

**Joint News Release**

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**RENAULT TRUCKS, WFP AND PARTNERS BRING first-of-its-kind Transport Training Centre to West Africa**

Renault Trucks is partnering with other global corporations and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to build a world-class Transport Training Centre in Accra, Ghana, aimed at enhancing transport and logistics capacities across West Africa. The centre will inject new expertise into local transport markets, equipping them to deliver life-saving goods like food and medicine more efficiently throughout the region.

Bringing together other leading players in the sector, such as Carrier Global Corporation and Toyota Tsusho, the Government of Ghana and WFP will set up a first-of-its-kind centre which will offer free online and hands-on training to up to 400 people per year. Training will be provided on best practices in road transport, fleet management and the safe transport of temperature-sensitive commodities. Trainees will include staff from humanitarian organizations, governments and the local private sector.

“Over the last couple of years, we’ve seen how important strong and resilient supply chains are – and this training centre is a critical step towards building stronger supply chains in West Africa,” said Alex Marianelli, WFP’s Director of Supply Chain. “WFP has a long history in West Africa and we’re excited to share our knowledge and experience and – through our partners – provide access to the latest knowledge from leading experts.”

Increased local capacities and expertise in supply chain will, in turn, support WFP’s emergency and resilience-building operations in vulnerable communities across West Africa.

Construction of the centre is expected to commence later this year with the financial support of the Government of Japan, on land donated by the Government of Ghana as part of the existing WFP United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot operations.

Through the centre, partners and stakeholders aim to address the challenges hindering the development of the transport sector across West Africa, including lack of training opportunities and limited technical know-how.

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The **United Nations World Food Programme** is the world’s largest humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impact of climate change. Follow WFP on Twitter @WFP, @WFPLogistics, @WFP\_WAfrica, and @wfp\_media.

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**Renault Trucks** is a world leader in transport solutions committed to providing a fossil-free offering by 2040, aiming to transform half of its sales into fully electric by 2030 and continually increase products’ lifespan through preventive maintenance and a well-programmed second life. For more information, visit renault-trucks.com or https://www.linkedin.com/company/renault-trucks.

**Toyota Tsusho Corporation**, a trading arm of the Toyota Group established in 1948, took over the business of Toyota’s sales and marketing operations for the African market in 2019 and manages a business network spanning the entire continent. For more information, visit <https://www.toyota-tsusho.com/english/>.

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