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# Security Project West and Central Africa (2018-2020)

*WCO Security Conference  
African perspectives on security challenges  
11-12 December 2019*



# Security Project in West and Central Africa

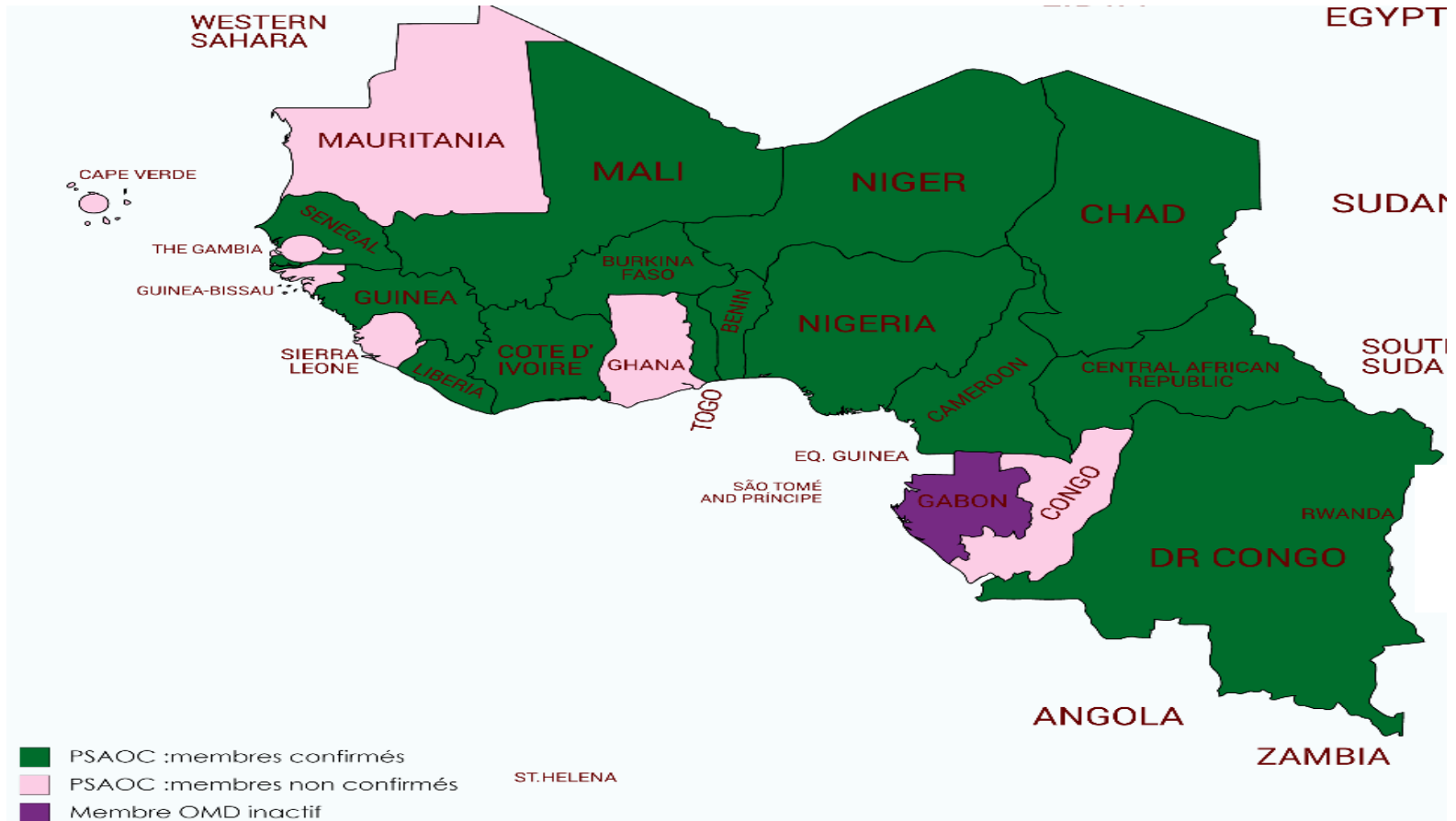


- **Primary Objective** - Combatting the trafficking of IED precursor chemicals and related components / **IED becomes terrorists' "weapon of choice"**
- **Secondary Objectives** - Promote and support the role of Customs in regional and national counter-terrorism initiatives. Facilitate partnerships.
  
- **Donor country:** Japan
- **Duration:** 2 years (June 2018-June 2020)
- **Management:** Project team in Brussels, in cooperation with the RILOs and the focal points designated by the participating countries.
- **Beneficiaries:** West and Central Africa

**15 (out of 23 invites) have confirmed their participation**



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# Achievements (from mid-2018 to mid-2019)



## 1. Strategy

- **Strengthen Customs**
  - Equipment - Call for tenders and contract management strategy
  - Training (in French and English) specifically tailored to the WCA region.
  
- **Facilitate and support awareness** activities to promote Customs' role among third parties (SDFs, private/public sector, various national and regional authorities)
  
- **Raise awareness among economic actors** (public-private) of the risks in relation to diversion of precursor chemicals and components of IED.
  
- Operational plan for **Operation 2020**.

## 2. Evaluation missions: an essential step to adapt the Project to regional realities.



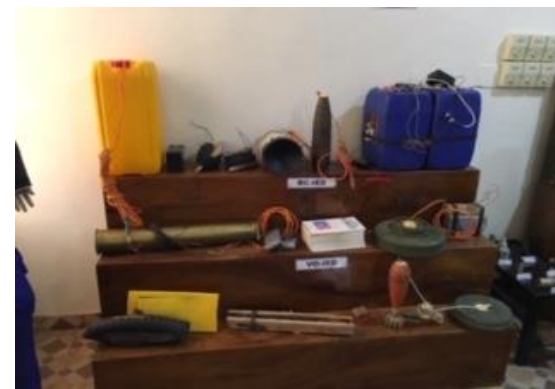
# Achievements in 2019



## 2. Capacity building: Trainer the trainers



- a) Two sessions: 10-21 June/19-31 August 2019, CPADD Ouidah (Benin)
- b) 37 representatives from 15 countries (including WCA RILOs) trained
- c) Deployment of national trainings (ongoing)





# Achievements in 2019



## 3. Co-sponsorship of the WCO WCA Customs and development partners Conference

*"SMART Border Challenges and Opportunities in the WCA Region"  
(16-18 Oct 2019, Niamey, Niger).*



## 4. WCO Security Conference

- Brussels, 11-12 December 2019
- Particular focus on Africa
- Security challenges: experience sharing and best practices





# Ongoing achievements (2019-2020)



## 1. Capacity Building: Equipment

Spectrometers



nCEN Deployment



Global Shield pocket guides  
(awareness raising)



Field testing equipment (detection and analysis of precursor chemicals)





# Final stage (by mid-2020)



## 5. Operation 2020

- a) Pre-operational seminar
- b) Enhanced Control Phase
- c) Evaluation
- d) Feedback







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**Thank you for your attention**

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