What can Japan do in African security?

Possibilities of international cooperation

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Japan has political will, potential and capacity to cooperate with France in Africa

• Why should Japan commit to the security in Africa?
• In what field can/should France and Japan cooperate?
• What are the challenges and constrains for Japan?
Security in Africa as common agenda at both conferences

- Libya
- Sahel Partnership Action Plan
- Strengthening peace and stability (TICAD)
The Three Pillars of TICAD7

③ Strengthening peace and stability
   - Rule of Law
   - Good Governance
   - Refugee / IDPs
The characteristics of Japanese security policy in Africa

• Objectives
  - Securing necessary condition for Japanese trade in Africa
  - Matrilateral cooperation in African issues
  - Sharing the responsibility to keep international stability

• Principles
  - Needs-based approach; ownership, nation building
  - “Grass-roots approach”; human security (not military)
  - All Japan/Comprehensive Approach
    Nexus of Peace, Development and Humanitarian concerns

• Tools
  - Financial contribution; $ 100 million for 15 countries (2008-19)
  - UN Peacekeeping (capacity building)
  - Anti-Pirates in the gulf of Aden
  - Human security through ODA
Targets

• Djibouti
  1.4 million $ for supporting coast guard security (2018)
  JSDF base since 2011

• South Sudan
  Dispatch JSDF Engineer Unit (2012-17, 4000 personnel)

• Sahel
  Human resource development/Education/PKO capacity building /23 million USD for refugee and IDPs

• PKO training center

• AU

• RECs
The UN Project for African Rapid Deployment of Engineering Capabilities (RDEC)

- Under the UN Project for Rapid Deployment of Enabling Capabilities (UN DFS)
  - Part of the UN Triangular Partnership Project
- Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Uganda
- Since 2015
- Approx. 40 million US dollars to the UN for the training and procurement of heavy equipment
- 149 JSDF and officers as instructors to 8 African countries have been dispatched
Serious shortage of engineering equipment and its operators was revealed in recent UN Peacekeeping missions. This is a major obstacle in carrying out humanitarian activities and in force protection.

Prime Minister Abe committed to support rapid deployment at the PKO summit in 2014.

The Government of Japan (GoJ) has contributed approx. US$40 million to this project in the framework of UN Triangular Partnership Project (TPP).

Contents of Project

**Conduct training to African TCCs**

Conduct training to African Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs), which have pledged their intention to deploy engineering unit, at IPSTC, Kenya.

**Provide heavy machinery to the UN**

Provide heavy engineering equipment (HEE), such as excavator and grader for conducting training

**Location of Training**

- Humanitarian Peace Support School (HPSS), International Peace Support Training Center (IPSTC) (Nairobi, Kenya)
- Uganda Rapid Deployment Capability Centre (URDCC) (Jinja, Uganda)

**Scenes from the Training**

- Road roller operations
- Visit by USG Mr. Khare, United Nations Department of Operational Support
“The Free and Open Indo-Pacific vision”

• TICAD6 (August 2016@Nairobi)
• International public goods through;
  - Rule of law
  - Economic prosperity
  - Commitment to peace and stability through capacity building
• Is African continent really included?
• Focusing on the coast guard, maritime crime, pirates
• An important sea lane (Comores, Seychelles)
The conditions to advance the Franco-Japanese security cooperation

• “Sharing the same principles” (Niquet: 2019)

• Mentality: “Twofold national isolations”
  (Prof. Kitaoka, Prof. Shirato)
  - Article 9 of the Constitution
  - Little experience on terrorism etc.

• Capacity building inside Japan

• UN peacekeeping as multilateral cooperation

• True 3D approach
Tools for cooperation in Africa

Bilateral

Capacity building (Security sector, Maritime etc.)
Norm/standard setting
Counter terrorism through technological assistance

Through UN

80% of the Peacekeeping missions are for Africa
50% of the SC Resolutions are about Africa
Japanese public opinion is favorable

Through EU

Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA)

Through AU and RECs
Based on the public opinion poll conducted by the Cabinet Office Japan (https://survey.gov-online.go.jp/h30/h30-gaiko/zh/z17.html).
The participation in UN peacekeeping

Based on the public opinion poll conducted by the Cabinet Office Japan (https://survey.gov-online.go.jp/h30/h30-gaiko/zh/z22.html)