



- Dialogue with Civil Societies for African Development-
The power of the “Min” that moves Africa
~Shifting the gear to TICAD in the new era~

Situations surrounding African development are now changing drastically. Tremendous degree of economic growth can be seen in many African countries thanks to the rising prices of resources and other various efforts. This resulted in increasing requests from around the world for setting up “forums” with African heads of states. At the same time, however, situations surrounding African people do not allow any optimism, as they are exposed to threats such as growing degree of negative impacts of natural disasters as floods and droughts caused by abnormal climate, rising prices of food, stagnation of decrease of poverty population, and violent clashes triggered by elections, etc.

Having realised these situations of Africa and the world, over 100 African NGOs and Japanese NGO coalition “TICAD IV-NGO Network (TNnet)” has created a set of recommendations in a form of “Voices 2008 : Recommendations from African and Japanese Civil Society to TICAD IV”. In the first part of the session, based on the “Voices”, African civil society brings up proposals on topics such as economic growth, MDGs, food crisis, climate change, and democratisation, so that TICAD IV can make a genuine contribution to end poverty. We hope to have active discussion with TICAD co-organisers, African Union (AU), current and former presidents and incumbent ministers of African countries.

In the second part of the session, the role of “Min,” or private and civil society sector, whose importance as actors in African development has attracted more and more attentions recently, will be discussed with participants. TICAD IV puts emphasis on the cooperation between “Kan (public)” and “Min (private)” ; yet “Min” should not only mean big business enterprises but also the civil society sector, since the original meaning of Japanese word “Min” is “people.” The growing interests in “Min” is a sign of the fact that people themselves are now beginning to play a role to change African development. For example, it is well known that the movement started by people living with HIV/AIDS, who stood up, changed other people’ s perspectives, influenced health policies, greatly contributed to societies, has impressed and encouraged people around the world. The power of “Min” is transforming the actors, methods, and trends of African development and its cooperation. In the last part of the session, we will discuss how TICAD should be changed in the context of this new era with new innovations and trends, which will be concluded with a proposal for future TICAD.

Date & Time: May 28, 2008 (Wed.) 14:00-17:00

Venue: Rm501, Yokohama Pacifico (TICAD IV Conference Hall)

Organiser: TICAD IV・NGO Network (TNnet) *Coalition of 43 Japanese NGOs working in Africa

Language: English

Participants: TICAD IV participants, private collaborator of Africa, celebrities, media persons, NGOs, and UN representatives (intake: about 120 persons)



Time	Theme	Speakers	
14:00-14:05	Opening Speech	Representatives from African and Japanese civil society	H.E.Mr. Yasushi KUROKOCHI, Chair of TICAD I Mr. Gustave ASSAH, Chair of Civic Commission for Africa (C-CfA)
14:05-14:30	Issue Raising Voices from African and Japanese civil societies Mr. Rotimi SANKORE, Africa Public Health Rights Alliance Ms. Anne MAINA, PELUM Association Mr. Vasu GOUNDEN, ACCORD		
Panel Discussions Facilitators: Mr. Vasu GOUNDEN, Executive Secretary of ACCORD Dr. Sayaka FUNADA CLASSEN, TICAD IV-NGO Network			
14:30-15:30	Response from TICAD IV co-organisers and participants	Former President of the Republic of Mozambique Director, Operations and Strategy, Office of the Vice President, African Region, World Bank Director, Civil Society Organization Division, UNDP Deputy Director General, MOFA, Japanese Government Journalist 2008 Japan G8 Summit NGO Forum Others (AU, African Ministers)	H.E. Mr. Joaquim CHISSANO Bono Mr. Hartwig SCHAFER Mr. Thierno KANE Mr. Shigeyuki HIROKI Mr. Jin MATSUMOTO Ms. Sumie ISHII Under coordination
15:30-15:45	Break		
Open Discussions ~Shifting the gear to TICAD in the new era ~ Issue Raising by African Civil Society			
15:45-16:45	The President of Republic of Benin, H.E. Mr. Boni YAYI "The importance of participation of civil society and people concerned" Results International Mr. Zulu WINSTONE (Kara Counselling and Training Trust)		
16:45-16:55	Wrap-up	Japanese Civil Society	Prof. Minoru OBAYASHI, TICAD IV-NGO Network
16:55-17:00	Closing remarks	African Artist	Ms. Yvonne CHAKACHAKA Goodwill Ambassador of Roll Back Malaria