



**The periodic consultation between MoFA and NGOs on TICAD
and
Public-Private Partnership Meeting for New Africa-Japan Relationship**

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The 4th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) will be held on 28-30th May in 2008, co-organised by the Japanese government, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the UN (OSSA), and the World Bank. TICAD has taken place every five years since 1993, and this year, when the 4th conference is to be held, is designated as “Japan-Africa exchange year” for further promote exchanges between Japan and Africa.

As widely acknowledged, Africa does not have very a strong tie with Japan. There have been limited volumes of exchanges between Africa and Japan, which resulted in the fact that only 10% of Japanese aid has been disbursed for Africa. However, a great opportunity that may happen once in a decade is coming when TICAD IV and G8 are held in the same year, and the main topic of G8 Summit includes African development. Concern to Africa has already been mounting in Japan but not enough to be shared by the ordinary people in spite of various efforts to promote understanding about the current situation and problems facing Africa.

Japanese NGOs have been raising awareness on Africa from the grassroots point of view for long years and longed to play a major role in “Japan-Africa exchange year” together with civil society agencies and private actors. For these reasons, they made the proposal for the opening of Public-Private Partnership Meeting for New Africa-Japan Relationship through the periodic consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) and NGO network for TICAD.

In particular, we would like to propose that the 7th periodic consultation meeting between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) and the NGO network on TICAD to turn itself to a forum where diverse stakeholders involved in Africa can get together in Japan. We expect to have a talk not about the short-term but about the long-term measures to accelerate Africa-Japan exchange utilizing the occasion the coming TICAD IV.

【OBJECTIVES】

To create the arena where various actors committing Africa can get together, talk about the measures to promote the exchange between Japan and Africa and contribute to the Action Plan the TICAD IV finalises.

【SCHEDULE】

- Time/Day: **13:30-16:30, Wednesday 7th May, 2008**
13:30-14:30 The Periodic Consultation between MoFA and NGOs
14:45-16:30 Public-Private Partnership Meeting for New Africa-Japan Relationship
- Place: **Kensei-kinen-kan (First Conference Room)**
- Participants: Government (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the other Africa-related Ministries especially the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the Ministry of Home Affairs), Africa Diplomacy Corps (ADC), NGOs, Private Companies, Local Governments, Higher Education Institutions, Media and those concerned with Africa
- Organiser: TICAD IV・NGO Network (TNnet)
- Sponsor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Africa Diplomatic Corps. (ADC)
- Language: Translation (Japanese and English)
- Corporation: International Communication Course, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

PROGRAMME:

- * **Part 1: The 7th periodical consultation between the MoFA and NGOs on TICAD (TNnet), 13:30-14:30** *The participants in Part 2 can join as observers.
- * **Part 2 : Public-Private Partnership Meeting for New Africa-Japan Relationship 14:45-16:30** Theme: “Challenges and Future to Promote the Exchange between Africa and Japan ”

Chairperson: Prof. Ryokichi Hirono, Seikei University, Professor Emeritus

Part 1			The 7th periodical consultation between the MoFA and NGOs on TICAD Hosts: TIVAD IV • NGO Network (TNnet) and MoFA Participants: MoFA and NGOs Observers : African Diplomatic Corps (ADC), International Agencies, JICA, JBIC, Media
13:30-14:30	① Report on the TICAD IV Ministerial Preparatory Conference in Gabon ② NGO Participation to the TICAD IV ③ Follow-up Mechanism of the TICAD IV - Visionary-relationship to Hokkaido Toyako Summit - TICAD Follow –up Mechanism	Participants: TNnet, MoFA Observer: ADC (Africa Diplomatic Corps), International Institutions, etc.	
Break Time (14:30-14:45) *On air: study tour in Tanzania of Prof. AOKI Sumio’s seminar in Chubu University			
Part 2			Public-Private Partnership Meeting for New Africa-Japan Relationship Theme:“Challenges and Future to Promote the Exchange between Africa and Japan ” Cooperation: International Communication Course, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
14:45-14:50	Explanation of Aim	TICAD IV • NGO Network (TNnet)	
14:50-15:00	Opening Speech	Introduction of approach by the MoFA from an official of the Foreign Ministry’s Africa bureau, H.E. Mr. Masato Kitera Introduction of approach by the ADC (African Diplomatic Corps.) from ADC Vice-Dean, Ambassador, Embassy of the Gabonese Republic in Japan, H.E. Mr. Jean Christian OBAME	
15:00-15:55	Case studies of exchange between Africa and Japan in various fields -learn from previous cases-		
(1) Attempts by Local Governments	Presentation (5 mins)	Mr. Kozo Hayashishita, Manager, City of Yokohama, 150 th Anniversary of the Port Opening and Creative City Headquarters	
	Comment (3 mins)	Mr. Kiyoshi Fujii, Manager of International Cooperation Division Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)	
(2)Attempts by Educational Institutions	Presentation (5 mins)	Ms. Naomi Kato, Teacher, Yokohama city-run Daimon primary school	
	Presentation (8 mins)	Prof. Yukino Iwai, Waseda University (Haruka Endo, Yumino Sato, Katsufumi Yagi)	
	Presentation (5 mins)	Ms. Asami Kawamoto, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies / PELUM Uganda Intern, (Rep. Ms. Aya Sakakibara)	
	Comment (5 mins)	Mr. Atsushi Umezawa, Director, Office for International Cooperation International Affairs Division, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	
(3)Attempts by Companies	Presentation (5 mins)	Ms. Kyoko Kamita, Sales Representative, DOSOSHIN Inc.	
	Presentation (5 mins)	Mr. Hidekazu Hosokawa, Director, Lee Japan Co., Ltd	
(4)Attempts by Entertainment Companies	Presentation (3 mins)	Mr. Takashi Asai, President UPLINK Co.	
	Presentation (5 mins)	Ms. Masako Tsuchiya, Representative FAN3-fansaba-	
	Presentation (5 mins)	Mr. Motoi Kusaka, Chief Editor The International Development Journal Co., Ltd.	
15:55-16:05	Q&A		
16:05-16:24	Open Discussion “Challenges and Countermeasures to enhance the exchange between Africa and Japan”		
16:24-16:27	Overview (Mr. Minoru Obayashi, TIVAD IV • NGO Network)		
16:27-16:30	Closing Speech	Mr.Gustave Assah , Civic Commission for Africa	