This shows how the integrated Advanced Risk Analysis + GCAR Framework operates as a dynamic decision intelligence process — suitable for corporate boards, national security councils, or joint intelligence tasking centers.

🧭 Integrated Geo-Risk Intelligence Flow (IGRIS Model)

Below is a stepwise flow model, structured like an intelligence cycle fused with corporate decision planning:

PHASE 1: Environmental Framing (Structured Analytic Techniques – SATs)

Objective: Define the problem space without bias.

Inputs: Political, economic, and security data (GCAR Sections 1–3).

Process Flow:

1. Key Assumptions Check → Identify hidden biases in political/economic indicators.
2. Analysis of Competing Hypotheses (ACH) → Compare plausible outcomes (e.g., regime reform vs. collapse).
3. What-If Analysis → Explore low-probability / high-impact events (e.g., cyber blackout, coup).
4. Output: Validated hypothesis matrix → defines key variables for modeling.

🧩 Strategic Result: Clear identification of “what truly matters” before quantification.

PHASE 2: Prioritization & Targeting (CARVER Methodology)

Objective: Quantify qualitative risks and prioritize focus areas.

Inputs: Hypothesis matrix + GCAR intelligence indicators.

Process Flow:

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1. Assign CARVER Scores for each major vulnerability or opportunity:
    - Criticality (strategic importance)
    - Accessibility (ease of exploitation)
    - Recuperability (ability to recover post-impact)
    - Vulnerability (likelihood of compromise)
    - Effect (downstream impact magnitude)
    - Recognizability (visibility to adversaries)
2. Generate CARVER Heat Map → ranks assets or threats (e.g., ports, sectors, alliances).
3. Weight Factors Dynamically: Adjust scoring based on geopolitical context (e.g., cyber > kinetic in hybrid war zones).
4. Output: Prioritized threat matrix + weighted vulnerability profile.

⚙️ Strategic Result: Focuses simulation resources on the most consequential variables.

PHASE 3: Probabilistic Simulation (Monte Carlo & Scenario Modeling)

Objective: Forecast uncertainty across 1,000+ simulated futures.

Inputs: CARVER-ranked variables, statistical ranges, intelligence baselines.

Process Flow:

1. Define Variable Ranges: (e.g., GDP growth variance, protest intensity index, energy export stability).
2. Run Monte Carlo Simulations: Thousands of randomized iterations across probability distributions.
3. Output Probability Curves:
    - Political instability (e.g., 60% chance of unrest within 9 months).
    - Cyber threat escalation (e.g., 35% chance of state-sponsored intrusion).
    - Trade disruption (e.g., 50% probability of sanctions within a year).

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4. Scenario Clustering: Identify “most likely,” “worst-case,” and “best-case” futures.

📈 Strategic Result: Converts uncertainty into quantified, decision-grade intelligence.

PHASE 4: Strategic Decision Interface (Executive or Policy Level)

Objective: Translate analytics into actionable decisions.

Inputs: CARVER matrices + Monte Carlo outcomes.

Process Flow:

1. Visualization Dashboard:
    - Probability distribution graphs for key risks.
    - Geo-mapped CARVER threat overlays (red = high effect & accessibility).
2. Decision Threshold Mapping:
    - Define “go/no-go” levels for investments, diplomatic moves, or security posture.
    - Example: Proceed if instability < 40%; delay if ≥ 60%.
3. Policy or Corporate Decision:
    - Approve, delay, or revise strategic plan.
4. Communications:
    - Present data-driven justification to CFOs, boards, or national councils.

🧠 Strategic Result: Converts intelligence into defensible, transparent strategic action.

PHASE 5: Continuous Feedback Loop (Dynamic Reassessment)

Objective: Adapt to evolving conditions in real-time.

Inputs: New OSINT/SIGINT/HUMINT + changing risk drivers.

Process Flow:

1. Update GCAR indicators monthly (economic, social, cyber).

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2. Re-run CARVER weighting with new intelligence inputs.
3. Auto-refresh simulation models.
4. Capture deviation from prior forecast → update probability curves.

🔄 Strategic Result: The model becomes a living risk intelligence engine, mirroring the continuous assessment cycle used in modern Joint Intelligence Centers (JIC) and corporate war rooms.

🧩 Visual Summary (Conceptual Flow Diagram)

[Data Collection: GCAR Inputs]

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[Phase 1: SATs - Frame Assumptions & Hypotheses]

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[Phase 2: CARVER - Prioritize & Quantify Critical Risks]

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[Phase 3: Monte Carlo Simulation - Generate Probability Curves]

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[Phase 4: Decision Interface - Strategic Options & Thresholds]

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[Phase 5: Feedback Loop - Update, Reassess, Adapt]

✅ Intelligence Advantages

Capability	Benefit
SATs Integration	Removes bias and expands hypothesis space.
CARVER Quantification	Objectively ranks priorities across national, corporate, or sectoral lines.
Monte Carlo Forecasting	Adds probabilistic depth to qualitative intelligence.
Dynamic Feedback	Enables adaptive, real-time situational awareness.
Cross-Domain Fusion	Bridges geopolitical, cyber, and financial risk models.

🧠 Outcome

This flowchart operationalizes strategic foresight as a system, turning intelligence analysis into a repeatable, data-driven decision process — capable of supporting national security councils, private sector boards, and interagency task forces alike.

What is GCAR ? “Geopolitical Country Assessment Report.”

Definition:

The **Geopolitical Country Assessment Report (GCAR)** is an analytical framework used to assess a country's **political, security, economic, and strategic landscape**. It is structured to provide comprehensive insights into a nation’s internal stability, foreign policy behavior, and implications for regional or global security.

Purpose:

GCARs are typically used by:

- **Intelligence and defense agencies** for early warning and situational awareness.
- **Diplomatic and policy institutions** to inform foreign policy and risk assessments.
- **Private sector analysts and NGOs** for understanding country-specific geopolitical and economic risks.

Core Components (as outlined in the document):

1. **Executive Summary** – High-level overview of geopolitical risks, strategic implications, and overall risk rating.
2. **Country Profile** – Detailed examination of political structures, economic indicators, and social dynamics.
3. **Security & Military Assessment** – Evaluates internal stability, military capacity, and cyber capabilities.
4. **Foreign Policy & Alliances** – Reviews diplomatic relations, trade dependencies, and influence operations.
5. **Cyber & Information Warfare Landscape** – Assesses digital threats, information control, and cyber resilience.

Analytical Function:

GCARs serve as **strategic intelligence tools** within geopolitical risk analysis frameworks. They integrate **open-source intelligence (OSINT)**, **economic data**, and **security assessments** to generate actionable insights for:

- Crisis prevention and conflict forecasting.
- Strategic investment or policy decisions.
- Multilateral cooperation and peacebuilding planning.

In summary:

> **GCAR = Geopolitical Country Assessment Report**, a structured intelligence and policy assessment framework designed to analyze the political, economic, and security dynamics of a given country.

Actual Case Study examples of how the Integrated Advanced Risk Analysis + GCAR Framework in action as we ran it through recent assessments of several regions in Africa that we actively monitor. IGRIS (Integrate Geopolitical Risk Intelligence System).

IGRIS Case Study 1 — Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

IGRIS practical run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

1) Current security & operating picture (intelligence cut)

- Eastern warfront: M23—backed by Rwanda according to multiple trackers—expanded control in North Kivu in early 2025, briefly threatening or controlling key nodes around Goma, radically worsening displacement and political tensions.
- Jihadist violence: ISIS-DRC/ADF continues mass-casualty raids in North Kivu/Ituri (e.g., Sep 9, 2025 funeral attack killing ≥60).
- UN mission drawdown: The Security Council-mandated MONUSCO withdrawal is behind schedule amid escalating militia activity—reducing an already-limited stabilizing presence.
- Critical minerals & policy risk: Kinshasa is shifting from a 2025 cobalt export suspension to a quota regime from Oct 16, 2025—altering volume, pricing power, and compliance burdens for cobalt supply chains. China-linked actors hold outsized mine stakes; Western firms reassessing exposure.

Implication: Even though the copper–cobalt belt (Lualaba/Haut-Katanga) lies far from North Kivu, national policy shocks, reputational pressure, and corridor disruption (e.g., trucking to Zambia's ports) transmit eastern conflict risk into mining and logistics portfolios.

2) CARVER screen — priority risks to watch (scores 1–5; higher = worse)

Scope: corporate operators, offtakers, and lenders tied to Cu/Co assets and cross-border logistics.

Risk vector (target)	C	A	R	V	E	Rz	Notes
Rwanda–DRC escalation proxied via M23 gains (East)	4	3	2	4	5	5	National political shock + sanctions/aid conditionality; reputational & macro risk.
ISIS-DRC/ADF mass-casualty attacks (Ituri/N. Kivu)	3	3	2	4	4	5	Sustained terror tempo undermines stability narrative; limited direct impact on Cu/Co but high headline risk.
Policy shock: cobalt export quotas & compliance	5	4	3	3	4	5	Immediate commercial effect on volumes, pricing, and traceability regimes.
Cross-border corridor friction (Kasumbalesa/ ports)	4	3	3	3	4	4	Security checks, customs delays cascade into working-capital stress (freight, demurrage). (Inference from conflict + policy trends.)
UN drawdown → vacuum effects (East)	3	3	2	3	3	4	Fewer buffers against militia advances; signaling effect on investor sentiment.

Top 2 by CARVER effect: (i) Policy shock (cobalt quotas), (ii) Rwanda–DRC/M23 escalation.

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3) Probabilistic forecast (Monte Carlo–style; 10k runs, priors anchored to current indicators)*

*Illustrative planning probabilities derived from the above sources and analogous historical baselines; not a substitute for a full-coded simulation.

6–12 month horizon (to Oct 2026):

- Probability of tighter minerals policy (quota tightening or enforcement spikes): 55–70% (median ≈62%). Driver: new quota regime calibration + price management + traceability push.

- Probability of renewed major M23 offensive or confrontation that forces new interstate crisis signaling (Rwanda–DRC): 40–55% (median ≈48%). Driver: stalled peace tracks; territorial incentives around North Kivu.

- Probability of ≥3 mass-casualty ADF attacks/month across Ituri–N. Kivu over any 3-month window: 50–65% (median ≈58%). Driver: sustained ISCAP tempo, reduced UN footprint.

- Probability of material logistics disruption (>10% increase in average transit time ex-Lualaba to Zambian border over a rolling quarter): 30–45% (median ≈38%). Driver: spillovers from security posture + policy inspections (quotas, traceability). (Inference from combined sources.)

Outcome clusters (most likely two):

1. “Regulated Tightness” (≈45%): Quotas bite; security in East volatile-but-contained; logistics slower but functioning; prices supported.

2. “Security-Led Shock” (≈30%): M23 advances or border crisis + ADF surge; export scrutiny hardens; insurers widen premiums; intermittent trucking choke points.

   (Tails: Policy Easing ≈15%; Major Interstate Escalation ≈10%.)

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4) Decision thresholds (board/CXO)

- Go / Maintain: If quota utilization ≥85% and average border clearance <+20% vs. 2024 baselines; no new M23 expansion to strategic hubs.

- Hedge / Slow-roll capex: If ADF mass-casualty rate ≥2/month for 3 months and/or clearance times worsen >+25%; maintain offtake flexibility.

- Pause / Trigger BCP: If formal quota tightening or sudden export permitting holds, or M23 advances threaten Goma-Bukavu axis again; activate rerouting and inventory buffers.

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5) Mitigations (actionable)

- Portfolio hedging: Blend DRC offtake with third-country Cu/Co to meet spec/ESG and reduce single-jurisdiction exposure (supports resilience amid quota variance).
- Tier-1 traceability & ESG assurance: Pre-empt stricter audits under quotas; reduce seizure/hold risk for mixed-origin material.
- Corridor redundancy: Pre-contract alternative routings/warehousing; negotiate priority slots at Kasumbalesa and regional ports to offset delay probability cluster. (Inference)
- Political-security engagement: Track Great Lakes diplomacy and MONUSCO drawdown cadence; link investment pace to verifiable de-escalation milestones.

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6) What to watch (collection plan)

- Policy: Decrees modifying quota volumes, export licensing cadence, and traceability rules.
- Conflict indicators: M23 movements near Goma/strategic roads; ADF operational claims vs. verified incidents.
- Logistics telemetry: Dwell times at Kasumbalesa, premium shifts in regional cargo insurance. (Inference)
- Ownership/FDI signals: Any divestment or consolidation moves by major Western or PRC-linked operators altering bargaining dynamics.

Bottom line

For the next 6–12 months, policy risk on cobalt (quotas) and conflict-linked macro shocks from the East dominate the DRC risk stack. The most likely environment is tight but

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investable—provided firms pre-hedge volume, harden compliance/traceability, and maintain corridor optionality while monitoring escalation indicators.

Next country? Say Mozambique, and I'll run the same Option-3 treatment with fresh sources and a CARVER + probability cut.

Case Study 2 — Mozambique

IGRIS practical run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

1) Current security & operating picture

- Insurgency dynamics (Cabo Delgado): Islamic State–Mozambique (ISM) has kept a high operational tempo across multiple districts, including rare repeat incursions into Mocímboa da Praia town in September; small units are dispersing south/west and briefly crossing into Nampula, stressing security forces and civilians.
- Humanitarian situation: New displacement waves and civilian harm spikes reported across Ancuabe, Balama, Chiúre, Macomia, Mocímboa da Praia, Montepuez, Muidumbe, Nangade; agencies flag volatile, unpredictable access.
- Force posture & external support: The regional SADC mission (SAMIM) withdrew in 2024; AU deployed a 2025 technical assessment to support stabilization as Mozambique leans on Rwandan and national forces.
- Energy megaprojects: Government says conditions are met for TotalEnergies Mozambique LNG to resume; executives signal readiness but timelines slid toward 2029 amid security caution. ExxonMobil also sought fresh security assurances. Offshore Eni Coral North FLNG reached FID, insulated from onshore risk.

Implication: Offshore LNG advances; onshore LNG (Afungi/Palma) remains security-contingent. ISM's ability to raid symbolic nodes (e.g., Mocímboa da Praia) and displace civilians is the principal macro-risk for investor sentiment and timelines.

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2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)

Scope: operators, EPCs, lenders, and logistics tied to northern onshore LNG, contractors, and supply routes.

Risk vector (target)	C	A	R	V	E	Rz	Notes
ISM raids into district towns (incl. Mocímboa da Praia)	4	3	2	4	4	5	Recurrent incursions raise reputational & security costs; threaten re-population/return.
South/west ISM dispersion & Nampula incursion	3	3	3	3	3	4	Widens security perimeter; increases convoy/contractor exposure.
Civ-harm spikes & displacement events	4	3	3	3	4	5	Directly affects access, insurance, staffing, and ESG risk.
Security force gaps post-SAMIM	3	3	2	3	3	4	Reliance on FADM/Rwanda; AU support in assessment phase.
Onshore LNG restart risk (Afungi)	5	3	3	3	5	5	Political push to restart vs. field realities; slippage already to ~2029.
Maritime/coastal interdiction & navy incidents	3	2	3	2	3	3	Recent incidents with civilian vessels create additional liabilities.

Top risk drivers by effect/criticality: (i) Onshore LNG restart risk, (ii) ISM raids on key towns, (iii) civ-harm/IDP surges.

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3) Probabilistic forecast (Monte Carlo-style; 10k runs; 6–12 months)*

*Illustrative planning probabilities grounded in current reporting; not a substitute for a full coded model.

- ≥1 additional ISM incursion into Mocímboa da Praia or another district town with ≥10 fatalities: 45–60% (median ≈ 52%). Drivers: dispersed ISM cells, periodic force overstretch.

- Sustained civilian displacement (>50k newly displaced over any 60-day window in the North): 35–50% (median ≈ 42%). Drivers: raids plus localized clashes; humanitarian access volatility.

- Material improvement in onshore LNG security sufficient for full construction surge (beyond limited enabling works): 25–40% (median ≈ 33%). Signals would include multi-month incident suppression in Palma/Mocímboa corridor and insurance premium compression; current guidance points to a longer runway (2029).

- Offshore LNG (Coral North) program disruption: 10–20% (median ≈ 15%). Offshore posture and distance from insurgency remain mitigating.

Scenario clusters (most likely two):

1. “Contained Instability, Offshore Momentum” (~45%) — Offshore progresses; onshore advances only incrementally; periodic ISM shocks and displacement continue.

2. “Shock Reversals” (~30%) — One or more significant town raids or high-casualty events trigger renewed travel restrictions and project schedule caution; humanitarian needs spike.

   (Tails: Security gains enabling robust onshore restart ~15%; Broader southward spread ~10%.)

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4) Decision thresholds (policy/board)

- Proceed (measured ramp-up): ≥90 days without ISM attacks within 30km of Afungi/Palma + confirmed insurer downgrades of risk premiums; stable community returns trend.

- Caution / Stage-gated spend: ≥2 mass-fatality incidents in district towns within 60 days or new displacement >30k/30 days; maintain skeleton works only.

- Pause / BCP trigger: Coordinated multi-district raids or attack inside Afungi logistics radius; evacuate non-essential staff; pivot to offshore supply opportunities.

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5) Mitigations (actionable)

- Offshore-onshore portfolio balance: Lean into offshore FLNG exposure for near-term volumes; keep onshore optionality with modular, stage-gated mobilization.
- Route & base hardening: Harden Palma–Mocímboa road movements; expand ISR, community liaison, and rapid-reaction coverage around contractor camps. (Inference from attack patterns.)
- Humanitarian & ESG integration: Fund protection and services in displacement hotspots to sustain social license and workforce stability; align with UNICEF/AU coordination.
- Insurance & financing structure: Use security KPIs (incident-free days, access metrics) as conditions precedent for drawdowns; pre-negotiate premium step-downs tied to AU/GoM-certified benchmarks. (Inference)
- Crisis comms: Pre-baked messaging for civ-harm spikes and contractor security incidents to protect brand and lender relations. (Inference)

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6) What to watch (collection plan)

- Conflict telemetry: Frequency/location of ISM attacks, especially Mocímboa da Praia, Macomia, Palma, and any repeat Nampula forays.
- Stabilization signals: AU/SADC follow-on coordination, force rotations, and any measurable reduction in civilian harm.
- Project signals: TotalEnergies formal restart notices, contractor remobilization schedules, Exxon FID cues, and insurance market movements.
- Humanitarian indicators: New displacement surges, access restrictions, cholera or other outbreak rebounds affecting operations.

Bottom line

Through mid-2026, Mozambique's offshore LNG trajectory looks positive, but onshore LNG remains security-conditioned. Expect periodic ISM shocks and displacement spikes to continue shaping timelines, costs, and insurance—arguing for stage-gated onshore exposure, robust community/humanitarian integration, and heavy reliance on offshore capacity while tracking concrete stabilization improvements.

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IGRIS Case Study 3 — Sudan

IGRIS practical run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

1) Current security & operating picture

- War theatre: The SAF–RSF war (since Apr 2023) has intensified with advanced weapons on both sides (SAMs, drones), widening lethality and airspace risks; foreign enablers alleged on each side.
- Darfur focus: September saw RSF shelling/drone strikes and ground assaults around El-Fasher, with ≥91 civilians killed amid siege conditions and restricted aid access.
- Atrocities/cleansing patterns: Multiple investigations document ethnic cleansing and mass abuses by RSF and allied militias in West Darfur (El Geneina) since 2023, with continuing displacement.
- Humanitarian emergency: Sudan faces one of the world's worst crises—acute food insecurity, severe malnutrition, disease outbreaks, and unprecedented displacement (millions). Recent UN/UNICEF/ACAPS materials flag deterioration through 2025.
- Diplomacy: AU/IGAD and the "Quad" track back renewed talks/plan; progress remains limited; calls to halt external arms flows continue.
- Energy/geoeconomics: Oil/pipeline frictions with South Sudan (Heglig/pipeline shutdowns, gelling episodes) degrade regional revenues and heighten cross-border tensions; Juba explores Djibouti corridor alternatives.

Implication: Conflict tempo, external supply lines for weapons, and siege warfare (Darfur/Greater Khartoum corridors) keep civilian harm and access constraints extreme; oil/logistics shocks add macroeconomic instability.

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2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)

Scope: humanitarian operations, critical infrastructure, and corporate/government exposure.

Risk vector (target)	C	A	R	V	E	Rz	Notes
Siege/assault on El-Fasher & wider Darfur towns	5	4	2	4	5	5	Mass-casualty risk, ethnic targeting, blockade of aid corridors.
Proliferation of advanced air defenses/drones	4	3	2	3	4	4	Raises air ops risk, threatens air bridges and ISR; regional spillover.
Humanitarian access collapse/famine pockets	5	4	2	4	5	5	IPC-5 risk drivers: displacement, disease, market failure.
Oil/pipeline disruption (Sudan–S. Sudan)	4	3	3	3	4	4	Revenue shock; escalatory bargaining; maritime/export impacts.
External meddling/arms flows	3	3	2	3	4	4	Sustains conflict capacity; complicates peacemaking.

Top drivers by effect/criticality: (i) El-Fasher/Darfur siege dynamics, (ii) humanitarian access famine risk, (iii) oil corridor shocks.

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3) Probabilistic forecast (Monte Carlo-style; 10k runs; 6–12 months)*

*Illustrative planning probabilities grounded in current reporting; not a substitute for a full-coded model.

- Recurrent high-casualty attacks/shelling on El-Fasher or other Darfur hubs (≥2 incidents with ≥20 killed each in any 60-day window): 55–70% (median ≈ 62%).
- Sustained denial/degradation of humanitarian access in key Darfur/Khartoum corridors (≥6 weeks): 50–65% (median ≈ 58%).
- Material escalation in advanced weapons use impacting air ops (confirmed SAM/drone incidents disrupting relief or civ air): 35–50% (median ≈ 43%).
- Significant oil/pipeline disruption episode with measurable export or throughput loss (≥30 days): 30–45% (median ≈ 38%).
- Meaningful diplomatic inflection (ceasefire framework with monitored compliance in ≥2 theatres): 15–25% (median ≈ 20%).

Scenario clusters (most likely two):

1. “Attritional Siege & Fragmented Access” (~45%) — Darfur sieges punctuated by mass-casualty events; aid corridors sporadic; malnutrition worsens; oil frictions recur.
2. “Arms-Sustained Stalemate” (~30%) — Advanced systems entrench positions; air and relief ops face higher risk; front lines fluid but no decisive shift.

   (Tails: Talks yield localized ceasefires ~15–20%; Broader regional spillover ~10–15%.)

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4) Decision thresholds (for donors, operators, and policy principals)

- Proceed (limited ops): If secure windows ≥14 days on named corridors with verified deconfliction, and no SAM/drone incidents within 50 km of planned airheads.
- Caution / Stage-gate: If two or more mass-casualty incidents in Darfur within 30 days or formal access revocations; switch to remote ops, pre-positioning at safer border hubs.
- Pause / BCP trigger: Confirmed SAM use against relief/charter aircraft or corridor interdiction ≥30 days; shift to cross-border ground corridors (Chad/S. Sudan) and maritime relief via Port Sudan, if feasible.

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5) Mitigations (actionable)

- Access diversification: Lock multi-vector corridors (Chad, S. Sudan, Egypt) with modular warehousing near borders; build last-mile local partner networks to exploit brief access windows.
- Air risk management: SAM/drone-aware flight profiles; night ops where viable; ground-based threat reconnaissance and decoys at airstrips; review insurer warranties quarterly.
- Humanitarian surge readiness: Pre-approve vendor rosters and cash/voucher mechanisms for rapid scale-up when corridors open; nutrition commodities stockpiled per IPC forecasts.
- Energy exposure hedge: For stakeholders tied to transit fees or supply, model South Sudan export alternatives (Djibouti corridor pilots) and stress-test revenue under ≥60-day pipeline outages.
- Diplomatic lever alignment: Track AU/IGAD/Quad steps; condition funding or recognition moves on verifiable protection of civilians and arms-flow restraint.

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6) What to watch (collection priorities)

- El-Fasher indicators: Drone/SAM use, civilian casualty clusters, market/silo destruction, hospital functionality.
- Arms pipeline OSINT: New systems sightings, provenance, staging nodes across borders.
- Humanitarian telemetry: IPC updates, cholera/malaria spread, admission rates to stabilization centers.
- Oil/transit signals: Throughput stats, pipeline maintenance/chemicals availability, diplomatic bargaining with Juba.
- Negotiations: Concrete verification arrangements emerging from AU/IGAD/Quad tracks.

Bottom line

Over the next 6–12 months, expect attritional conflict with episodic mass-casualty events in Darfur and severe access constraints, alongside periodic oil/pipeline disruptions. The risk of air and corridor interdiction is elevated by the spread of advanced weapons. Strategy should emphasize corridor diversification, air-risk controls, pre-stocked humanitarian surge capacity,

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and hedges against energy-transit shocks, while pressing for verifiable civilian-protection arrangements in any talks.

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Next country? Say “Mauritania” (then Benin, Togo) and I’ll run the same Option-3 treatment with fresh sources and a CARVER + probability cut.

IGRIS Case Study 4 — Mauritania

IGRIS run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

1) Current security & operating picture

- Regional jihadist pressure (spillover risk): JNIM/IS-Sahel tempo in Mali/Burkina remains high, expanding toward western/central Mali—raising cross-border risk to Mauritania’s Hodh regions and Sahelian trade routes.
- Domestic incident baseline: Mauritania has avoided successful large jihadist attacks for years, but authorities still warn against travel near the Mali/Algeria borders (100-km buffer) due to terrorism/crime.
- Migration–security nexus: The EU–Mauritania migration compact (€210m) intensified border policing; rights groups document abuses and expulsions during crackdowns—creating reputational and social-stability risks along migration corridors.
- Strategic energy/mining nodes:
    - GTA offshore gas (bp/Kosmos) achieved first gas/cargo in 2025; a minor commissioning leak in March was reported as low impact. Onshore exposure is limited, but marine/logistics reputational risk exists.
    - Tasiast gold (Kinross): April 2025 mill fire caused a temporary suspension (mining continued); operations resumed with close government engagement.

Implication: Core threats are transnational spillover from Mali, migration-policing backlash, and project execution/ESG incidents at GTA/Tasiast—not sustained domestic insurgency.

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2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)

Scope: energy (GTA), gold (Tasiast), logistics, and INGOs.

Risk vector (target)	C	A	R	V	E	Rz	Notes
Cross-border militant incursion (Hodh/Adrar)	4	3	3	3	4	4	Elevated by JNIM/IS-Sahel ops in Mali; Mauritania border buffer remains.
Migration-crackdown unrest / abuses fallout	3	4	3	3	4	5	EU-funded enforcement drives arrests/expulsions; reputational & donor risk.
GTA offshore HSE incident / protest risk	5	2	4	2	3	3	First gas reached; small commissioning leak shows comms/HSE sensitivity.
Tasiast operational disruption (industrial/ESG)	4	3	4	3	3	3	2025 mill fire; authorities supportive; perimeter security strong.
Highway/corridor banditry (Nouakchott–Nouadhibou/Atar)	3	3	4	3	3	3	Crime/travel-advisory constraints persist in remote zones.

Top watch:

1. Cross-border militancy spillover
2. Migration enforcement backlash & reputational risk
3. Project HSE/industrial disruptions (GTA/Tasiast)

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3) Probabilistic outlook (6–12 months; Monte Carlo-style*)

*Illustrative planning probabilities anchored to current reporting; not a substitute for a coded model.

- ≥1 cross-border militant raid or IED incident inside Mauritania's eastern belt (with ≥5 casualties): 25–40% (median ≈ 32%). Drivers: JNIM pressure in western Mali, seasonal mobility.

- Escalatory unrest or high-visibility allegations tied to EU-funded migration policing (triggering donor/political scrutiny): 45–60% (median ≈ 52%).

- Material GTA disruption (production halt ≥14 days) due to HSE or marine event: 10–20% (median ≈ 15%). Recent leak was low-impact.

- Material Tasiast disruption (processing halt ≥14 days) from industrial or security cause: 20–35% (median ≈ 27%). Recent mill-fire precedent; security posture robust.

Scenario clusters:

1. "Buffered Stability, Reputational Churn" (~45%) — Borders mostly hold; migration-policing controversies dominate; projects operate with heightened HSE vigilance.

2. "Border Shock Lite" (~25–30%) — One cross-border attack prompts short-term posture tightening; limited direct impact on GTA/Tasiast.

   (Tails: "Dual industrial hits" <15%; "Sustained insurgent campaign" <10% given current baselines.)

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4) Decision thresholds (policy/board)

- Proceed (normal ops with alerts): No verified militant incidents inside 50–100 km of key eastern corridors for ≥90 days; stable migration-policing posture (no donor conditionality).

- Caution / Stage-gate capex: Any cross-border attack in Hodh/Adrar or EU/UN censure tied to abuses; tighten travel, enhance comms/ESG engagement.

- Pause / BCP trigger: Coordinated multi-site raids or major HSE event at GTA/Tasiast (spill/fire) with >14-day outage.

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5) Mitigations (actionable)

- Border-belt hardening: ISR and vetted escorts on eastern missions; vary routes/timings per advisory zones; plug into AU/UNOWAS early-warning feeds.
- ESG & rights guardrails (migration nexus): Human-rights due diligence with grievance channels where supply chains touch policing/migration logistics; pre-plan comms if allegations surface.
- Project HSE resilience: Drill GTA/Tasiast worst-case playbooks; insurer engagement; public-interest disclosure templates referencing the March 2025 leak lessons.
- Community investment buffers: Coastal and mining-belt social programs to reduce protest triggers and bolster local legitimacy around projects. (Inference from project-state relations.)

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6) What to watch (collection plan)

- Mali frontlines near the border: JNIM movements toward Nioro/Western Mali and cross-desert axes.
- Migration corridor telemetry: Intercepts/expulsions, NGO/legal filings; EU conditionality signals.
- GTA/Tasiast OHS logs & marine weather windows: Any anomalies, stop-work orders, or regulator notices.

Bottom line

Mauritania remains comparatively stable in a volatile Sahel, but border-zone spillover and migration-policing controversies are the near-term risk multipliers. Energy/mining assets look operationally resilient, with risk concentrated in HSE/industrial events and reputation. Maintain alert posture in the east, ESG safeguards on migration touchpoints, and mature incident-communications around GTA/Tasiast.

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IGRIS Case Study 5 — Benin

IGRIS run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

1) Current security & operating picture

- Northern insurgency front: Benin faces sustained jihadi spillover (primarily JNIM; some IS-Sahel presence) across the Alibori/Atacora axis around the W–Arly–Pendjari complex. Major multi-platoon assaults in 2025 inflicted heavy army casualties (Jan ambush near W Park; Apr attacks in Alibori), confirming an elevated threat to fixed posts and patrols.

- Border diplomacy & trade friction with Niger: Since Niamey's 2023 coup, Benin–Niger relations have seesawed, with port/pipe access disputes over Niger's China-backed crude exports via Cotonou and intermittent shutdowns; talks to normalize ties continue but remain fragile, affecting corridor predictability.

- External security cooperation: Cotonou deepened security cooperation with Rwanda and participates in regional mechanisms (Accra Initiative / AU Nouakchott Process) to contain Sahel spillover.

- Maritime–logistics backdrop: Gulf of Guinea piracy remains at multi-year lows but persists (sporadic kidnappings/robbery), so port/anchorage vigilance is still required for Port of Cotonou flows.

- Civilians & displacement: Northern communities experience displacement and protection risks; donors are scaling resilience/social cohesion financing for the north.

- Travel/operational advisories: Multiple governments flag Do-Not-Travel zones near Burkina Faso/Niger borders (Pendjari, W Park environs), with kidnapping/IED risk.

Implication: The center of gravity is the northern conservation belt and border villages, where insurgents alternate between raids on outposts and complex ambushes. Diplomatic volatility with Niger adds a geoeconomic risk layer (oil/pipeline/port throughput and cross-border trucking).

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2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)

Scope: government/defense, humanitarian actors, logistics operators, and energy/mining/logistics investors.

Risk vector (target)	C	A	R	V	E	Rz	Notes
Complex attacks on northern military posts / patrols	5	3	2	4	5	5	Multi-fatality assaults/ambushes in 2025 show offensive capacity & ISR gaps.
IEDs/kidnapping in W–Pendjari & border roads	4	3	3	3	4	5	Enduring threat to rangers, NGOs, contractors; repeat risk along park tracks.
Benin–Niger corridor/pipeline friction	4	3	3	3	4	4	Oil export/port access disputes and tit-for-tat suspensions impact trade flows.
Maritime/anchorage crime (GoG)	3	2	4	2	3	3	Lower frequency but non-zero severity; requires BMP-WAA compliance.
Civic unrest tied to northern insecurity or cross-border policy shocks	3	3	3	3	3	3	Potential flashpoints around recruitment, casualties, or corridor closures. (Inference from above trends.)

Top drivers by effect/criticality: (i) Northern complex attacks/ambushes, (ii) IED/kidnap risk in protected areas & border roads, (iii) Benin–Niger corridor/pipeline friction.

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3) Probabilistic outlook (6–12 months; Monte Carlo-style*)

*Planning estimates anchored to current reporting; not a substitute for a coded model.

- ≥2 mass-casualty attacks (≥10 fatalities each) on Beninese forces in the north within any 90-day window: 45–60% (median ≈ 52%). Trendline from Jan/Apr 2025 operations suggests continued insurgent initiative.

- At least one high-impact IED/kidnap incident affecting rangers/NGOs/contractors in or adjacent to W–Pendjari: 35–55% (median ≈ 45%).

- Material corridor shock with Niger (≥30 days of disrupted oil export or cross-border cargo flow): 30–45% (median ≈ 38%). Talks underway but reversals have occurred; political signaling remains volatile.

- GoG maritime incident impacting Benin-linked vessels/anchorage (kidnap/robbery): 15–25% (median ≈ 20%). Regionally low but persistent baseline.

Scenario clusters:

1. “Northern Grind” (~45%) — Continued ambushes and outpost attacks; localized curfews; humanitarian access volatility; trade with Niger oscillates but mostly functions.

2. “Corridor Shock” (~25–30%) — Diplomatic spat triggers oil/port shutdowns and trucking slowdowns; security pressure constant; insurance/working-capital costs rise.

   (Tails: “Security gains via external support” ~15–20%; “Maritime flare-up” ~10–15%.)

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4) Decision thresholds (operators/boards/policy)

- Proceed (alert posture): No complex attack within 50 km of key project/NGO sites for ≥60–90 days; Cotonou–Parakou–Kandi corridor flowing; no new pipeline/port decrees.

- Caution / Stage-gate spend: Two or more fatal incidents within 30–60 days in Alibori/Atacora or formal notice of corridor restrictions; tighten movement rules; raise inventory buffers.

- Pause / BCP trigger: Coordinated multi-site assaults on posts or confirmed IED cluster on main border approaches or renewed export suspension >30 days; shift to remote ops, reroute cargo via alternative ports.

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5) Mitigations (actionable)

- Route security & pattern of life: Vary convoy timings/routes; avoid park tracks after dusk; expand ISR and local liaison in Materi–Tanguiéta–Kandi belts; adopt NGO-style movement matrices.
- Post hardening & quick-reaction: For northern sites, add stand-off barriers, counter-ambush drills, and CASEVAC arrangements with rehearsed triggers. (Inference from complex attack patterns.)
- Corridor hedging: Pre-arrange capacity via Lomé/Abidjan as contingency; embed corridor KPIs (border dwell, pipeline throughput) into contracts and financing covenants.
- Community/ESG lines of effort: Scale cash-for-work, youth engagement, and grievance channels in northern communes (align with WB resilience financing) to reduce recruitment drivers and sustain access.
- Maritime BMP-WAA & port security: Maintain best-management practices at anchorage; coordinate with GoG navies/VTS; ensure kidnap/CT crisis comms is pre-baked.

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6) What to watch (collection priorities)

- Tactics & tempo: Frequency of complex assaults vs. IED/harassment; claims by JNIM and patterns around W–Pendjari approaches.
- Diplomatic signals: Concrete steps in Benin–Niger talks (pipeline export resumptions, detainee issues, border reopening stages).
- Human terrain: Displacement flows, ranger staffing/closures in parks, NGO access denials.
- Maritime alerts: IMB/ISC/ISS updates on GoG incident rates near Benin/Togo waters.

Bottom line

Over the next year, Benin’s northern security problem remains the principal driver of operational risk, with corridor volatility from Benin–Niger tensions as the key geoeconomic wildcard. Expect episodic mass-casualty attacks and targeted IED/kidnap threats near parks and border roads, while maritime risk stays low but non-zero. Strategy: stage-gated northern exposure, hardened movement protocols, corridor hedges, and community-resilience programs—backstopped by continued regional cooperation and diplomatic de-escalation efforts.

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IGRIS Case Study 5 — Togo

IGRIS run-through: CARVER + probabilistic (Monte Carlo-style) forecast for 6–12 months

1) Current security & operating picture

- Northern insurgency pressure: Government reports and field data indicate JNIM-linked cells operating from Burkina Faso conduct recurrent raids/IEDs in Savanes; officials acknowledged 15 attacks in 2025 with 54+ civilian deaths to date.
- Legal/operational posture: The state of security emergency in Savanes has been extended through March 2026, sustaining curfews, movement restrictions, and expanded security powers.
- Human terrain & rights context: Prolonged emergency measures and wider political tightening (after 2024–25 constitutional changes and low-turnout local polls) elevate civil-liberties/reputation risks for operators and INGOs.
- Maritime & logistics: Port of Lomé remains the only natural deep-water hub in the subregion and an anchor for trade routing—including diversions amid Benin–Niger frictions—yet GoG piracy/robbery risk persists (foiled boarding off Lomé on 28 Aug 2025; insurers rate offshore Togo = HIGH).

Implication: The principal threats are northern cross-border militancy, rights/reputation frictions linked to emergency governance, and offshore maritime security around Lomé anchorage/STL/STS zones.

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2) CARVER screen — priority risks (scores 1–5; higher = worse)

Scope: government forces, humanitarian actors, logistics/port users, and investors.

Risk vector (target)	C	A	R	V	E	Rz	Notes
Cross-border raids/IEDs in Savanes	5	3	2	4	5	5	JNIM tempo from Burkina corridors; civilian and force casualties in 2025.

Rights/repression backlash under emergency rule	3	4	3	3	4	5	Protest restrictions, arrests & media bans amplify reputational risk.
Piracy/armed robbery at Lomé anchorage (offshore)	4	3	3	3	4	4	Recent attempted boarding off Lomé; insurers flag HIGH offshore risk.
Political volatility around reforms/elections	3	3	3	3	3	4	Constitutional change → centralization; low-turnout polls show apathy.
Corridor shocks (regional rerouting via Lomé)	4	2	3	2	3	3	Lomé benefits from diversions, but sudden surges can strain security.

Top drivers by effect/criticality: (i) Northern raids/IEDs, (ii) maritime/anchorage security incidents, (iii) rights/reputation headwinds.

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3) Probabilistic outlook (6–12 months; Monte Carlo-style*)

*Planning estimates grounded in current reporting; not a substitute for a coded model.

- ≥2 lethal militant incidents in Savanes within any 60-day window (raids or IEDs): 45–60% (median ≈ 52%). Sustained JNIM activity across the Benin–Burkina–Togo tri-border suggests continuity despite force presence.
- Anchorage/STS security event off Lomé (attempted boarding/armed robbery) impacting a commercial vessel: 25–40% (median ≈ 32%). Recent foiled attack + insurer assessments keep baseline elevated.
- Heightened rights/political controversy (suspensions/bans or protest crackdowns) with material reputational risk for partners: 35–55% (median ≈ 45%).
- Material port/logistics disruption due to security (≥72-hour anchorage suspension or curfew-driven trucking halt): 15–25% (median ≈ 20%). Port resilience strong; risk stems from episodic security surges.

Scenario clusters:

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1. “Northern Grind, Coastal Control” (~45%) — Persistent Savanes attacks under extended emergency; Lomé port runs normally with sporadic offshore threats mitigated by navy/industry responses.

2. “Offshore Scare” (~25–30%) — One conspicuous anchorage incident drives temporary insurer/calls scrutiny; operations continue with heightened BMP and patrols.

   (Tails: “Rights flashpoint” ~15–20%; “Cross-border complex surge” ~10–15%.)

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4) Decision thresholds (operators/boards/policy)

- Proceed (alert posture): No complex attacks within 50 km of mission sites for ≥60–90 days; emergency measures remain static; no new insurer advisories for Lomé Offshore.

- Caution / Stage-gate spend: Two+ lethal incidents in Savanes within 30–60 days or rights crackdown with international censure; add movement constraints and comms safeguards.

- Pause / BCP trigger: Coordinated multi-site raids or mass-casualty IEDs or successful armed boarding/kidnap at anchorage; activate remote ops and reroute sensitive cargo windows.

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5) Mitigations (actionable)

- Northern movement discipline: Vary routes/timings; restrict dusk–dawn travel; tighten CASEVAC and QRF linkages with security forces; community liaison in border communes. (Aligned with JNIM TTPs.)

- Port/anchorage security: Enforce BMP-West Africa; harden citadels and SSAS drills; coordinate with Togo Navy/VTS; avoid prolonged drifting; optimize ETA to minimize idle time offshore.

- Reputation & rights safeguards: Human-rights due diligence, grievance channels, and transparent comms where programs intersect with emergency-rule enforcement; pre-baked statements for protest/press incidents.

- Corridor elasticity: Capacity reservations and MoUs for surge routing via Lomé; stress-test warehousing and yard security for diverted cargoes.

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6) What to watch (collection priorities)

- Attack telemetry in Savanes: Frequency/severity, IED signatures, cross-border pursuit rules, and propaganda claims.
- Maritime alerts: Navy/IMB/insurer circulars; any shift in offshore Togo risk from HIGH→MED/HIGH; patterns of loitering tankers/offtake/STL ops.
- Governance indicators: New decrees extending powers, bans/suspensions, and post-election political temperature.

Bottom line

Expect continued low-intensity insurgent pressure in the north under an extended security emergency, while Lomé remains a high-throughput logistics hub facing episodic offshore security risk rather than systemic disruption. Strategy: stage-gate northern exposure, strict BMP at anchorage, and rights-aware engagement to mitigate reputational spillovers—leveraging Lomé's port advantages while keeping response plans ready for offshore or Savanes spikes.

If you'd like, I can now roll these country cuts into a comparative CARVER dashboard highlighting shared triggers (cross-border raids, maritime events, rights flashpoints) across DRC, Mozambique, Sudan, Mauritania, Benin, and Togo.

Comparative Geo-Risk Dashboard (DRC, Mozambique, Sudan, Mauritania, Benin, Togo)

Below is a condensed, decision-grade roll-up from the six country briefs. It prioritizes what matters for the next 6–12 months, using CARVER-style focus (targets with highest Effect/Criticality) and “tripwire” indicators you can monitor.

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1) Top risks by country (CARVER-prioritized)

Country	#1 Risk (Effect/Criticality)	#2 Risk	#3 Risk
DRC	Cobalt export quotas tightening supply/price + compliance load (systemic market impact).	M23 war pressure in North Kivu → macro shock & reputational drag.	ADF/ISIS mass-casualty attacks sustaining Eastern instability.
Mozambique	Onshore LNG restart risk (Afungi/Palma)—political signals vs. field realities.	ISM raids in Cabo Delgado (incl. Mocímboa da Praia) → displacement/access volatility.	Offshore LNG execution risk (lower but non-zero).
Sudan	Darfur (El-Fasher) siege/attacks with high civilian harm and aid denial.	Advanced weapons (drones/SAMs) elevating air/aid-corridor risk.	Oil/pipeline frictions with S. Sudan → revenue shocks.
Mauritania	Border-zone militant spillover from Mali	Migration-policing backlash under EU compact	Project HSE incidents at GTA/Tasiast.

	(low-frequency, high-impact).	(reputational/governance risk).	
Benin	Complex attacks on northern posts/patrols (W–Pendjari/Alibori).	IED/kidnap risk on park/border roads.	Corridor shocks with Niger (pipeline/port access).
Togo	Cross-border raids/IEDs in Savanes under extended emergency rule (to Mar 2026).	Offshore Lomé anchorage incidents (attempted boarding Aug 28, 2025).	Rights/political flashpoints linked to constitutional reform.

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2) Tripwires & leading indicators (what to watch)

- DRC
    - Government/ARECOMS decrees adjusting quota volumes; monthly tonnage caps & “strategic pool” usage.
    - Goma/route control changes (M23) and verified ADF mass-casualty incidents.
    - MONUSCO posture notes for North Kivu/Ituri (exit pacing vs. conditions).
- Mozambique
    - Formal TotalEnergies force-majeure update vs. political statements; contractor remobilization cadence.
    - ISM attack telemetry in Palma/Macomia/Mocímboa da Praia.
    - Offshore Coral North milestones (FID → execution).
- Sudan
    - El-Fasher strike/shelling frequency; documented aid access windows ≥/≤ 2 weeks.
    - Confirmed drone/SAM incidents affecting relief/charter air ops.
    - Pipeline throughput and cross-border energy diplomacy with Juba.

- Mauritania
    - Hodh-belt incursions/spillover alerts from western Mali.
    - Migration enforcement allegations (NGO reporting) and EU conditionality signals.
    - GTA/Tasiast incident reports & regulator/insurer notices.
- Benin
    - Mass-casualty attacks on forces (Alibori/Atacora) and IED clusters near W–Pendjari.
    - Benin–Niger corridor decrees or suspensions (pipeline/port).
- Togo
    - Savanes incident rate under emergency law (renewal moves, curfews).
    - Anchorage alerts off Lomé (NIMASA/IMB/Lloyd’s).
    - Rights/political developments around constitutional shift & protests.

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3) Decision thresholds (example policy/board triggers)

- Proceed (normal but alert)
    - DRC: Quota utilization ≥85% of monthly cap; no new M23 territorial gains near Goma in 60–90 days.
    - Mozambique: ≥90 days without district-town raids within 30 km of Afungi; insurers relax war-risk premia.
    - Togo: No lethal Savanes incident in 60 days + no fresh offshore advisories.
- Caution / Stage-gate
    - Benin: ≥2 mass-casualty force attacks in 60 days or new Niger corridor restrictions.
    - Mauritania: Credible cross-border raid in Hodh or major migration-abuse censure by HR orgs/EU.
    - Sudan: ≥6-week aid denial in Darfur corridors; evidence of SAM/drone risk to air ops.

- Pause / BCP
    - DRC: Formal quota tightening or export holds + M23 shock near key nodes; re-route inventory.
    - Mozambique: Coordinated multi-district ISM raids near Palma/Mocímboa; evacuate non-essential.
    - Togo: Successful armed boarding/kidnap at Lomé anchorage; trigger offshore risk posture change.

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4) Probability posture (6–12 months, planning bands)

- DRC: Policy risk High (quota implementation, 50–70%), Eastern conflict High-Medium; logistics friction Medium.
- Mozambique: Offshore LNG stability High; onshore restart Medium-Low pending sustained security gains; ISM shocks Medium.
- Sudan: Attritional violence High in Darfur with severe access constraints; diplomacy breakthrough Low.
- Mauritania: National stability Medium-High; border-zone militant event Low-Medium; ESG/migration controversy Medium.
- Benin: Northern complex-attack risk Medium-High; corridor shock Medium.
- Togo: Savanes attacks Medium under extended emergency; offshore incident Low-Medium but consequential.

(Bands are planning heuristics derived from the country briefs; for investment-grade precision, we'd run the full Monte Carlo with your variables.)

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5) Cross-cutting mitigations (portfolio view)

1. Corridor elasticity & inventory buffers
    - DRC/Benin/Togo: pre-contract alternates (e.g., Lomé/Abidjan) and warehouse surge options; embed dwell-time KPIs in contracts.
2. Anchorage hardening & BMP-WAA

    - Togo/Lomé users: minimize idle time offshore; enforce citadels/SSAS drills; align with NIMASA/IMB alerts.

3. ESG & rights guardrails
    - Mauritania/Togo/Benin: independent grievance channels where operations intersect security/migration enforcement; pre-baked crisis comms.
4. Security design for northern belts (Benin/Togo)
    - Movement matrices, QRF/CASEVAC, route variance; coordinate with protected-area managers in W–Pendjari.
5. Policy-risk hedging (DRC cobalt)
    - Blend offtake; tighten traceability to reduce hold risk; contracts indexed to quota volatility.

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6) Where to focus collection (OSINT/RFI)

- Daily: DRC quota notices; El-Fasher strike logs; Lomé anchorage alerts; Cabo Delgado district attack feeds.
- Weekly: Benin northern incident summaries; Niger–Benin pipeline/port status; Mauritania migration reporting.
- Monthly: Mozambique onshore LNG contractor mobilization; MONUSCO posture notes.

Bottom line

Across the six theaters, the heaviest systemic risk is DRC’s cobalt quota regime (global supply chain impact), while the most acute humanitarian/security emergencies are Sudan (Darfur) and northern Benin/Togo. Mozambique’s offshore gas is advancing, but onshore remains security-conditioned. Mauritania stays comparatively stable, with risk concentrated in border-spillover and ESG optics around migration controls and HSE at flagship projects. Align capex and exposure to the tripwires above, and stage-gate decisions with quantified thresholds to keep risk-return ratios favorable.

The Overall IGRIS Framework

1) IGRIS Framework (Outline)

Title: Integrated Geo-Risk Intelligence System (IGRIS)

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Purpose

Fuse intelligence tradecraft with quantitative risk science to deliver probabilistic, defensible decisions for boards, GSOCs, and policy principals operating in volatile theaters.

Strategic Principles

- Bias-aware framing before numbers (Structured Analytic Techniques).
- Priority clarity (CARVER scoring to focus effort where it matters).
- Uncertainty as data (probabilistic simulation vs. single-point estimates).
- Decision thresholds & tripwires (pre-agreed actions when metrics cross lines).
- Continuous reassessment (living model; new intel → new runs → updated posture).

Operating Layers

1. INTEL FRAMING (SATs)
    - Key Assumptions Check, ACH, What-If / HI-LO shocks.
    - Output: Validated variables & hypotheses; red-teamed analytic baseline.
2. PRIORITIZATION (CARVER)
    - Score risks/targets on Criticality, Accessibility, Recuperability, Vulnerability, Effect, Recognizability (1–5, optionally weighted).
    - Output: Ranked risk register; CARVER heatmap; collection priorities.
3. QUANTIFICATION (Monte Carlo)

    - Translate priority risks into monthly event probabilities (or ranges).
    - Model correlations across risks (Gaussian copula) to reflect real-world co-movement.
    - Output: Scenario likelihoods (e.g., “Security-only shock,” “Dual shock,” “Quiet”), percentile bands, and CARVER-weighted severity scores.

4. DECISION INTERFACE
    - Thresholds: Go / Stage-Gate / Pause mapped to measurable indicators (incidents, corridor status, policy moves, insurer advisories).
    - Dashboards: Probability distributions, scenario counts, and CARVER-weighted impact.
    - Comms: Pre-approved messaging & ESG guardrails for reputational resilience.
5. FEEDBACK LOOP
    - Intake: new OSINT/HUMINT/SIGINT + operational telemetry (dwell times, premiums, outages).
    - Re-score CARVER if threat/mission changes; re-run simulations.
    - Archive decisions and back-test model calibration.

Roles & Governance

- IGRIS Director (QA-MNS): owns methodology & model integrity.
- GSOC (Lladner): live telemetry, incident validation, and threshold watch.
- Country Cells: context experts; own SATs and CARVER scoring.
- Data Steward: audit trails, parameter logs, and model versioning.
- Risk Committee: ratifies thresholds; decides action on alerts.

Implementation Path

- Phase 0: Scoping & governance (roles, sources, data policy).
- Phase 1: Country SATs + CARVER baseline.

- Phase 2: Parameterization & first Monte Carlo; publish thresholds.
- Phase 3: Operate the loop (monthly refresh; ad-hoc on spikes).
- Phase 4: Calibration (compare realized incidents vs. forecast; tune parameters).

KPIs

- Forecast calibration (Brier/PL scores), decision timeliness, reduction in unplanned downtime, corridor dwell-time variance, insurer premium deltas, and ESG incident rates.

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2) Monte Carlo Code (the engine we use)

Below is the exact, self-contained Python code for the IGRIS Monte Carlo (correlated Bernoulli events via a Gaussian copula) plus a CARVER-weighted severity score. You can paste this into a notebook and run as-is. The example at the end uses Benin with illustrative monthly probabilities (you can replace with your own).

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

# ---------- IGRIS Monte Carlo Engine (Gaussian Copula for Correlated Bernoulli Events) ----------

def gaussian_copula_bernoulli(P, corr, trials=10000, months=12, seed=42):
    """
    Generate correlated Bernoulli outcomes over a number of months for multiple risk factors
    using a Gaussian copula.

    Parameters
    ----------
    P : array-like (k,)
        Baseline monthly event probabilities for k risk factors (0..1).
    corr : array-like (k,k)
        Positive semi-definite correlation matrix between factors (applies to latent normals).
    trials : int
        Number of Monte Carlo trials.
    months : int
        Number of months to simulate per trial.
    seed : int
        Random seed for reproducibility.

    Returns
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    outcomes : ndarray (trials, months, k)
        Boolean array where True indicates the event occurred in that month for that factor.
    """
    rng = np.random.default_rng(seed)
    P = np.asarray(P, dtype=float)
    k = P.shape[0]
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    corr = np.asarray(corr, dtype=float)

    # Robust Cholesky with a tiny jitter if needed
    eps = 1e-10
    try:
        L = np.linalg.cholesky(corr)
    except np.linalg.LinAlgError:
        L = np.linalg.cholesky(corr + np.eye(k) * eps)

    # Acklam inverse normal CDF (probit) to avoid scipy dependency
    def norm_ppf(u):
        u = np.asarray(u)
        a = [-3.969683028665376e+01, 2.209460984245205e+02, -2.759285104469687e+02,
             1.383577518672690e+02, -3.066479806614716e+01, 2.506628277459239e+00]
        b = [-5.447609879822406e+01, 1.615858368580409e+02, -1.556989798598866e+02,
             6.680131188771972e+01, -1.328068155288572e+01]
        c = [-7.784894002430293e-03, -3.223964580411365e-01, -2.400758277161838e+00,
            -2.549732539343734e+00, 4.374664141464968e+00, 2.938163982698783e+00]
        d = [7.784695709041462e-03, 3.224671290700398e-01, 2.445134137142996e+00,
             3.754408661907416e+00]
        plow = 0.02425
        phigh = 1 - plow
        x = np.empty_like(u, dtype=float)

        mask = u < plow
        q = np.sqrt(-2*np.log(u[mask]))
        x[mask] = ((((((c[0]*q + c[1])*q + c[2])*q + c[3])*q + c[4])*q + c[5]) / \
                  ((((d[0]*q + d[1])*q + d[2])*q + d[3])*q + 1)

        mask = u > phigh
        q = np.sqrt(-2*np.log(1-u[mask]))
        x[mask] = -((((((c[0]*q + c[1])*q + c[2])*q + c[3])*q + c[4])*q + c[5]) / \
                   ((((d[0]*q + d[1])*q + d[2])*q + d[3])*q + 1)

        mask = (u >= plow) & (u <= phigh)
        q = u[mask] - 0.5
        r = q*q
        x[mask] = (((((a[0]*r + a[1])*r + a[2])*r + a[3])*r + a[4])*r + a[5]) * q / \
                  (((((b[0]*r + b[1])*r + b[2])*r + b[3])*r + b[4])*r + 1)
        return x

    thresholds = norm_ppf(P)  # thresholds on latent normals

    outcomes = np.zeros((trials, months, k), dtype=bool)
    for t in range(trials):
        Z = rng.standard_normal(size=(months, k))  # iid normals
        Y = Z @ L.T                                # correlate
        outcomes[t] = (Y < thresholds)             # event if latent normal < threshold
    return outcomes

def run_igris_monte_carlo(risk_config, corr, months=12, trials=10000, seed=42):
    """
    risk_config: dict {risk_name: monthly_probability}
    corr: (k,k) correlation matrix aligned to keys(risk_config)
    Returns: (summary_dict, details_df)
    """
    risk_names = list(risk_config.keys())
    probs = np.array([risk_config[r] for r in risk_names], dtype=float)
    outcomes = gaussian_copula_bernoulli(probs, corr, trials=trials, months=months, seed=seed)
```

```
    # Simple scenario logic:
    #   SECURITY_SHOCK  = any "security" risk occurs in >=2 months within the year
    #   POLICY_SHOCK    = any "policy/rights/corridor" risk occurs in >=1 month
    #   MARITIME_SHOCK  = any maritime risk occurs in >=1 month
    tags = []
    for rn in risk_names:
        l = rn.lower()
        if any(x in l for x in ["raid","ied","attack","insurg","militant"]):
            tags.append("SECURITY")
        elif any(x in l for x in ["maritime","anchorage","piracy","offshore"]):
            tags.append("MARITIME")
        elif any(x in l for x in ["policy","quota","rights","crackdown","corridor","pipeline"]):
            tags.append("POLICY")
        else:
            tags.append("OTHER")
    tags = np.array(tags)

    trial_flags = {"SECURITY_SHOCK": [], "POLICY_SHOCK": [], "MARITIME_SHOCK": []}
    for t in range(outcomes.shape[0]):
        tr = outcomes[t]  # months x k
        sec_months = tr[:, tags=="SECURITY"].any(axis=1).sum() if np.any(tags=="SECURITY") else 0
        pol_months = tr[:, tags=="POLICY"].any(axis=1).sum()   if np.any(tags=="POLICY") else 0
        mar_months = tr[:, tags=="MARITIME"].any(axis=1).sum() if np.any(tags=="MARITIME") else 0
        trial_flags["SECURITY_SHOCK"].append(sec_months >= 2)
        trial_flags["POLICY_SHOCK"].append(pol_months >= 1)
        trial_flags["MARITIME_SHOCK"].append(mar_months >= 1)
    trial_flags = {k: np.array(v) for k,v in trial_flags.items()}

    dual = trial_flags["SECURITY_SHOCK"] & trial_flags["POLICY_SHOCK"]
    sec_only = trial_flags["SECURITY_SHOCK"] & ~trial_flags["POLICY_SHOCK"]
    pol_only = ~trial_flags["SECURITY_SHOCK"] & trial_flags["POLICY_SHOCK"]
    quiet = ~trial_flags["SECURITY_SHOCK"] & ~trial_flags["POLICY_SHOCK"]

    summary = {
        "p_dual_shock": dual.mean(),
        "p_security_only": sec_only.mean(),
        "p_policy_only": pol_only.mean(),
        "p_quiet": quiet.mean(),
        "p_any_maritime": trial_flags["MARITIME_SHOCK"].mean()
    }

    details = pd.DataFrame({"risk": list(risk_config.keys()),
                            "monthly_prob": [risk_config[r] for r in risk_config],
                            "tag": tags})
    return summary, details, outcomes

def carver_weighted_scores(outcomes, carver_weights, risk_names):
    """
    Compute CARVER-weighted annual severity score per trial.
    outcomes: ndarray (trials, months, k) boolean event matrix
    carver_weights: dict risk_name -> dict of CARVER elements {C,A,R,V,E,Rz} (1..5)
    risk_names: list aligned to outcomes last dimension
    Returns: 1D array of scores per trial
    """
    occurred = outcomes.any(axis=1)  # (trials, k)
    def agg_weight(rn):
        d = carver_weights[rn]
        return d['C'] + d['A'] + d['R'] + d['V'] + d['E'] + d['Rz']
    weights = np.array([agg_weight(rn) for rn in risk_names], dtype=float)
    return (occurred * weights).sum(axis=1)
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# ---------- Example: Benin (replace with your parameters per country) ----------
benin_config = {
    "northern_complex_attack": 0.20,   # monthly probability (illustrative)
    "IED_or_kidnap_event":     0.15,
    "corridor_pipeline_shock": 0.10,
    "maritime_anchor_incident":0.03,
    "rights_or_local_unrest":  0.08
}

# modest correlations among related risks (illustrative)
risk_names = list(benin_config.keys())
k = len(risk_names)
corr = np.eye(k)
def idx(name): return risk_names.index(name)
corr[idx("northern_complex_attack"), idx("IED_or_kidnap_event")] = 0.35
corr[idx("IED_or_kidnap_event"),     idx("northern_complex_attack")] = 0.35
corr[idx("northern_complex_attack"), idx("corridor_pipeline_shock")] = 0.20
corr[idx("IED_or_kidnap_event"),     idx("corridor_pipeline_shock")] = 0.15
corr[idx("rights_or_local_unrest"),  idx("corridor_pipeline_shock")] = 0.20
corr[idx("corridor_pipeline_shock"), idx("rights_or_local_unrest")] = 0.20
corr[idx("corridor_pipeline_shock"), idx("maritime_anchor_incident")] = 0.10
corr[idx("maritime_anchor_incident"),idx("corridor_pipeline_shock")] = 0.10

summary, details, outcomes = run_igris_monte_carlo(benin_config, corr, months=12, trials=20000, seed=7)

benin_carver = {
    "northern_complex_attack": {"C":5,"A":3,"R":2,"V":4,"E":5,"Rz":5},
    "IED_or_kidnap_event":     {"C":4,"A":3,"R":3,"V":3,"E":4,"Rz":5},
    "corridor_pipeline_shock": {"C":4,"A":3,"R":3,"V":3,"E":4,"Rz":4},
    "maritime_anchor_incident":{"C":3,"A":2,"R":4,"V":2,"E":3,"Rz":3},
    "rights_or_local_unrest":  {"C":3,"A":3,"R":3,"V":3,"E":3,"Rz":4}
}
scores = carver_weighted_scores(outcomes, benin_carver, risk_names=list(benin_config.keys()))
score_summary = {
    "mean_score": float(np.mean(scores)),
    "p90_score": float(np.quantile(scores, 0.90)),
    "p95_score": float(np.quantile(scores, 0.95)),
    "p99_score": float(np.quantile(scores, 0.99))
}

print("=== IGRIS Monte Carlo (Benin demo) ===")
print("Scenario probabilities:", summary)
print("CARVER-weighted severity (annual) summary:", score_summary)
print("\nRisk config & tags:\n", details)
```

How to use it (quick guide)

1. Define monthly probabilities for your country’s top risks (e.g., 0.18 = 18% chance per month).

2. Set a correlation matrix (corr) capturing co-movement (e.g., militant raids ↔ corridor shocks).

3. Run run_igris_monte_carlo(...) to get:

- Scenario probabilities (p_dual_shock, p_security_only, p_policy_only, p_quiet, p_any_maritime).
- A details table showing risks, base probabilities, tags.

4. (Optional) Add CARVER weights to translate event occurrence into an annual severity score distribution (carver_weighted_scores).

Recap: The IGRIS Framework — Origins, Structure, and Methodological Lineage

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1. Genesis of the IGRIS Framework

The **Integrated Geo-Risk Intelligence System (IGRIS)** was conceived by **Quanta Analytica MNS Consulting** as part of a wider effort to unify **qualitative intelligence tradecraft** with **quantitative risk analytics**. The framework emerged from over a decade of experience in strategic security consulting, field intelligence analysis, and corporate risk governance.

IGRIS was not designed as a theoretical construct—it was built as an *operational engine* to help GSOCs, boards, and government clients anticipate complex crises across geopolitical, cyber, and commercial domains.

It draws from three foundational QA-MNS Consulting methodologies that had been field-tested across multiple regions and sectors:

1. **SATCON-X (Structured Analytic Convergence Method)** – A proprietary adaptation of intelligence community *Structured Analytic Techniques (SATs)* to corporate and geopolitical decision environments.
2. **CARVER-ECO (CARVER Extended Contextual Optimization)** – An evolved version of the classic **CARVER matrix**, expanded to assess interdependencies across economic, political, cyber, and reputational dimensions.
3. **IGRIS Core Engine** – The fusion layer that combines the outputs of SATCON-X and CARVER-ECO with probabilistic modeling and Monte Carlo simulation.

Together, these create a closed-loop system that moves from **assumption discipline** → **prioritization** → **probabilistic foresight** → **decision activation**.

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2. Framework Architecture

IGRIS operates as a five-phase continuous intelligence cycle:

Phase	Core Function	Primary Input	Key Output
1. Intelligence Framing (SATCON-X)	Defines the environment through Key Assumptions Checks, ACH matrices, and red-team challenge sessions.	Strategic indicators & source data	Hypothesis matrix and validated drivers
2. Risk Prioritization (CARVER-ECO)	Scores each driver across **Criticality, Accessibility, Recuperability, Vulnerability, Effect, and Recognizability**, adjusted for economic and reputational weighting.	Hypothesis matrix	Ranked risk map & target hierarchy
3. Probabilistic Simulation (IGRIS Core)	Converts CARVER-ECO outputs into event probabilities and runs **Monte Carlo simulations** to reveal full distributions of possible futures.	Weighted risk data	Probability curves & scenario clusters
4. Decision Interface	Translates outcomes into **Go / Stage-Gate / Pause** decision thresholds for executives or GSOC dashboards.	Simulation results	Action thresholds & tripwire matrix
5. Continuous Feedback Loop	Ingests new intelligence, re-scores CARVER, and re-runs the simulation, ensuring dynamic calibration.	Updated indicators	Revised forecasts & adaptive posture

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3. Integration of the Two Parent Methods

A. SATCON-X: Structured Analytic Convergence

- Merges traditional **Intelligence Community SATs** (Analysis of Competing Hypotheses, Key Assumptions Check, What-If Analysis) with corporate “red-team” protocols.
- Forces analysts to articulate *why* they believe a risk matters and *how* it interacts with others.
- Provides IGRIS with the **hypothesis space and bias-checked variable set** that feed the model.

B. CARVER-ECO: Contextual Prioritization Framework

- Re-engineers the classic CARVER tool—originally military in design—to incorporate modern risk dimensions:
    - **Economic Exposure**, **Cyber Vulnerability**, and **Operational Recoverability**.
- Converts subjective analyst judgment into **semi-quantitative weights**, creating a bridge between human insight and machine simulation.
- Supplies IGRIS with the **weighted parameters** that define what is “critical” or “vulnerable” in the Monte Carlo engine.

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4. Why IGRIS Was Created

Traditional risk matrices fail under **multi-domain complexity**. They assume linearity and understate tail-risk events that define real crises.
IGRIS was built to solve four persistent problems in global risk analysis:

1. **Static thinking** — analysts treating risk as fixed, not evolving.
2. **Cognitive bias** — overreliance on “expert intuition” without structured challenge.
3. **False precision** — deterministic forecasts that ignore uncertainty.
4. **Siloed data** — economic, security, and reputational indicators not fused into one model.

By integrating SATCON-X, CARVER-ECO, and Monte Carlo simulation, IGRIS allows analysts to **treat uncertainty as measurable** and **decision thresholds as pre-modeled**.

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5. Outputs and Decision Value

IGRIS delivers:

- **Probabilistic country and sector risk forecasts** with clear confidence bands.
- **CARVER-weighted vulnerability scores** for GSOC dashboards and intelligence briefs.
- **Tripwire-based decision triggers** aligned with corporate risk appetite.
- **Scenario clusters** (e.g., “Regulated Tightness,” “Security-Led Shock”) that support narrative intelligence assessments.

The result is a system that empowers clients to **see risk before it materializes**, **prioritize mitigation**, and **justify strategic decisions** with quantitative evidence and intelligence-grade rigor.

In summary

The **IGRIS Framework** is the culmination of the **QA-MNS analytic lineage**—uniting SATCON-X's cognitive discipline and CARVER-ECO's contextual precision with a **quantitative foresight engine**. It transforms risk management from a reactive compliance exercise into a **living intelligence system** capable of anticipating shocks, protecting assets, and sustaining decision superiority.

The Defining Advantage

> *"IGRIS doesn't eliminate uncertainty — it quantifies it."*
> *– M. Nuri Shakoor, SRMP*

By merging structured tradecraft (SAT-RAM™), vulnerability quantification (CARVER+™), and probabilistic analytics (IGRIS), Quanta Analytica MNS and Lladner Business Solutions built a **repeatable, defensible decision architecture**.
It allows clients to calibrate strategy, budgets, and posture not on intuition—but on statistically grounded foresight.