified as key ingredients toward achieving Land Forces Challenges beyond conventional military operations.

These sentiments set to address global trends impacting the Central Command and the Horn of Africa were aired during the second day of the Land Forces' Symposium in Mombasa, Kenya April, 22.

Among the speakers invited on this subject was Michael Marx, a former military officer working for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA).

Marx was delighted and appreciated the opportunity to incorporate a presentation on the role of UNOCHA during the Land Forces Symposium.

The UN official said, over 25 million people across the globe are affected by conflicts, natural disasters, population pressure and environmental pandemics; the diversity of these global needs and humanitarian concerns have formed the organization's mission to implement and coordinate

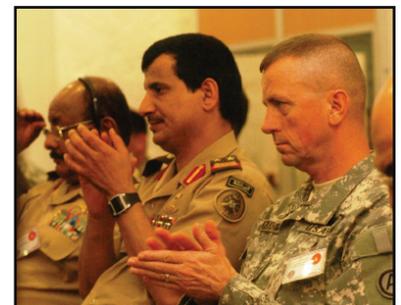
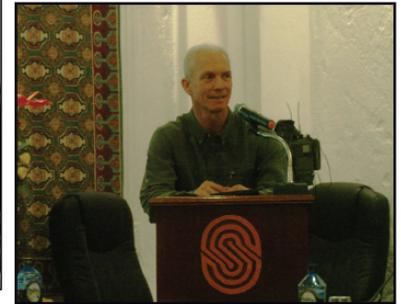
diplomacy to create peace.

He pointed out that lack of military doctrine and training on humanitarian assistance operations has been noted as a major impediment to working effectively in joint military and international organization operations.

During the session, another guest speaker Maj. Gen. Zaid Tarik Mahmood Shukry of the Iraq Army, echoed similar sentiments saying that the principles for joint operations such as cooperation, joint planning, joint training and synchronization are the pillars that Land Forces need to embrace. He emphasized that although each Army has its priorities they all need to be evaluated to ensure consistency when merging forces for a common goal.

In his presentation, the third speaker Todd Greentree, of the U.S. State Department - Afghanistan, commended the Afghanistan Provincial Reconstruction Teams and attributed their success on account of flexibility and adaptability. He stressed that these are characteristics that should be adopted by Land Forces.

Offensive, defensive and stability operations in the region will require cooperation between governmental, non governmental and international organizations. The key enablers laid out in this presentation outline the need for a commitment to training, equipment, and an understanding of each others doctrines in order to be successful.



Joint-training key to modern day military challenges



U.S. Army Col. Kevin Batule, U.S. Army Central Chief of Staff, opens the third panel session discussion during the second day of Land Forces Symposium 2009 in Mombasa, Kenya, April 22. Photo by SSgt. James Makori Kenya Navy.

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The underlying message on the second day of the Land Forces Symposium was that joint professional training is the way forward for future operations. To solve modern day military challenges, joint training of military personnel is imperative.

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett, commanding general, U.S. Army Africa, gave an extensive presentation on the U.S. Army deployment and training of foreign troops in their respective countries. He went on to discuss the various U.S. deployments in the African continent giving examples of countries that had conducted exchange training programs.

Garrett further said that the approach used is to first develop trust and then move to cooperation with the nation.

Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, USARAF also spoke on the importance of a team in training, including military officers as well as non-commissioned officers.

“It is necessary to notice that within the limits of preventing various sets of natural disasters, Kyrgyzstan must

adopt experience,” said Col. Batyr Kadirov, the Kyrgyzstan delegate to the fourth LFS.

Kadirov opened the third day of the conference discussing the natural disaster threats to the military.

He deliberated on how the military had taken a leading role in safe evacuation, disaster response capability and emergency services of their country. He also said that the military was trained to handle emergency situations.

Brig Gen. Al Shehri of the Royal Saudi Forces presented a paper on regional and sub-regional security. The general underscored the need to have regional bodies that would assist to maintain stability and cooperation in the region.

“Most threats in the modern era do not affect only one nation and therefore require a joint response,” said Al Shehri.

In his contribution during the symposium, Col. Andy Mason, Commandant of the British Support Team in Eastern Africa, spoke about Multi-national training and preparedness.

Mason pointed out that strategic operational and tactical level of any operation is diverse, adding that political coherence is vital in a bid to attain conflict prevention.

Militaries are adopting new means and are transforming from the conventional functions to cover a wider scope of operation in tackling modern day challenges.

U.S. Army Africa showcases new mission at LFS



Gen. Jackson K. Tuwei (center), commander of the Kenya Army, presents his opening remarks for a regional break out of nine East African countries attending the 2009 Land Forces Symposium in Mombasa, Kenya, April 20-23.

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Senior leaders from U.S. Army Africa presented a comprehensive overview of the newly designated USARAF to a select group of military leaders from 24 nations to include the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., and Gen. William E. “Kip” Ward, commander of U.S. Africa Command, at the Land Forces Symposium 2009 in Mombasa, Kenya, April 22.

Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of USARAF, and Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, USARAF, took the opportunity to showcase U.S. Army Africa’s mission and map out the plan to synchronize U.S. Army activities in Africa, strengthen African partner security capabilities and support crisis response.

“Partnerships are the key,” said Garrett. “We want to breathe the same air and walk the same ground together.”

As Rice presented U.S. Army Africa’s guiding principles, he reiterated Gar-

rett’s focus on building partnerships and relationships.

“There are no relationships between countries; there are relationships between people,” said Rice. “We will continue to strengthen our relationships with every engagement we make.”

While at the symposium, Garrett and Rice attended panel discussions involving all 24 countries and also participated in regional breakouts with military leaders from East African nations to discuss areas of mutual interest in the hopes of improving regional cooperation and facilitating peace and stability throughout East Africa.

“We are here to reinforce our sustained commitment to our African partner land forces,” said Garrett.

“Our effort to deepen our understanding of the challenges that each of us face will improve our ability to address those challenges together,” he added.

“We look forward to broadening these events to incorporate all of our African land force partners as well as more of our national and international partners,” said Garrett.



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Kibaki was accompanied by the Minister of State for Defence, Hon. Mohammed Yusuf Haji, Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security Professor George Saitoti, the Permanent Secretary, Head of Public Service & Secretary to the Cabinet Ambassador, Francis Muthaura, the Chief of the General Staff, General Jeremiah Kianga.

Other senior government officials in attendance were the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security, Mr. Francis Kimemia, the United States, Ambassador Michael Ranneberger and the Commander Kenya Navy, Major General Samson Mwathethe.



Senior military leaders from around South-central Asia, the Horn of Africa and the Middle East gathered to discuss issues and solutions during the fourth annual Land Forces Symposium in Mombasa, Kenya, April 20-23.

