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## Editorial

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Season's greetings!

This issue of *Air and Space Power Journal–Africa and Francophonie* opens with the lead article “Help Yourself: Recent Trends in African Peacekeeping in Africa” by Dr. Nikolas Emmanuel, a professor at the University of Copenhagen. The article addresses significant challenges confronting African states at the forefront of conflict management on the continent. As the author has remarked elsewhere, the “overall objective is to arrive at a better understanding of the critical African actors that are increasingly being pushed to the forefront to undertake peacekeeping on the continent.”

In “You Can’t Win If You Don’t Play: Communication—Engage Early, Engage Often,” Lt Col Aaron D. Burgstein, US Air Force, emphasizes the role of offensive communication in modern warfare.

“Deconstructing Global Fault Lines” by Dr. Tasawar Baig and Aaron G. Sander takes us into the “world of politics . . . in transition” through the fissures along those lines of division from Europe to South Asia.

Henri Boré’s article “Did You Say, ‘Central African Republic?’” comments on the reality of conditions in many African countries today. He takes issue with oversimplifications as to the causes of conflict on the continent, such as a religious divide between Christians and Muslims.

As usual, it is a feast to read anything by Dr. David Blair, a major in the US Air Force. His article “Dodging Gaugamela: Three Ways in Which We Invite Catastrophe—and How to Stop Doing So” is an exciting travel through time and history, allowing readers to learn many lessons along the way.

With this issue, we celebrate *ASPJ–A&F*’s ninth anniversary. We also wish you all the best for the New Year.

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