

**Commitment Capability and Nigeria's Strategic Interest
in West Africa: Lessons for Statesmen**

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ABSTRACT A state's commitment and strategic interest must necessarily be commensurate to its capability. It is inadequate to embrace grandiose foreign objectives without a formidable military and prosecution ability. It is within the vortex of this strategic logic that Nigeria's strategic interest in West Africa is examined. This paper however concludes that while it is correct to pursue the same in the sub-region, its capability is questioned.