



Studio Contra is an architectural, urban and interior design practice based in Lagos, Nigeria.

Committed to the delivery of innovative and thoughtful architecture, we work within West Africa, as well as in collaboration with practices in other parts of the world, bringing a contemporary African interpretation to challenging briefs and new contexts.

We believe that for a project to have a lasting impact, three elements must be respected: concept, culture and craft. All three link to human-centred design and long-term value creation in the built environment.

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## ***UNDP Anambra Makerspace: A New Hub for Innovation in Nigeria***

Studio Contra has been commissioned by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to design the Anambra Makerspace in Awka, a landmark project that reimagines how spaces for learning and innovation are conceived in Africa.

Housed within the historic Kenneth Dike Library, the Makerspace is envisioned as a modern environment where knowledge, creativity, and technology converge. Our design transforms the library into a dynamic hub, supporting young people, entrepreneurs, and researchers with facilities that encourage both collaboration and hands-on making.

The project includes:

- Wood and Metal Workshop
- Rapid Prototyping and 3D Printing Labs
- Robotics and Electronics Labs
- Library Extension- Local Archive, State Library, and Children's Learning Centre
- Textile and Shoe Manufacturing Workshops
- Pitch Garage and Event Spaces for Investor-Focused Exhibitions
- Multipurpose Auditorium for Events
- Offices and General Amenities

Currently at the tender stage, the Makerspace reflects Studio Contra's commitment to creating architecture that is both context-driven and future-oriented. Beyond the physical design, the project represents a broader vision: using architecture as a tool for economic empowerment, innovation, and cultural growth in Africa.

At Studio Contra, we believe that architecture is not only about buildings but about shaping environments where ideas can grow, and futures can be built. The UNDP Anambra Makerspace stands as a testament to this philosophy.

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**QUANTITY SURVEYOR**  
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**STATUS**  
Tender Stage