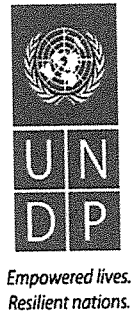
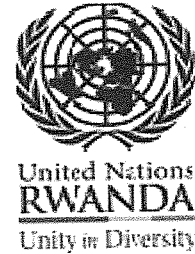




**Minutes of the LPAC of the project  
“Strengthening the Capacities of the Rwanda  
Peace Academy”**



**Venue:** Conference Room, MINADEF  
**Date:** 26/02/2019  
**Time:** 10.30 AM  
**Chair:** Col. Jill Rutaremara, Director of RPA  
**Co-Chair:** Mr. Stephen Rodriques, UNDP Resident Representative

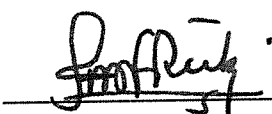
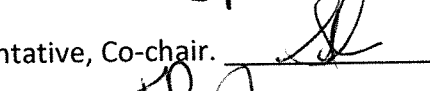
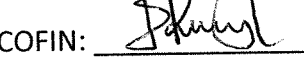
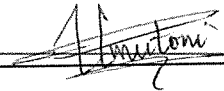
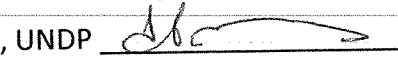


<b>Agenda:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by the Co-Chairs</li> <li>• Presentation of the Project: Strengthening the capacities of the Rwanda Peace Academy</li> <li>• Presentation of Social and Environmental Screening</li> <li>• Feedback from participants and adoption of the project document</li> <li>• Closing remarks</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda points</b>	<b>Key points</b>
<b>1. Introduction by Co-Chairs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Director of RPA and co-chair of the meeting welcomed participants on behalf of the Ministry of Defense Permanent Secretary and commended the good partnership between the Embassy of Japan in Rwanda, the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of finance and Economic Planning and UNDP in supporting the RPA projects. The Support received helped to implement the RPA mandate in terms of peace building of security forces and support peace support missions around the world.</li> <li>✓ The Representative of the Embassy of Japan, Mr. Akira YOSANO reiterated the Japanese Government’s commitment to the realization of peace and stability in Africa and informed participants that the Government of Japan (GoJ) has approved the support to 5 countries including Rwanda. He reiterated the continued partnership with RPA for the training in peace support operations personnel. He recalled the upcoming official launch of the new project on 19 March during which a Japanese Professor will offer a lecture to RPA trainees.</li> <li>✓ In his welcoming remarks, Mr. Stephen Rodriques, UNDP Resident Representative commended the good fruitful partnership with the Rwanda Peace Academy, the Ministry of Defense and the Government of Japan since 2008. He commended the leadership of the Government in the elaboration of the project document and the contributions of the embassy of Japan in the design of the project. He appreciated the quality of the project document and emphasized on its</li> </ul>

	<p>alignment with national priorities. He invited the participants to assess the document and provide any critical comment for improvement.</p>
<p><b>2. Presentation of the Project document</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The presentation of the Project Document highlighted the main development challenges to be addressed by the project under 3 project outputs: Limited capacities in conflict prevention and peace building; absence of a gender strategy for RPA, limited number of women participating in peace support operations and limited knowledge of the role of women in peace building. The RPA research capacity is also limited with lack of adequate research tools and equipment (books, computers, etc) and limited access to online resources.</li> <li>✓ The project is in line with global, regional and national frameworks and priorities including: SDGs (5 and 16); UNDP Strategic plan 2018-2021; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aspiration of Agenda 2063: An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law; the Vision 2020/2050 of Rwanda and the National Strategy for Transformation (NT)</li> <li>✓ The project strategy hinges on three outputs: Capacities of regional and national actors in conflict prevention, conflict management and peacebuilding enhanced; Rwanda Peace Academy's research capacity enhanced; Gender parity and women empowerment in peacebuilding promoted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key expected results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fully prepared roster of trained security and civilian personnel, who are ready to be deployed to peace support mission any time and upon request.</li> <li>✓ More women will join the roster of well-trained personnel.</li> <li>✓ RPA trainees have easy access to online resources and to newly published books on peace building and conflict management.</li> <li>✓ RPA has reliable data on the role of women in peace building – This will help in further strengthening the role of women in peace building in Rwanda and elsewhere in the region.</li> <li>✓ A platform for exchange on peace building and conflict prevention is established</li> </ul> <p>After the presentation of the project document, the participants reviewed the Social and Environment Screening (SES): after the review of all SES indicators, it has been concluded that the project mainstream gender and human rights and environment sustainability.</p>
<p><b>3. Feedback from participants and adoption of the project document</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ About the frequency of Project Steering Committee meetings, the meeting suggested to have 2 meetings per year and as ad hoc meetings when deemed necessary.</li> <li>✓ The meeting recommended to include NURC in future steering committee meetings considering their mandate in peace building.</li> <li>✓ Gender equality has a particular output to overcome the gap in female presence in peace keeping missions and also as a clear</li> </ul>

	<p>statement of intent to put forward the common engagement on gender equality and women empowerment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It was suggested to remove the outcome indicator on social cohesion as it is not a direct contribution from the project. Under the same outcome, it was suggested to add baselines and targets for both RNP and RDF.</li> <li>✓ It was suggested to add an indicator under the research outcome to measure the impact of research.</li> <li>✓ The meeting recommended extend partnerships for some activities: NURC for the Regional conference of peace building, RNP especially KICD and GMO for the research on the role of women in peace building.</li> </ul> <p><b>The participants recommended to adopt the Project Document “Strengthening the capacities of the Rwanda Peace Academy” after incorporating the meeting suggestions.</b></p>
4. Closing remarks	In closing the LPAC meeting remarks, the Chair of the LPAC thanked participants for their contributions and asked the technical team to share the revised document together with the LPAC minutes for signature by Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**Signatures by participants to the LPAC:**

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4. Mr. Akira YOSANO, Development Cooperation Officer, Embassy of Japan: 與謝野 暁
5. Ms. Takako TSUKAGOSHI, Researcher/Advisor, Embassy of Japan: 塚越 貴子
6. Ms. Nadine Rugwe, Head of Governance, UNDP 
7. Mr. Jean de Dieu Kayiranga, Programme Analyst, UNDP 
8. Ms Eugenie Musabyeyezu, Programme Associate, UNDP 
9. Capt. Kavuste Donat, Admin. & finance Officer, RPA 
10. Joy Tumwebaze, IT Officer, RPA Joy