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1. GENERAL PROJECT DATA

1.1. Coordinating Institution

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60 months

1.8. CNPq Knowledge Area

International Integration, Conflict, War and Peace

1.9. Project Thematic Area

International and Regional Security and Defence Scenarios

1.10. Project Description

This research project is an interdisciplinary academic-scientific investigation proposal with national and international scope, integrating civil and military institutions from different regions of Brazil, with a focus on meeting demands identified by institutions related to Brazilian National Defence. Specifically, it seeks to contribute to the expansion and consolidation of Strategic Studies in National Defence, in particular, in the prospecting of international and regional security and defence scenarios, identifying predominantly external threats (potential and manifest) that may affect the consolidation of regional stability, necessary for the maintenance of international security and Brazilian sovereignty.

The proposal seeks to contribute to the expansion and deepening of scientific understanding and of decision-makers in public defence policies on the main dynamics, strategic partnerships and security and defence policies of the African continent, assessing impacts on Brazil's Strategic Surroundings and alternatives for Brazil's strategic action. The research is justified by the institutionalisation of the position of Atlantic Africa as an integral part of Brazil's Strategic Surroundings, based on the publication of the Defence regulatory framework (National Defence Policy, National Defence Strategy and National Defence White Paper). At the same time, there was an expansion of dialogue and cooperation relations between the Brazilian Ministry of Defence, the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES) and Universities/Research Institutions, through important initiatives to promote research on National Defence in the country, such as the Support Program for Teaching and Scientific and Technological Research in National Defence (Pró-Defesa). Despite these two movements, there is still little literature and research support on Security and Defence dynamics on the African continent that could affect the stability and sovereignty of Brazil's Strategic Surroundings.

In order to overcome this gap, this research project proposes the creation of a network of researchers who are references in the development of African Studies in Security and Defence, in Brazil and abroad. Since regional security is not the responsibility of just one country, it is insufficient to understand the reality of the Atlantic Strategic Surrounding without an in-depth analysis of strategic competition on the African continent, security dynamics and vulnerabilities, and the African perception of the problem, including the security and defence of the South Atlantic. The aim is, therefore, to produce an unprecedented mapping of the configurations of structural, regional, and domestic forces that characterise regional security on the African continent, which, depending on crisis scenarios, may spill over into the epicentre of Brazil's Strategic Surroundings.

The project integrates four Brazilian graduate programs focused on complementary fields of knowledge and located in three distinct geographic regions of the country (South, Southeast and North). In addition, it involves the participation of researchers and research centres located in five other countries (South Africa, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Canada and Argentina), all international references in African Studies. Among the products expected in this 60-month project are the internationalised academic training of human resources at the masters, doctoral and postdoctoral levels, in addition to high-impact scientific products (8 scientific articles in international journals and 1 book compiling the scientific production of the project in an international publisher), technical products (4 annual international seminars, itinerant in the participating PPGs (Graduate Programs); 2 technical workshops and executive reports) and scientific dissemination of the results to society, public and private organisations, and decision-makers on National Defence policies (broad scientific dissemination actions through workshops and publicly accessible audiovisual products).

1.11. Project Context

This project is the result of over two decades of research, training and academic-scientific cooperation initiatives focused on Brazil's international integration strategies. The first to be highlighted was the establishment of the Brazilian Center for Strategy and International Relations (NERINT) in 1999, together with the Latin American Institute for Advanced Studies (ILEA) of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS). This was the first centre dedicated exclusively to the study and research of International Relations in southern Brazil. Its objective has always been the critical and innovative study of the transformations of the post-Cold War International System, with emphasis on the regions of Brazil's Strategic Surroundings.

Since then, NERINT has sought to contribute to the resumption of the discussion of a national project for Brazil in terms of analysing strategic options for the country's autonomous international insertion, from the perspective of the developing world. Working together with the Graduate Program in Political Science (PPGCP/UFRGS) and the Graduate Program in International Strategic Studies (PPGEEI/UFRGS), NERINT has contributed to the training of many of the researchers currently teaching in Higher Education who are proposing this project.

With the expansion of NERINT's African studies line and the leadership of Prof. Dr. Paulo Fagundes Visentini, the Brazil-South Africa Studies Center (CESUL) was established in 2005, a program derived from an agreement between UFRGS and the Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation (FUNAG), of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Later, the project

was expanded through the establishment of the Brazilian Center for African Studies (CEBRAFRICA), the African Series editorial line and the launch of the Brazilian Journal of African Studies (2016). Currently, CEBRAFRICA, led by Prof. Analúcia Danilevich Pereira, brings together researchers from UFRGS and national and international institutions, as well as undergraduate and graduate students, with emphasis on the PPGCP/UFRGS, who develop their research on cutting-edge themes in African studies, including Security and Defence.

The focus on this theme has enabled the creation of a network of Brazilian and foreign researchers associated with CEBRAFRICA, in addition to partner institutions in the development of the theme. Of note here are researchers from the Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM) and the Federal University of Pampa (UNIPAMPA), who established the first Graduate Program in International Relations in the interior of Rio Grande do Sul (PPGRI/UFSM), in 2019. In this PPG, the line of research in Security, Strategy and Defence focuses largely on the issues of Security and Defence of the African continent, through the collaboration between the Study Group on State Capacity, Security and Defence (GECAP/UFSM) and the Study Group on Africa (GEAFRICA/UNIPAMPA).

More recently, collaborations between PPGRI/UFSM and PPGCM/ECEME have converged with the work of leading researchers from NERINT/UFRGS and CEBRAFRICA/UFRGS in PPGCM/ECEME itself. It is worth noting that PPGCM/ECEME is the only one in a military institution with academic master's and doctoral courses, and is a reference in research and training on Strategic Studies in National Defence, the axis of this research project. This convergence, combined with the leading role of UFRR (PPG-GEO) in scientific production on geopolitics, cooperation and conflict at the regional level, made the conception of this proposal possible.

This is an organic research network, previously established, and which through this call seeks to consolidate itself as the first institutionalised Brazilian network focused on research, training and scientific dissemination of knowledge on Security and Defence of Africa and significantly internationalised. The proposal converges with the mission of the Pro-Defence Program to contribute to the advancement of academic-scientific research and social knowledge on National Defence.

1.12. Potential for Impact, Innovation and Social Relevance

The Brazilian Federal Constitution of 1988 established the project of a Democratic State of Law, supported by universal political competition and participation and the democratisation of public policies in a broad sense. This includes public policies of the State,

such as Foreign, Security and Defence Policies. The latter saw an increase in the democratisation process, through the establishment of the Ministry of Defence in 1999 and the promulgation of a regulatory framework for the area (National Defence Policy, National Defence Strategy, National Defence White Paper), which increased transparency and public dialogue on Defence Policy. Since the democratisation of public policies requires constant social and public engagement, in addition to the support of epistemic communities with the production of knowledge necessary for their formulation and implementation, a complementary signal was the creation of the Brazilian Association of Defence Studies in 2005.

The responsibility for democratising public policies is also a fundamental task for the University and its academic community. The university is the hub for articulating practical and theoretical, popular and erudite knowledge, and for fostering critical knowledge that should be applied in public life. As a relevant social agent, the University and its graduate programs have the vocation to promote actions that integrate these areas and to reinforce its competence as a locus for the production of socially informed knowledge. In view of these existing responsibilities and necessary commitments, the University's contributions involve research and development actions and the socialisation of this knowledge to society and as support for public policies.

The project aims to contribute specifically to the dissemination of science and technology through research, teaching/training, outreach and support for public policies. In the case of research, the dissemination of acquired knowledge will be based on the publication of results in high-impact scientific journals, in addition to the communication of partial and final research results at relevant national and international scientific events. In the case of teaching/training, the emphasis is on offering undergraduate and graduate courses that address research results and offering training courses to the general public, including members of the Armed Forces and the Ministry of Defence (MD). In the extension activities, the highlights are the organisation of scientific events to disseminate acquired knowledge, with the participation of researchers involved in the activities, in addition to scientific dissemination in widely accessible texts in specialised media. Within the scope of actions to support public policies, we highlight the submission of an executive report with objective results of the research activities to agents and organisations, civil and military, selected in dialogue with CAPES and the MD. Additionally, we will organise a dialogue workshop with such agents and organisations, civil and military, selected in partnership with CAPES and the MD.

1.13. Adherence to the Objectives of the Announcement of selection

This project is fully aligned with the objectives of the Pró-Defesa V selection notice,, through the combination of goals associated with the training of human resources, academic-institutional strengthening, scientific-technological development and social contribution.

In line with specific objectives I and II are the goals of training high-level human resources in areas related to strengthening National Defence, such as science, technology, and public and private organisations. The goal is for these professionals to be able to relate their broad knowledge of fields such as International Relations, Security, Geopolitics, and Strategy to Brazil's security and development challenges, including the defence of its Strategic Surrounding. The activities are aimed at technical training and academic training in teaching and research activities at the undergraduate, master's, doctoral, and postdoctoral levels.

In line with specific objectives II and VII, the project seeks to qualify academic-scientific research on topics relevant to National Defence, by valuing researchers dedicated to the theme of Security and Defence of Africa, relevant to the adequate defence of Brazil's Strategic Surroundings, although with scarce national production and knowledge concentrated in a few academic centres. The goals are associated with greater dissemination, visibility and recognition of national scientific research on a crucial topic for National Defence, through the development and publication of scientific, bibliographic and technical-technological production in high-impact media.

The academic and institutional strengthening goals of the project are associated with specific objectives III, IV and VIII of the call for proposals and seek to strengthen the nationalisation and internationalisation of scientific research and graduate programs associated with the proposal, through the creation of a collaborative research network focused on a common objective (security and defence of Africa), but approached in a plural and interdisciplinary way. Among the expected results are (i) the qualification of graduate programs through the sharing of experiences, knowledge and infrastructures and the retention of human resources; (ii) the consolidation of the National Defence themes in undergraduate and graduate curricula; and (iii) the expansion of the presence of the theme in national and international scientific events.

In support of objectives III, IV and V of the announcement of selection, the goals of supporting scientific and technological development seek scientific interdisciplinarity with a focus on solving pressing public challenges for National Defence; holding seminars, field research, technical visits and academic internships at institutions associated with the project;

establishing a permanent network of studies on security and defence in the African continent, with public availability of databases and in-depth knowledge on the subject; and mobilising stakeholders through workshops and dissemination of a technical report with results and recommendations on Brazilian action in cases capable of directly and indirectly affecting its Strategic Surrounding.

The project's social contribution goals are linked to specific objectives II, IV, V and VII of the announcement of selection. It is important to highlight the dissemination and disclosure of research results in an open, public and accessible manner to the scientific community and society, strengthening Defence education, knowledge and culture, as well as supporting the formulation of public policies directed at Brazil's Strategic Surroundings.

1.14. Internationalisation Potential

The proposed project has significant potential for the internationalisation of research and training of researchers involved, thanks to the partnerships established with several internationally recognized teaching and research institutions. The collaborations with the University of Pretoria, University of Cape Verde, Joaquim Chissano University, Université de Montréal and Universidad Nacional de Rosario will enable a global approach to the study of security and defence dynamics on the African continent.

The internationalisation of researchers' training will be promoted through programs such as sandwich doctorates abroad, internships at partner institutions and participation in international academic events. These enriching experiences will provide a comprehensive overview of security and defence challenges in Africa, as well as opportunities to establish networks and academic collaborations.

Additionally, the project foresees the implementation of internationalised research, including technical missions abroad to collect data and exchange knowledge with local experts. Researchers will be encouraged to produce works in international co-authorship and to publish in journals of international relevance, thus increasing the visibility and reach of the research developed.

An integral part of the project is the establishment of a formalised and internationalised research network on Security and Defence in Africa. This network will bring together researchers from different institutions and countries, facilitating collaboration and knowledge exchange. Strategies will be developed to establish lasting partnerships with foreign institutions of excellence, aiming to expand the scope and impact of the research conducted.

In summary, the project offers a comprehensive platform for the internationalisation of research and training in the area of Security and Defence, through strategic partnerships and international collaborations. This internationalisation will strengthen the quality and relevance of the research developed, contributing to the advancement of knowledge and the promotion of global peace and security.

1.15. Contributions to Training and Development of Human Resources

The proposed project seeks to contribute to the training and development of highly qualified human resources in the area of National Defence, at national and international levels, through the training of students, researchers and professionals via an interdisciplinary and internationalised approach.

The project will offer training opportunities for researchers at different academic levels, including undergraduate (scientific initiation), master's, doctorate and postdoctoral, with a focus on understanding the complex dynamics, strategic partnerships and security and defence policies on the African continent. Participants will have access to training and professional development covering theoretical and practical aspects of the area, based on an integrated view of the themes of international relations, international politics, security, defence, strategic studies, geography, geopolitics and military sciences.

A relevant emphasis of the project is the promotion of internationalised education. Participants will be encouraged to participate in international academic activities, such as seminars, missions and academic exchanges, with the aim of expanding their horizons, contact networks and access to state-of-the-art knowledge on the subject. For example, the project provides for the granting of a sandwich doctoral scholarship abroad, allowing students to carry out part of their research in a foreign institution of excellence. This experience provides a valuable immersion in different academic and cultural contexts, enriching their academic and professional trajectories.

In addition to the training programs for students, the project also includes the exchange of Brazilian junior and senior visiting professors to foreign institutions, as well as the arrival of a foreign visiting professor to a participating institution. These initiatives aim to promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences among researchers from different countries, strengthening the quality and scope of the academic activities developed.

Finally, the project will contribute to the integrated qualification of the graduate programs involved, enabling the improvement of their CAPES rating and subsidising the proposition of doctoral courses in programs that are still restricted to academic master's

degrees. This qualification aims to raise the academic standard and relevance of the research developed in these institutions, consolidating them as centres of excellence in their areas of activity and contributing to the advancement of human resources training to more advanced levels.

The expectation is that the academics supported by the project will be able to work in various fields related to National Defence, such as academic careers, government agencies, international organisations, research institutions, the private sector and non-governmental organisations. It is expected that the skills and knowledge acquired during the project will help to deal with complex and varied challenges in the national and international scenario, contributing to the advancement of security and defence in Brazil, regionally and globally.

1.16. Resources

For its effective execution, the project will require research infrastructure, data collection, technical laboratories, face-to-face and virtual meeting rooms for contact between teams, as well as auditorium infrastructure for holding proposed events. All institutions participating in the network have videoconferencing facilities, study and meeting rooms, auditoriums and libraries that cover the specialties of each actor in the project.

At UFSM, specifically, there are rooms equipped with videoconferencing equipment available at the PPGR, the Department of Economics and International Relations, and the Center for Educational Technologies. There are study rooms and research group rooms available. Also noteworthy is access to a large library specialised in international relations, containing an extensive collection of books, periodicals and electronic resources relevant to research on security and defence in Africa. In addition, the PPGR/UFSM will offer classrooms equipped with modern audiovisual technology, enabling seminars, lectures and academic debates.

The Graduate Program in Military Sciences at ECME (PPGCM/ECME) will provide study rooms, rooms with videoconferencing equipment and the 31 de Março library, linked to the Meira Mattos Institute, with a collection specialised in strategic and military matters. This includes access to specialised facilities, such as classrooms equipped with cutting-edge technology and dedicated study rooms, which will provide an environment conducive to the development of research and academic activities.

The Graduate Program in Political Science at UFRGS (PPGCP/UFRGS) has a specialised library with a large bibliographic collection on the subject and access to academic databases. In addition, it offers laboratories equipped for the analysis of qualitative

and quantitative data, classrooms and auditoriums for seminars, workshops and defences of academic papers, as well as spaces for collaborative study and administrative support.

The Graduate Program in Geography at UFRR (PPGEO/UFRR) will provide a range of essential material and physical resources for the effective implementation of the project in question. This includes access to laboratories equipped with advanced geospatial technology, such as geographic information systems (GIS) and specialised software for spatial analysis, allowing a detailed analysis of the territorial dynamics relevant to the study of security and defence in Africa. In addition, classrooms and auditoriums suitable for academic activities, such as seminars, workshops and defences of scientific papers, will be provided, providing an environment conducive to the exchange of knowledge and academic debates.

Additionally, the project will require resources from CAPES for its execution. In addition to research and training grants, the project foresees the need for resources to cover the cost of consumables and third-party services (website, videoconferencing operation, editing and production of audiovisual and graphic material, printing of research and dissemination material); airfare, daily allowances and daily assistance for teams and external guests, on study missions, research and events; in addition to capital resources for the improvement of research and videoconferencing equipment, for the adequate development of the project and establishment of the proposed research network.

1.17. Problem

Placing Atlantic Africa within Brazil's Strategic Surrounding has produced demands for a permanent Security and Defence policy that conceives its priorities based on cutting-edge scientific knowledge, as do the Great Powers of the international system. In this context, it is important to question what are the main structures, characteristics and Security and Defence policies of the African continent, their impacts on Brazil's Strategic Surrounding and the possibilities for action (scenarios) for Brazil?

1.18. Relevance

The theoretical-practical relevance of the project lies in the paradox between the growing importance of Africa's Security and Defence dynamics for Brazil's Strategic Surroundings and the reduced public knowledge and scarce scientific investment in the production of knowledge on the subject.

The introduction of the concept of Strategic Surrounding into Brazil's regulatory framework for Defence (National Defence Policy, National Defence Strategy, and Defence White Paper) and the inclusion of the West African coast in this scope have generated demands associated with knowledge about the impacts of the continent's security and defence dynamics on this priority area of the country's foreign, security, and defence policy. Likewise, Africa is once again a leading region in Brazilian foreign policy, and Brazil-Africa relations are once again perceived as an important aspect of Brazil's international insertion and projection. Although in an international context quite different from that experienced in the first decade of the 2000s, the foreign policy of the current government of Luís Inácio Lula da Silva seeks to resume important relations with the African continent and to consolidate strategic partnerships that had been neglected by the previous government. Atlantic Africa and the South Atlantic are reestablishing their centuries-old historical and geostrategic importance for Brazil's international insertion.

Despite this strategic priority, there is a great lack of knowledge in Brazil about the dynamics of Security and Defence that affect the stability and integrity of Atlantic Africa and, consequently, Brazil's Strategic Surroundings. In addition to the restricted focus on the South Atlantic, scientific journals, undergraduate and graduate course curricula, and development programs have shown little interest in understanding the more structural dynamics of Security and Defence on the African continent. In fact, Pró-Defesa calls for proposals that have not yet contemplated the development of in-depth research on the subject, with Brazilian and foreign Africanist researchers with a track record of studying international relations, geopolitics, security, and defence on the African continent.

The situation is problematic due to the impossibility of assessing the security dynamics of Atlantic Africa and the South Atlantic without understanding the complexity of the security and defence dynamics of the African continent as a whole. This is due to the high regionalization, irregularity and external penetration (proxy warfare) that characterise the security and defence dynamics on the continent. In other words, it is impossible to understand the region of Brazil's African Strategic Surroundings without understanding Africa and its integrated strategic environment. As a result, Brazil's external actions on these issues are still isolated and poorly articulated in a clear medium- and long-term strategy that understands and positions itself in relation to the security and defence issues of the continent, especially in the Strategic Surroundings region.

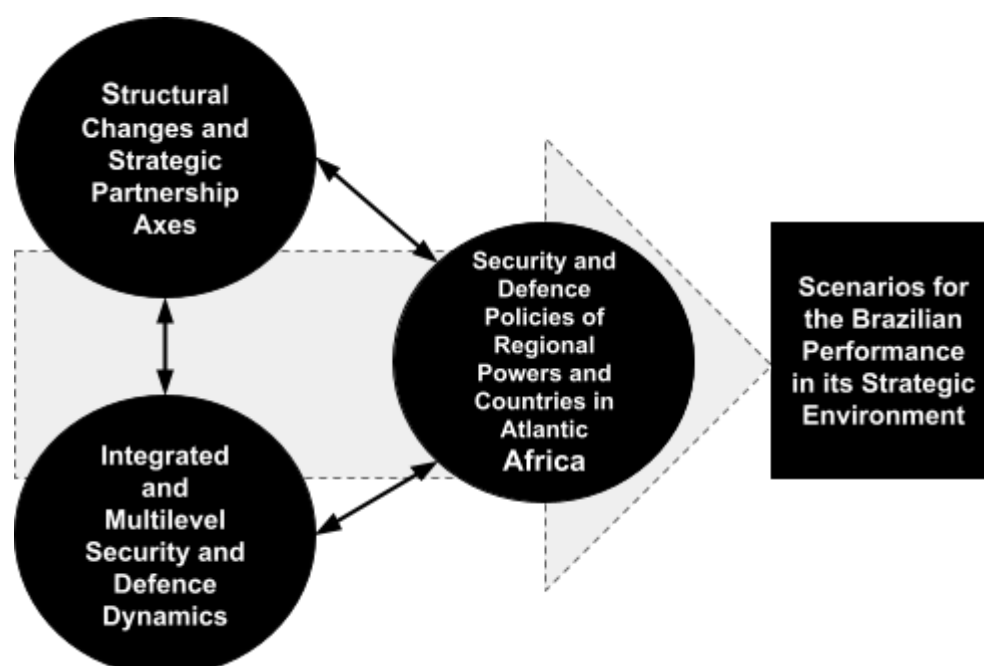
This project seeks to help overcome these social and academic challenges by assessing the complex African strategic environment from an African perspective that is close to empirical reality. The goal is to develop research with the most qualified Brazilian and international human resources in analysing this topic and object that is so relevant to

National Defence, focusing on Brazil's perspectives for action (especially diplomatic, technical cooperation and action in peacekeeping missions).

1.19. Theoretical-Methodological Discussion

The theoretical basis for the analysis of African Security and Defence proposed here is situated in an epistemological and metatheoretical perspective appropriate to efforts to produce public policies aligned with contextual challenges and supported by scientific knowledge established towards the solution of theoretical-conceptual and empirical problems (LAUDAN, 1977). This perspective is aligned with the most recent epistemological and theoretical innovations in the fields of International Relations and Strategic Studies, which denounce the gap in both areas in understanding particular local realities and contexts, which do not automatically fit the mainstream theoretical propositions of the field (LAKE, 2013).

Figure 1 - Theoretical Concatenation of the Four Proposed Analytical Dimensions



Source: Elaborated by the authors.

From this point of view, research produced in a country like Brazil, with a colonial past and social exclusion, marked by dependent and asymmetrical insertion in the international system, needs to be aware of this reality and reflect on solidary ways of ensuring development, security and sovereignty in its international relations. Thus, the theoretical perspective of the research will guide the development of the studies proposed

here. This perspective understands regional security situated in the context of the South/Third World, as a complex environment resulting from integrated, multidimensional and multilevel structures and processes of International Relations, based on four priority dimensions (see figure 1).

The first dimension is the asymmetric and unequal structure of the international system and structural changes associated with economic transitions and the rise and decline of the political power of great powers. Such changes produce renewed interests and renewed projection of different external strategic partners in peripheral regions (USA, China, Russia, European Union, United Kingdom, India, Brazil, Turkey, etc.) and spaces, axes of action and bargaining capacity for countries in these regions, including in the areas of Security and Defence (HALLIDAY, 1987, 1999; BRUCAN, 1983).

The second dimension highlights the configuration of regional security dynamics, integrated in a complex manner and influenced to varying degrees by processes at domestic, regional, inter-regional and global levels. The theoretical foundation of this dimension is Third World security theories, which argue that the security integration of Southern countries is characterised by the overflow of internal instabilities, which conceal deep inter-state rivalries and spill over national borders, integrating regions into complex relationships (BUZAN, 1983; AYOGB, 1991, 1995; AZAR; MOON, 1988).

The third dimension, however, establishes that, even in their fragility, Southern States in general, and Africa in particular, have space for action and conditions to establish strategic priorities, whether manifest or not, in their foreign policy and security and defence policies. Regional powers in particular have their own strategic and political priorities that generate concrete results in terms of alliances and rivalries and in the context of regional security, often ignored by major powers and superficial research (CLAPHAM, 1996; CHAZAN et al., 1999).

The fourth theoretical-analytical dimension situates the understanding of reality in the social context in which the research is inserted, namely, its relevance for Brazil's National Defence and the stability of its Strategic Surrounding. Therefore, it is important to map risks and produce relevant scenarios that involve Brazilian action in events capable of directly and indirectly affecting its Strategic Surrounding. In the conditions of Brazilian action, practices aligned with the country's foreign policy are especially important, such as security and defence diplomacy, technical cooperation and peacekeeping missions (VISENTINI, 2016).

In methodological terms, the descriptive part of the research (specific objectives 1, 2 and 3) will be based on the historical-comparative method (BARTOLINI, 1994; MAHONEY and RUESCHEMEYER, 2003; SARTORI, 2011), which offers tools to compare social and

political structures, agents and processes considering contextual conditions and social mechanisms, such as Security and Defence dynamics. The aim is to observe the main security threats and contemporary instabilities in the region, which connect such States (and extra-regional state and non-state actors) and are responded to with different defence and security capabilities and policies. The cases are, therefore, the current and potential regionalized irregular proxy wars (CASTELLANO DA SILVA, 2022) with impacts on Brazil's Strategic Surroundings (Atlantic Africa), their origins, characteristics and responses of regional and extra-regional actors.

The predictive and normative parts of the research (specific objective 4) will be based on the most recent developments in the literature on strategic scenario planning (RALTSON and WILSON, 2006), considering complexities, capabilities and costs (military, political, economic, social, etc.). Additionally, methodologies for analysing and recommending public policies will be adopted to ensure systematisation between diagnosis, prognosis and action strategies (SECCHI, 2018).

The research techniques will be bibliographic, documentary and direct observation. Bibliographic resources from researchers specialised in the subject, official documents from countries and organisations located in contexts of instability, and the experience of agents involved in the processes are essential for understanding the most relevant characteristics of armed conflicts and conflict resolution initiatives. The distance of Brazilian researchers from this reality and the lack of adequate research sources in the country require that data collection be carried out through field research in countries in the region itself.

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2. PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Type	Country	Name of Participating Institution	Acronym
Main institution in Brazil	Brazil	FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF SANTA MARIA	UFSM
Associated institution in Brazil	Brazil	ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE	ECEME
Associated institution in Brazil	Brazil	FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL	UFRGS
Associated institution in Brazil	Brazil	FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RORAIMA	UFRR
Foreign associated institution	South Africa	UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA	UP
Foreign associated institution	Cape Verde	UNIVERSITY OF CAPE VERDE	UNI-CV
Foreign associated institution	Mozambique	JOAQUIM CHISSANO UNIVERSITY	UJC
Foreign associated institution	Canada	UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL	UDEM
Foreign associated institution	Argentina	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ROSARIO	UNR

3. PPGS PARTICIPANTS (BRAZIL)

Education al Institution	PPG	Participation	Justification for Linking the PPG to the Proposal
UFSM	International Relations	PPG Proponent	The PPGR/UFSM is the proponent of the project due to its presence in the largest number of permanent faculty members dedicated to research on Security and defence in the African continent, with experience in field research and training of human resources in the area. These researchers are subject to a line of research with an exclusive focus aligned with the project's theme (Security, Strategy and Defence) and the cooperation between the Study Group on State Capacity, Security and Defence (GECAP/UFSM) and the Study Group on Africa (GEAFRICA/UNIPAMPA). Additionally, it is the main link between the national and foreign institutions participating in the project, partially represented by foreign collaborating faculty members of the PPG itself. The PPGR also represents the internalisation of the Brazilian National Graduate System to regions in the interior of the country, marked by social vulnerabilities and relative distance from state institutions. The budgetary and human/infrastructure resource limits in these regions give relevance to the proposal, as an instrument to stimulate the consolidation of Graduate studies and open up opportunities for qualification and expansion of the PPG. Your participation will extend to all stages of the project.
ECEME	Military Sciences	PPG Participant	The participation of PPGCM/ECEME represents the concretization of cooperation between civil and military institutions, with a focus on the implementation of scientific and technological teaching and research projects aimed at National Defence. The PPGCM's relations with PPGR/UFSM have been established since the latter's inauguration in 2019, and have contributed to the organisation of joint research activities and scientific events. PPGCM is the main training centre for masters and doctorates within the Brazilian Armed Forces. It is a reference in research and training on Strategic Studies in National Defence, the axis of this research project. It brings together leading researchers on the themes of Security and Defence in the African continent, as well as Brazilian actions through international technical cooperation, defence diplomacy, and peacekeeping missions. Its participation will extend to all stages of the project.

UFRGS	Political Science	PPG Participant	The participation of the PPGCP/UFRGS represents the contribution and legacy of the Brazilian Center for Strategy and International Relations (NERINT) and the Brazilian Center for African Studies (CEBRAFRICA) to the proposal. These are research groups with decades of experience in the theme and object of the project, as well as in the production of research, training of human resources and establishment of partnerships with federal executive bodies, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition to representing the alma mater of training for a large part of the researchers in the project, it also establishes the basis for the constitution of the network of Brazilian and foreign researchers proposed here. Their participation will extend to all stages of the project.
UFRR	Geography	PPG Participant	The participation of PPG-GEO/UFRR enriches the interdisciplinary profile of the proposal, in addition to ensuring the expansion of the research network on Security and Defence in Africa in the most extreme points of the national territory, highlighting the broad scale and capillarity of the cooperation. The PPG's work will contribute to the development of the project, through studies on geopolitics, cooperation and conflict at the regional level, territorial dynamics and data manipulation with the support of geographic information systems (GIS) and specialised software for spatial analysis. Its participation will extend to all stages of the project.

4. PROJECT TEAM

Institution	Type	Name	Performance	Lattes CV
PPGRI/ UFSM	Main institution in Brazil (civil)	Igor Castellano da Silva	Main Coordinator	http://lattes.cnpq.br/7301233930780970
		Kamilla Raquel Rizzi	Professor	http://lattes.cnpq.br/9053641677315001
		Nathaly Xavier Schutz	Professor	http://lattes.cnpq.br/7624716518132678
		Julius Caesar Cossio Rodriguez	Professor	http://lattes.cnpq.br/0978923229782170
		William of Santos Schmeling	Researcher	http://lattes.cnpq.br/0296742374866497
		Rafaella Pelliccioli	Researcher	http://lattes.cnpq.br/4384809660898470
PPGCM/ ECEME	Associated institution in Brazil (military)	Paulo Gilberto Fagundes Visentini	Professor	http://lattes.cnpq.br/2013094835500963
		William Moreira Dias	Professor	http://lattes.cnpq.br/9275846761845581
		Jose Maria Sydow de Barros	Researcher	http://lattes.cnpq.br/1600251806684555
		Lucca	Researcher	http://lattes.cnpq.br/5679681264217381
PPGCP/ UFRGS	Associated institution in Brazil (civil)	Analucia Danilevicz Pereira	Professor	http://lattes.cnpq.br/1575357944630258
		Isabella Cruzichi de Oliveira Silva	Researcher	http://lattes.cnpq.br/3075098107316785
PPG-GEO/ UFRR	Associated institution in Brazil (civil)	Eloi Martins Ladies	Professor	http://lattes.cnpq.br/5667363480329882
		Lucas Brilliant Veloso	Researcher	http://lattes.cnpq.br/5776424798571923
UP	Foreign associated institution	Peter Vale	Researcher	http://lattes.cnpq.br/1688375497864282
UCV	Foreign associated institution	Nilton Cesar Fernandes Cardoso	Professor	http://lattes.cnpq.br/2508480414466226
UJC	Foreign associated institution	Emilio Jovando Zeca	Researcher	http://lattes.cnpq.br/9842238454588428
UDEM	Foreign associated institution	Mamoudou Gazibo	Professor	https://lattes.cnpq.br/5137430812220811

		Amabilly Bonacina	Researcher	https://lattes.cnpq.br/1977200634294039
UNR	Foreign associated institution	Gladys Teresita Lechini	Professor	http://lattes.cnpq.br/1767397262841218

5. OBJECTIVES/RESULTS

5.1. Objectives

Type	Objective
General	Understand the main dynamics, partnerships and security and defence policies of the African continent, assessing impacts on Brazil's Strategic Surroundings and alternatives for its strategic action.
Specific	Understand structural changes in contemporary international geopolitics and evaluate new axes of strategic partnerships between African countries and traditional and emerging extra-regional powers in the areas of security and defence.
Specific	Study and systematise the configuration of regional security dynamics in contemporary Africa, focusing on domestic, regional, inter-regional and global levels.
Specific	Map and evaluate contemporary security and defence policies of African regional powers and other countries in Atlantic Africa.
Specific	Prospect and analyse relevant scenarios for Brazilian action in its Strategic Surrounding, with a focus on security and defence diplomacy, technical cooperation and peace missions.

5.2. Expected Results

Type	Expected Academic Products	Qty.
Training	Conducting theoretical and methodological training courses for the work team	4
Training	Training of Scientific Initiation researchers	10
Training	Master's training	8
Training	Doctoral training	2
Training	Postdoctoral training	2
Training	Doctoral internship abroad	2
Training	Post-Doctoral internship abroad	2
Academic	Visiting Professor Abroad (Junior and Senior)	4
Academic	Subjects taught in the undergraduate course, related to the project theme (4 per year)	20
Academic	Subjects taught in the Graduate course, related to the project theme, jointly by researchers from different teams associated with the proposal (two per year)	10
Academic	Promotion of annual international seminars, with the participation of proponents and international guests, focused on each of the analytical dimensions of the project and itinerant in the proposing institutions.	4
Academic	Proposal of complete panels and round tables at national and international scientific events, by the proposing team and invited researchers.	4
Academic	Presentations of partial and final research results at national and international scientific events	20
Academic	Submission of APCN proposal for Doctoral Course or Interinstitutional Doctorate of the proposing PPGs that do not operate at this level	2
Bibliographic	Undergraduate Course Completion Works	10
Bibliographic	Master's Dissertations	8
Bibliographic	Doctoral Theses	4
Bibliographic	Articles published in international journals adhering to each of the four analytical dimensions of the project (2 articles per dimension)	8
Bibliographic	Scientific articles and/or book chapters co-authored by proponents from different national institutions	10
Bibliographic	Scientific articles and/or book chapters co-authored by proponents from different foreign institutions	8

Bibliographic	Scientific book with a collection of studies developed	1
Bibliographic	Chapters of a scientific book with a collection of studies developed	20
Technical	Field Research and Technical Visits in Brazil	4
Technical	Field Research and Technical Visits Abroad	4
Technical	Technical Assessment Report, with Results and Recommendations	1
Technical	Workshop on Presentation of Results and Recommendations for the public related to National Defence (companies and public and private bodies).	1
Scientific	Establishment of the African Studies Network on Security and Defence.	1
Scientific	Public availability of the Network's scientific web portal, including an observatory and databases for the scientific development of the theme.	1
Social	Final international event to disseminate the project results with live broadcast via the web.	1
Social	Open access (web) videos with accessible explanation of the project results.	3

5.3. Expected Impacts

Type	Expected Impact
Training	Development, strengthening and expansion of the Graduate programs that are part of the proposal.
Training	Strengthening the development of Defence Studies within the scope of the Graduate programs that are part of the proposal, through areas of concentration, lines of research, research projects, dissertations and theses.
Training	Qualification and training of human resources at Graduate level with a focus on Defence issues.
Training	Expand the national and international mobility of researchers linked to the Graduate programs that are part of the proposal and to the Defence area (internally and externally to the teams).
Science	Formation of a Permanent Research Network with broad geographic and international coverage, with the objective of scientific integration and mobility and a focus on understanding security and defence in Africa and its impacts on Brazil's Strategic Surroundings.
Science	Dissemination of research results to specialised academic audiences.
Science	Dissemination of research results to a wide audience.
Science	Increased awareness among public authorities regarding integrated public policy options in National Defence; Science and Technology; and Industry, Commerce and Services, linked to Brazilian actions in its Strategic Surrounding and on the African continent as a whole.
Technology	Dissemination of research results to the public related to National Defence (public and private companies and agencies).
Technology	Improving the Ministry of Defence's understanding of the complex and changing reality of its African Strategic Surrounding for the adequate fulfilment of the demands of its national defence policy and strategy.
Technology	Improving the Ministry of Defence's understanding of the potential of defence systems products and services in national industrial and service hubs capable of contributing to the development, sovereignty and security of the African Strategic Surrounding.
Technology	Guidance on the technological development of ICTs, and on University-State-Industry relations for the provision of defence technologies applicable to Brazil's actions in its African Strategic Surrounding, via diplomacy, trade, technical cooperation and participation in peacekeeping missions.

6. WORK PLANS

Work Plan: Year 1 (2024)

Start date: 01/07/2024 End date: 31/12/2024

Activity Description	Start Date (day/month/year)	End Date (day/month/year)
Seminar Pró-Defesa 1 CAPES/MD - "Ground Zero"	01/07/2024	07/31/2024
Project Planning	01/07/2024	10/31/2024
Execution of Costing Expenses - Year 1	01/07/2024	12/31/2024
Execution of project capital expenditures	01/07/2024	12/31/2024
Implementation of master's, doctoral and postdoctoral scholarships	01/07/2024	12/31/2024
Theoretical and methodological training courses for the work team	01/07/2024	12/31/2024
Training of scientific research scientists, masters, doctors and post-doctors	01/07/2024	12/31/2024
Annual Report - Year 1	11/01/2024	12/31/2024

Work Plan: Year 2 (2025)

Start date: 01/01/2025 End date: 31/12/2025

Activity Description	Start Date (day/month/year)	End Date (day/month/year)
Execution of Costing Expenses - Year 2	01/01/2025	12/31/2025
Implementation of master's, doctoral, postdoctoral and visiting professor scholarships abroad for juniors	01/01/2025	12/31/2025
Offering integrated subjects within the scope of undergraduate and Graduate studies, related to the project theme	01/03/2025	12/15/2025
Training of scientific research scientists, masters, doctors and post-doctors	01/01/2025	12/31/2025
Presentations of partial research results at national and international scientific events	01/03/2025	11/30/2025
Field research and technical visits in Brazil and abroad	01/03/2025	11/30/2025
Holding of the 1st International Seminar "Security and Defence in Africa" - DIMENSION 1 (structural changes and strategic partnerships in Africa)	01/02/2025	11/30/2025

Finalisation of scientific articles and submission for publication - DIMENSION 1 (structural changes and strategic partnerships in Africa)	10/01/2025	12/31/2025
Annual Report - Year 2	11/01/2025	12/31/2025

Work Plan: Year 3 (2026)

Start date: 01/01/2026 End date: 31/12/2026

Activity Description	Start Date (day/month/year)	End Date (day/month/year)
Execution of Costing Expenses - Year 3	01/01/2026	12/31/2026
Implementation of postdoctoral scholarships, senior visiting professor abroad and foreign visiting professor in Brazil (period 1).	01/03/2026	11/30/2026
Offering integrated subjects within the scope of undergraduate and Graduate studies, related to the project theme	01/03/2026	12/15/2026
Training of scientific research scientists, masters, doctors and post-doctors	01/01/2026	12/31/2026
Field research and technical visits in Brazil and abroad	01/03/2026	11/30/2026
Holding of the II International Seminar "Security and Defence in Africa" - DIMENSION 2 (security and defence dynamics on the African continent)	01/02/2026	11/30/2026
Presentations of partial research results at national and international scientific events	01/03/2026	11/30/2026
Finalisation of scientific articles and submission for publication - DIMENSION 2 (security and defence dynamics on the African continent)	10/01/2026	12/31/2026
Annual Report - Year 3	11/01/2026	12/31/2026

Work Plan: Year 4 (2027)

Start date: 01/01/2027 End date: 31/12/2027

Activity Description	Start Date (day/month/year)	End Date (day/month/year)
Execution of Costing Expenses - Year 4	01/01/2027	12/31/2027
Implementation of a sandwich doctoral scholarship abroad and foreign visiting professor in Brazil (period 2).	01/03/2027	11/30/2027

Offering integrated subjects within the scope of undergraduate and Graduate studies, related to the project theme	01/03/2027	12/15/2027
Training of scientific research scientists, masters, doctors and post-doctors	01/01/2027	12/31/2027
Seminar Pró-Defesa 2 CAPES/MD - Partial Results	01/03/2027	03/31/2027
Holding of the III International Seminar "Security and Defence in Africa" - DIMENSION 3 (security and defence policies of African countries)	01/02/2027	11/30/2027
Presentations of partial research results at national and international scientific events	01/03/2027	11/30/2027
Finalisation of scientific articles and submission for publication - DIMENSION 3 (security and defence policies of African countries)	10/01/2027	12/31/2027
Annual Report - Year 4	11/01/2027	12/31/2027

Work Plan: Year 5 (2028)

Start date: 01/01/2028 End date: 31/12/2028

Activity Description	Start Date (day/month/year)	End Date (day/month/year)
Presentations of partial research results at national and international scientific events	01/03/2028	11/30/2028
Implementation of a foreign visiting professor grant in Brazil (period 3).	01/08/2028	11/30/2028
Offering integrated subjects within the scope of undergraduate and Graduate studies, related to the project theme	01/03/2028	12/15/2028
Training of scientific research scientists, masters, doctors and post-doctors	01/01/2028	12/31/2028
Holding of the IV International Seminar "Security and Defence in Africa" - DIMENSION 4 (Brazil's role)	01/02/2028	11/30/2028
Finalisation of scientific articles and submission for publication - DIMENSION 4 (Brazil's performance)	10/01/2028	12/31/2028
Annual Report - Year 5	11/01/2028	12/31/2028

Work Plan: Year 6 (2029)

Start date: 01/01/2029 End date: 30/06/2029

Activity Description	Start Date (day/month/year)	End Date (day/month/year)
Presentations of final research results at national and international scientific events.	01/03/2029	06/30/2029
Preparation and launch of a scientific book with a collection of studies developed.	01/03/2029	06/30/2029
Production and release of open access (web) videos with accessible explanation of the project results.	01/03/2029	06/30/2029
Preparation of an APCN proposal for a Doctorate or Interinstitutional Doctorate course for participating PPGs that do not operate at this level.	01/03/2029	06/30/2029
Workshop to present results and recommendations to the public related to National Defence (companies and public and private bodies).	01/04/2029	05/30/2029
Organisation and Launch of the Network of African Studies in Security and Defence.	01/04/2029	05/30/2029
Organisation and launch of the Network's scientific web portal, including an observatory and databases for the scientific development of the theme.	01/04/2029	05/30/2029
Closing event and presentation of final results.	01/04/2029	05/30/2029
Final Report and Accountability.	01/06/2029	06/30/2029
Seminar Pró-Defesa 3 CAPES/MD - Final Results.	01/06/2029	06/30/2029

7. BUDGET

RESOURCES OBTAINED VIA PRÓ-DEFESA V (CAPES and MD)

Financeable Items	Request Forecast	Allocation Forecast
Master's Scholarships	8	2 for each participating PPG
Doctoral Scholarships	2	1 for each PPG with a doctorate
National Post-Doc Scholarships	2	1 for two participating PPGs, to be defined
Sandwich Doctoral Scholarship Abroad	2	PPGCP/UFRGS or PPGCM/ECEME
Sandwich Post-Doctoral Scholarship Abroad	2	PPGCP/UFRGS or PPGCM/ECEME
Junior and Senior Visiting Professor Scholarship Abroad	4	PPGRI/UFSM
Funding Resources - including Travel and Missions (limit of R\$ 280 thousand)	R\$279,000.00	- R\$50,000.00 for each annual event and missions (x4=R\$200,000.00). - R\$19,500.00 for participation/presentations in scientific events each year (x4=R\$79,000.00).
Capital Resources (limit of R\$ 100 thousand)	R\$100,000.00	R\$25,000.00 for each participating PPG for investments in research and videoconferencing equipment for the development of the project and establishment of the proposed Research Network.