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Gearing up for Civil Society Session at TICAD IV

After a period of tension over the issue of the access to the official programs of TICAD, the civil society organisations from Africa and Japan are gearing up for a session at the 4th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV).

The program includes the proposal from the civil society on TICAD's role for the achievement of the MDGs, the panel discussion on the proposal, and the open discussion on the role of TICAD in the changing global development scene. H.E. Mr. Boni YAYI, the President of Republic of Benin, H.E. Mr. Joaquim CHISSANO, the Former President of the Republic of Mozambique, and Bono (U2). (for programme, please visit TNnet website: <http://www.ticad-csf.net/TNnet>)

The civil society members expect to have positive and lively discussion with about 120 participants from TICAD co-organizers, government, UN and other donor representatives, private sector, and celebrities.

■ TICAD IV Official Program: Civil Society's Session ■

Date and Time : Wednesday, 28 May 2008 (Wed), 14:00~17:00 (GMT +9:00)

Venue : Rm 501, Pacifico Yokohama (TICAD IV Conferencie Hall)

Organizer: TICAD IV • NGO Network (TNnet)

Language: English

Internet broadcast: The whole program will be broadcasted live on internet through

OurPlanet-TV <http://www.ourplanet-tv.org/>

What is TICAD IV • NGO Network(TNnet) ? : A network consists of 43 Japanese NGOs which concern African issues. It was established to promote networking among Japanese NGOs ahead of the TICAD IV. Its main mission is to consolidate the voices of civil society towards TICAD IV and to advocate TICAD to reflect the voices of civil society in its policy outcome.
http://www.ticad-csf.net/TNnet/e_index.html

African NGO invited to TICAD IV (Recommendation from TNnet) : Dr. Cheick Tidaiane TALL (African Council of AIDS Service Organizations (AfriCASO) , African Civil Society Coalition on HIV/AIDS (Senegal)) / Mr. Rotimi SANKORE (Africa Public Health Rights Alliance (Nigeria) / Ms. Lucy CHESIRE (Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO))(Kenya) / Mr. Alexander PHIRI (The Southern Africa Federation of the Disabled (Zimbabwe)) / Mr. Gustave ASSAH (Civic Commission for Africa / Social Watch Benin (Benin)) / Ms. Fridah MUGO (G-CAP Kenya "Jukwa la Kupinga Umaskini")(Kenya) / Ms. Anne MAINA (PELUM)(Zambia) / Ms. Nite TANZARN (International Forum for Rural Transport and Development Africa)(Uganda) / Ms. Rabia Abdelkrim CHIKH (ENDA TM) (Senegal) / Mr. Vasu GOUNDEN (ACCORD-African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes) (South Africa)
International NGO invited to TICAD IV (Recommendation from TNnet) : Mr. Katsuhiko TAKEDA (Care International)(Japan) / Ms. Susan Gumisayi Mbaya, (World Vision International)(Kenya) / Mr. Abani Paul Charles (Oxfam Great Britain) (UK) / Ms. Mie Takaki (Plan International)(Japan) / Dr. Emmanuel Felix Argo (Global Africa Diaspora Coalition(Africa Mundus)) (UK) / Mr. Winstone Zulu (RESULTS international) (Zambia)