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The Launching Ceremony of the Project funded by Japan for Strengthening the Capacity of West Africa's Peace Support Operations in Nigeria

On 15 July 2014, the launching ceremony of the project "Strengthening the Capacity of West Africa's Peace Support Operations in Nigeria" which is funded by the Government of Japan, executing by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and implemented by the National Defence College (NDC) Nigeria, was held at NDC, Abuja.

Under this project, the Government of Japan extended a grant aid of USD 500,000 for supporting the African Centre for Strategic and Research Studies (ACSRS) in NDC, Abuja and the Nigerian Army Peacekeeping Centre, Kaduna (NAPCK) to strengthen its training capability in Peace Support Operations in Africa for peace and security through a regional conflict prevention, management and resolution capacity to respond to crises within Africa and beyond.

Project Title	Strengthening the Capacity of West Africa's Peace Support Operations in Nigeria
Amount Extended	USD 500,000
Executing Partner	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Implementing Partner	African Centre for Strategic Research and Studies (ACSRS), National Defence College (NDC), Abuja Nigerian Army Peacekeeping Centre, Kaduna (NAPCK)
Summary of Support	To conduct PSO training courses for a minimum of 150 participants in 3 critical subject areas in the following planned activities: 1. Protection of Civilian Course; 2. Foundation Course on Peace Support Operations; and 3. Civil Military Co-operation Course

"Peace and Security" is the one of the key elements of Japan's assistance package at the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) held in June 2013. The Government of Japan pledged to support the capacity building of 3,000 people engaged in peace building through supporting peacekeeping operations (PKO) training in African countries.

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