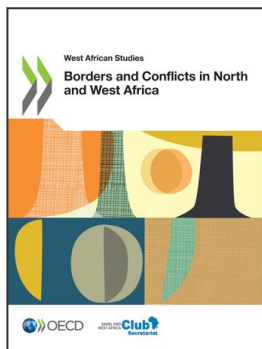


Abbreviations and acronyms

ACLED	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project	FC-G5S	Framework of the G5 Sahel Joint Force
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union	FUC	United Front for Change
ANN	Average nearest neighbour	GATIA	Imghad Tuareg Self-Defense Group and Allies
AQIM	Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb	G5S	G5 Sahel
CAR	Central African Republic	GIA	Armed Islamic Group
CC	Conflict concentration	GIS	Geographic information science
CEMOC	Joint Operational Staff Committee	GNA	Government of National Accord
CEN-SAD	Community of Sahel-Saharan States	GROADS	Global Roads Open Access Data Set
CI	Conflict intensity	GSPC	Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat
CILSS	Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel	ICJ	International Court of Justice
CJTF	Civilian Joint Task Force	IDPs	Internally displaced persons
COS	French Special Operations Command	IEDs	Improvised explosive devices
CSJF	Chad-Sudan Joint Force	IFRI	French Institute of International Relations
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo	ISGS	Islamic State in the Greater Sahara
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States	ISWAP	Islamic State West Africa Province
ECOMOG	Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group	JEM	Justice and Equality Movement
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States	JNIM	Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wa-l-Musulimin (Group for Supporting Islam and Muslims)
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute	LCBC	Lake Chad Basin Commission
EU	European Union	LNA	Libyan National Army
EUCAP	European Union Capacity Building	LRA	Lord's Resistance Army
EUSR	European Union Special Representative	LURD	Liberian United for Reconciliation and Democracy
EUTM	European Union Training Mission	MINUSMA	Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
FACT	Front for Change and Concord in Chad	MISAHHEL	African Union Mission for Mali and the Sahel
FAMa	Malian Armed Forces	MNJTF	Multinational Joint Task Force
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas		

MNLA	National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad	RPF	Rwandan Patriotic Front
MODEL	Movement for Democracy in Liberia	RUF	Revolutionary United Front
MONUC	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	SCDi	Spatial Conflict Dynamics indicator
MONUSCO	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	SLM	Sudan Liberation Movement
MSA	Movement for the Salvation of Azawad	SPLA	Sudan People's Liberation Army
MUJAO	Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa	SRTM	Shuttle Radar Topography Mission
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	SWAC	Sahel and West Africa Club
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization	UEMOA	West African Economic and Monetary Union
NGO	Non-governmental organisation	UFDD	Union of Forces for Democracy and Development
NPFL	National Patriotic Front of Liberia	UFL	Fusion and Liaison Unit
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	ULIMO	United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy
OSM	OpenStreetMap	ULRI	Light reconnaissance and intervention units
PFLP	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine	UN	United Nations
PIP	Priority Investment Programme	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
		UNMIS	United Nations Mission in the Sudan
		URF	Union of Resistance Forces



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