Support for the Martin Luther Agwai International Leadership and Peacekeeping Centre



# FACTSHEET

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KEY PARTNERS: GTAG, POTI, BMATT, UNFPA, UNDP

#### OBJECTIVES

The project aims to build the capacity of MLAILPKC to research into the root causes of maritime insecurity in the Gulf of Guinea, make recommendations on appropriate responses; design appropriate plans and strategies to curb the menace; build MLAILPKC capacity on counter-piracy and facilitation; develop curriculum on counter-piracy; and run courses on anti-piracy programme.

### **PROJECT OUTPUTS**

**Output 1:** Capacity of the Centre to reduce the influence of piracy in the Gulf of Guinea achieved.

### **CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS**

The project will contribute to SDG 16.





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## **DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES**

Violent conflicts in many countries of the world and particularly in Africa have continued to increase both in complexities and numbers.

This violence, which is mostly due to lack of good governance, political wrangling, inequality, citizens' agitation for quality life and inability to access essential services of life, has resulted in political instability, wanton destruction of lives and property, mass displacement of the civil population and destruction of key development infrastructures.

Often, citizens vent their displeasure through violent extremism, radicalization, and violent mass protests. illicit acts include kidnappings, cattle rustling, armed robbery, and piracy.

Piracy and maritime crimes in the Gulf of Guinea, especially in Nigeria waters, have been phenomena causing damages to government and private investments, as well as, hampering the economy. The rate of piracy and criminalities in the Gulf of Guinea have been increasing over the years with most of the maritime crimes happening in Nigeria waters.