

Global Partnerships – Strategies

Providing our Airmen strategic level guidance to organize, train, and equip our forces for Building Partnerships is essential. The Air Force Global Partnership Strategy and the International Space Engagement Strategy guide our Air Force in Building Partnerships around the world.

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Two strategies, the Air Force Global Partnership Strategy (AFGPS) and the Air Force International Space Engagement Strategy, approved by the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, enhance USAF activities in the Building Partnerships core competency.

The AFGPS provides guidance for the US Air Force and its components to develop Global Partnerships, a key element in assuring our allies and partners, dissuading potential adversaries, deterring aggression, countering coercion, and ensuring access to critical locations while assisting the United States in forming coalitions to defeat adversaries, real or potential.

The Air Force is committed to building Global Partnerships and has delineated four ends to better organize, train, and equip the USAF to address the importance of building partnerships and supporting Combatant Commander objectives. These ends are for the USAF to:

- Establish, sustain, and expand Global Partnerships that are mutually beneficial
- Provide global partners the capability and capacity necessary to provide for their own national security
- Establish the capacity to train, advise, and assist foreign air forces, while conducting partnership activities using USAF Airmen with the appropriate language and cultural skills
- Develop and enhance partnership capabilities to ensure interoperability, integration, and interdependence, as appropriate

The AFGPS forms the centerpiece for the individual country pages in the USAF Campaign Support Plan. The country pages will provide a snapshot of programs and activities within each country, as well as near, mid and long term goals to achieve USAF, DoD, and national level objectives.

Additionally, the SecAF and CSAF approved the Air Force International Space Engagement Strategy. The Space Strategy supports the AFGPS by prioritizing USAF efforts and focusing limited resources for space cooperation and partnerships. The USAF continues to build global space partnerships to enhance US and allied security through interoperable capabilities, shared investment, and leveraging unique allied capabilities.

The nature of space operations is global and space-enabled capabilities are essential to successful network centric coalitions and enable interoperability and unity of effort across a spectrum of capabilities. The Space Strategy provides guidance, consistent with national level policy, to enable collaboration with capable, reliable partners.

These two strategies provide the centerpiece for building international relationships, interoperable capabilities, and partnership capacity. The US Air Force will continue to execute national level strategy and policy while supporting the Combatant Commanders and their objectives.