

PRESS RELEASE

Japan contributes to Silencing the Guns through Japan's new approach : NAPSA

1. Japan supports Silencing the Guns, which is the theme of the African Union of this year through supporting several projects in Ethiopia as well as other African countries. These contributions are linked with Japan's new initiative called "New Approach for Peace and Stability in Africa (NAPSA), which was announced by H.E. Mr. ABE Shinzo, Prime Minister of Japan, during the TICAD 7 Summit in August, 2019. Through NAPSA, Japan will support Africa's efforts to prevent, intervene and mediate conflicts with Africa in driver's seat. Japan also supports institution building and strengthening of governance including judicial, administrative and legislative systems in order to address the root causes of conflicts.

2. In this connection, Japan approved its contribution of 130, 128USD to the African Union Peace fund as the budget of the Japan's Fiscal Year (JFY) 2019/2020. This contribution aims at supporting two projects of the Commission of the African Union to promote peace and stability in the continent.

The first project is to support the 1st FemWise-Africa Training of Trainers(ToT) to be held in Addis Ababa. It aims at developing a pool of trainers within the FemWise-Africa network, contributing to supporting and building mediation and conflict prevention capacities in the priority countries, and providing a platform for knowledge and experience sharing among the participants.

The second is to support workshops on Monitoring and Evaluation training for DDR and SSR in Central African Republic (CAR) and Mali. These activities aim at enhancing capacities of national officials of targeted countries to ensure further understanding of planning as well as monitoring & evaluation tools.

3. In addition to the contribution to the African Union Peace Fund, Japan approved 24.10million USD as the supplementary budget of the Japan's

fiscal Year (JFY) 2019/2020. This contribution includes 44 projects in total to be implemented in 26 African countries.

NAPSA has 3 main areas to support. The first area is to “Support the stabilization of regions facing conflicts and terrorism.” For example, Japan supports Peace process and the implementation of R-ARCSS in South Sudan. The second area is “Institution building and strengthening of governance.” Japan supports Maritime security in Djibuti and mine prevention in Sudan and Somalia, among other projects corresponding to this second area which are contributed by Japan’s supplementary budget 2019/2020. And the third area is to “Support resilience of local community and prevention of youth radicalization.” As examples, Japan supports capacity building for border control in Uganda as well as in Kenya and also supports the promotion of peace education collaborating with UNESCO-IICBA in Ethiopia and the rest of Africa.

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