

EDITOR'S NOTE

African chances, threats and challenges

Africa indeed is the land of opportunity. Even though the African continent is one of the poorest World regions the World Bank and International Monetary Funds prognosis leave no doubt, that in 2025 the majority of African states will reach the middle-income countries status. In recent years, six of the world's fastest growing economies were nations on the African continent. The continent, that has a great advantage in the economic context, which is an exceptionally rapid population growth. Africa is extremely rich in raw materials and natural resources, many still un-exploited. The vast economic growth and development is highly visible in Sub-Saharan states.

Africa is also the continent of crises. Ethnic tensions, international and domestic conflicts have a devastating impact on the states of the Sub-Saharan Africa. Protracted international armed conflicts and civil wars destabilize the economies, state administrations and societies of this part of globe. They obstruct economic development, the use of natural resources and are the cause of the slow fall of the statehood.

The Authors from African and European universities and scientific centres decided to share their points of view on the topics of military assistance in Sub-Saharan Africa, the threat of terrorism and insurgency, key factors and key players in the international relations of Sub-Saharan states, and the regional security theory. Sub-Saharan Africa is still an undiscovered field of research but we believe that the newest "Ante Portas – Security Studies" volume, titled "Security Issues of Sub Saharan Africa" will manage to bring the subject matter a bit closer.

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