

The Details Concerning the Participation of NGOs to the Main Meetings of TICAD IV

As of May 19, 2008

[Facts]

The number of the NGO members whose ID have been registered now: 85

1. **The number of Japanese NGO members: 63** (Nominated by TNnet)
2. **The number of African NGOs: 10 Organizations/ 10 members** (*Invited by TICAD Co-Organisers/ Travel expenses provided/ Nominated by TNnet)
The number of African NGOs (Private Expenses): 4 Organisations/ 5 members (Nominated and invited through Japanese Embassies/ By their own expenses)
3. **The number of International NGOs: 7** (Invited by the Organiser/ Private Expenses/ 5 Organisations were nominated by TNnet, 1 Organisation was nominated by Japanese Embassy)

[Message from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 16th May]

The message about the number of the access pass to be provided to all members of the Japanese/Overseas NGOs (84 members in total) will only be 3 pass.

In the evening of 16th May, an NGO official of MoFA made a telephone call to TNnet secretariat informing that they can only provide 3 access pass to the venue of plenary meetings and 2 pass for each working group (2 pass X 4).

[Details Concerning the Participation of NGOs and the Registration of Access Pass]

14th Sept 2007	Appeals addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs submitted Appeals on the participation of civil society to the TICAD process.
30th Jan 2008	Mr. Obayashi, President of TCSF and Ms. Funada, Vice-President of TCSF, visited MoFA Confirmed the number of access pass for NGOs with Mr. Okada, Director of 2nd Africa Division, and Mr. Hiroki, the counselor. It was confirmed that there is a possibility to reduce the number of the access pass for Japanese NGOs, compared to the last TICAD, though all the African and International NGOs will be able to participate since the invitation will be sent to them.
13th Feb 2008	Appeals delivered by hand to Mr. Masato Kidera, the Director-General for African Affairs TNnet gave a courtesy call to newly appointed Mr. Masato Kidera, the Director-General for African Affairs, and delivered the appeals on “the participation of civil society to TICAD”. The request was appealed that “since Mr. Otabe, the former Director-General for African Affairs and Mr. Megata, the former Director-General for African Affairs have promised that the participation of civil society will not be pushed back than the former TICAD, we would like their successor, Director-General Mr. Kidera to take over this stance”. On this occasion, in response to the request, it was mentioned that “we understand very well on the importance of civil societies and we would like to take this issue into consideration as much as possible”.
5th March	Received the request paper from MoFA TNnet received the request paper on coordination of the participants. On this paper, it was written “the access pass for Japanese NGOs”, “Nomination of African NGOs”, and “Nomination of International NGOs” which are clearly separated. It refers that “the number of access pass of the Japanese NGOs for TICAD III was 10” and the issue of the access pass was only mentioned concerning Japanese NGOs.
March - April	Dialogue between administrative staffs 1. Although TNnet tried to confirm on the numbers of the access pass for Japanese NGOs/ the accepted numbers of participants, there was no reply concerning the numbers. 2. TNnet questioned whether the number of invitation for African NGOs (with the provision of travel expenses by the Co-Organisers) and the number of access pass will be equal, there reply to the question was “yes”.
7th May	The Seventh Regular Meeting The Director-General Mr. Kidera referred that, in response to the joint meetings with Nonpartisan members of the parliament held on 28 th April, since many of the civil society’s recommendations are reasonable and fair, they are coordinating to go with

	the recommendations.
16th May	<p>Meetings on Administrative Level (10AM – 12 PM) On 13th May, MoFA made telephone call to request for “the discussion and sharing of NGO concerned logistics in TICAD” and the administrative level meeting was held. 2 members of TNnet secretariat (Ms.Nishioka, TCSF director, and Ms. Yamada, TCSF staff from TNnet secretariat) and 3 NGO officials of MoFA (Mr. Aoyama/Mr. Yasunaga from Non-Governmental Organizations Cooperation Division, and Mr. Kuribayashi from 2nd Africa Division) have gathered at the office of TNnet secretariat. Since we have told them that “We, TNnet, have already been coordinating the rotation of the participation to the main meetings and working group sessions by considering the number of the access pass to be provided will be 10 (according to the word that it will not be “pushed back” compared to the former TICAD), and we would like you to let us know about the final number of the access pass as soon as possible.” the response was that “the number of the pass will be much less than 10”.</p> <p>On this occasion, nothing was explained concerning that the number of the pass for Japanese and Overseas NGOs will be considered together. (NO explanation was given before)</p> <p>*The “Overseas NGOs” in this case was the NGOs that are listed on “the list of Overseas NGOs” brought by MoFA. The African/International NGOs including both nominees by TNnet, MoFA and Japanese Embassies was listed on the paper.</p>
Later on the same day	<p>NGO official Mr. Aoyama from MoFA has made telephone call. (evening) The message from Mr. Aoyama was that “the number of the access pass was decided. 3 pass will be provided for the plenary sessions and 8 pass will be provided for the working group sessions, this number includes the pass for the Overseas NGOs.” TNnet secretariat questioned whether “the 3 pass will be provided to all the Japanese NGOs”. In response, they mentioned that “this includes domestic and overseas NGOs”. (*It was confirmed at the meeting in the morning of this day that the Overseas NGOs in this case refers to 2. and 3. of the above groups on this paper. The list was also provided from MoFA)</p> <p>TNnet secretariat pointed out that “in TICAD III, all the overseas NGO members were accepted to the meetings”. They explained that “since the capacity of the venue is limited, the number of the people can not be increased whether we wanted to or not”.</p> <p>TNnet secretariat told that “We were only informed of this matter as a “matter-of-fact” and have “NOT OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED” the matter. We will inform the Steering Committee on this matter”.</p>

[Attachment (Referenced)]

Attachment 1: “The Appeals concerning the Participation of Civil Societies to the Forth Tokyo International Conferences on African Development (TICAD IV)”

Attachment 2: Request Paper from MoFA “Concerning the Participation to TICAD IV Main Meetings”