



## TICAD IV - NGO network

TICAD IV - NGO network, or "TNnet" was established in March 2007 to call on TICAD to officially and actively involve civil society in the TICAD IV (May 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Yokohama) and its processes

### Goals of the TICAD IV - NGO network

**TICAD IV - NGO network (TNnet)** was established to promote **networking among Japanese NGOs** ahead of the **4th Tokyo**

**International Conference on African Development (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. TNnet holds periodical consultation meetings of member NGOs with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MoFA) which is one of the co-organisers of TICAD; organises symposiums and other various events with Japanese civil society; and meets with diplomatic representatives of African countries in Japan (African Diplomatic Corps: ADC) and other TICAD co-organisers. All of these activities are implemented under close cooperation with African civil society. Since its establishment, TNnet has grown to become a crucial interface between African and Japanese civil society/CSOs/NGOs. Now, TNnet not only transmits the voices of African civil society towards the Japanese public, but also provides information on TICAD to African civil society. TNnet's vision is to promote better and grassroots-reaching development assistance from Japan to Africa in the short run, and in the long run, to create a ground for an equal and mutually sustainable relationship between Japan and Africa.

We believe that the following three points are crucial for the success of TICAD

1. **Africa should have a true ownership at TICAD and African Development**
2. **Civil society organisations should participate in TICAD as equal partner**
3. **TICAD should be people-oriented**

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### TNnet Member Organisations

ASHINAGA, ADEO Japan, Community Action Development Organisation(CanDo), Africa Shumpei Kambe Fellowship, Africa Japan Forum, Africa Reconciliation Committee, Africa-Rikai Project, Association for Field Research information and Collaboration in Africa, Our Planet-TV, AIDS orphans support NGO•PLAS, NGO DOJYO, Ehime Global Network, Oxfam Japan, People to People Aid Japan, CARE International Japan, Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association, Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation, THE DAPAD FOUNDATION, Supa=Association of Support for people in West Africa, Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP), Committee for Assisting and Promoting Education of the Disabled in Sudan, Space Allies, TICAD Civil Society Forum, Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International(DPI-Japan), Association for Aid and Relief JAPAN, Japan Africa Friendship Association, Japan International Volunteer Center, Foster Parents Plan of Japan (Plan Japan), RESULT Japan, Japan Association of NGOs for Agriculture and Rural Development, The Baobab Association (The Baobab), HUNGER FREE WORLD, Peace Winds Japan, Peace Builders, FAN3 fan saba, HOT AFRICA, Hottokenai, Sekai no Mazushisa / Don't Let It Be: World Poverty/GCAP Japan, Action for greening Sahel, Japan Forum for Future Strategic Initiative(JFFSI), Yokohama NGO Network, World Clean Project, World Vision Japan, Wakachiai Project (43 NGOs)

## Past and future activities

In order to achieve above 3 points, TNnet has done and will do the following activities.

Aims	Activities	Outline & Outcomes
1. Africa should have a true ownership at TICAD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requesting that African civil society should be co-host of TICAD</li> <li>2. Organising symposiums/workshops for African and Japanese civil societies to create a proposals for TICAD, or <b>"Voices"</b>, from civic perspectives</li> <li>3. Sharing the civil society's proposition at TICAD regional preparatory meetings</li> <li>4. For TICAD IV Ministerial Meeting in Gabon (March 2008 )</li> <li>5. Sharing the civil society's proposals at TICAD IV plenary conference</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We submitted a proposal to Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, lobbied TICAD co-organisers, but their final decision was that it was not possible for TICAD IV.</li> <li>➤ <u>Sep./Oct. 2007</u>: African and Asian NGOs participated in the workshops organised by JICA (Sep. in Nairobi, Oct. in Tokyo) for promoting network between them and for creating proposals for TICAD. <b>"Voices of African and Japanese Civil Society"</b> were adopted there.</li> <li>➤ <u>Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2007</u>: held an international symposium titled "Rethinking African Development from the Point of View of Civil Society – What Can TICAD Do to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals", with support from TICAD co-organisers at UNU. 13 African NGOs and 250 participants attended. African development and ideals of TICAD from civic perspective were presented, along with the <b>"Voices"</b> (described above). It was covered by several newspapers.</li> <li>➤ <u>Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008</u>: held a workshop for Japanese NGOs "Past and future of TICAD process and civil society"</li> <li>➤ <u>May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008</u>: Organise "People's TICAD – Which Everyone can Participate" – with African NGOs, open widely to Japanese citizens. Civil society presents their proposals toward TICAD IV.</li> <li>➤ <u>Throughout 2007-2008</u>: TNnet actively pursued to include inputs from African civil society to finalise <b>"Voices"</b>. Through our workshops, the symposium, civil society sessions in Zambia and Tunisia, mailing-list of African CSOs, more than 100 African NGOs engaged in the finalising process.</li> <li>➤ <u>Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 2007</u>: Civil society session in TICAD Regional Preparatory Meeting in Zambia. <b>"Voices"</b> was updated with inputs from participants.</li> <li>➤ <u>Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2007</u>: Civil society session in TICAD Regional Preparatory Meeting in Tunisia. <b>"Voices"</b> was updated with inputs from participants.</li> <li>➤ <u>March 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2008</u>: Civil Society Session in TICAD Ministerial Preparatory Meeting in Gabon. Updated <b>"Voices"</b> was presented.</li> <li>➤ <u>May 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2008</u>: Civil Society Session in TICAD IV Plenary Meeting in Yokohama, Japan</li> </ul>
2. Civil society organisations should participate in TICAD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requesting that civil societies can attend the plenary as official participants</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> 2007</u>: We submitted a letter of request for TICAD organiser to then Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nobutaka Machimura.</li> </ul>
3. TICAD should be people-oriented	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organising "Periodic Consultations between MoFA and NGO on TICAD"</li> <li>2. Organising African campaign to Japanese public</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 6 consultations held so far: (2007) May 30<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>, December 21<sup>st</sup>, (2008) Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, Apr. (under coordination)</li> <li>➤ Through consultations, efforts for two above-noted points have been made continuously. Information sharing and exchanging opinions have been accelerated.</li> <li>➤ We has been facilitating discussion on "TICAD towards people" and assistance to Africa. (e.g. situations of development in Africa, accountability and Japanese aid policies, the necessity to recognise African NGOs as central players of development, the ideals of equal partnership with civil societies, etc.)</li> <li>➤ Participation in events of "2008 Africa-Japan Year". Especially utilisation of "African Festa". Participation in consultation meeting with MoFA side event coordination committee.</li> </ul>

## Details of some prominent achievements

- **Development of “Voices: Recommendations from African and Japanese Civil Society to TICAD IV”:** “Voices” is finalised by the active engagements and serious efforts of civil society both in Africa and in Japan. It is unique and remarkable in the history of TICAD to have seen such a tangible and powerful set of recommendations made by such vibrant coalitions of civil societies in Africa and Japan.

The outline of “Voices” was first drafted in Nairobi, Kenya in Sep. 2007, at a workshop (organised by JICA) with the participation of 13 African NGOs, 5 Asian NGOs (3 from Japan), 28 people from Kenyan NGOs, and 10 people from Japanese NGOs active in Kenya. The draft was then argued and consolidated into the style of “Voices” in Tokyo, Japan, in Oct.2007 at a workshop (organised by JICA) where 14 African NGOs, 1 Asian NGO, 58 people from Japanese NGOs actively participated.

The “Voices” was presented in front of more than 250 participants by the hands of African and Japanese NGOs at a symposium organised by TNnet in Oct.2007. It was then shared at the civil society session in TICAD Regional Preparatory Meeting in Zambia, in Oct. 2007, and was updated with inputs gained at the session. The updated version was disseminated at the civil society session in TICAD Regional Preparatory Meeting in Tunisia, in Nov. 2007, and was again updated with inputs from the session. Thereafter we have discussed with our African counterparts the contents of the “Voices” through frequent and active communications.

Now we are honoured to present the final version of “Voices” which was created through participation of more than 100 African NGOs and 35 TNnet member NGOs.

- **Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007: The Civil TICAD Symposium “Re-thinking African development from the point of view of Civil Society – What can TICAD do to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)”** (Organiser: TNnet / Co-organiser: UNDP) was held at UN House in Tokyo. MoFA, JICA, the World Bank, *the Mainichi Newspapers*, and *the Asahi Shimbun* (two of the most popular newspapers in Japan) supported this event.

H.E. Mr. Osamu UNO (Vice Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) gave an opening speech. The African and Japanese civil society organisations shared their “Voices” towards 2008 TICAD IV, and emphasized the importance of the role of civil society in African development and necessity of consolidating all the efforts to achieve MDGs. H.E. Mr. Ely Elikunda Elineema MTANGO (Dean of African Diplomatic Corps /Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania), H.E.Mr. Shuichiro MEGATA (then Director-General for African Affairs, MoFA), Ms. Marjon KAMARA (Director of Africa Bureau of UNHCR), Prof. Shuichi MURATA (Resident Representative, UNDP) gave positive comments to the proposals of the presentations by African and Japanese civil society. About 250 people participated in the symposium, and it was broadcasted world-widely by the Internet TV, Our Planet.

- **Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2007: at TICAD Regional Preparatory Meeting in Lusaka**, the African and Japanese civil society organisations (TNnet, PELUM Association and NGOCC) organised a civil society session as a side-event. 5 NGOs based in South-eastern region of Africa, 10 Zambian NGOs and 3 Japanese NGOs based in Zambia, and 2 NGOs from Japan participated in the TICAD meeting as observers. (\*The traveling cost of the 5 African NGOs and 1 representative of TNnet were supported by TICAD co-organisers.)

Mr. Joseph SSUUNA (Civic Commission for Africa/PELUM Association) shared the statement made during the session at the plenary of the TICAD Regional Preparatory Meeting, and welcomed by the chairperson, H.E. Mr. Nobutake ODANO, TICAD Co-organisers and participants of African governments. It was very first time for the civil society to organise such a session, and share its statement at the plenary in the 14 years of history of TICAD.

- **Nov.21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2007: at Civil society session in TICAD Regional Preparatory Meeting in Tunisia**, 4 organisations from North-Eastern / Central Africa, 1 from Tunisia, and 2 from TNnet attended the session. At a civil society session organised on the first day, NGO participants discussed the concrete ways to make civil society involvement in TICAD process tangible. In the outcome document, the specific recommendations were given in TICAD Watch Process which aims to follow up on outcome of the TICAD IV at grassroots level, and called up on TICAD IV to coordinate its efforts with the already existing plans of actions and regional mechanisms aimed at development in Africa.

In the final plenary, Mr. Gustave ASSAH (Civic Commission for Africa/Social Watch Benin) outlined the Voices and shared the outcome document of the civil society session. The chair of the session, Mr. ODANO felicitated the tireless efforts of civil society.

- **March 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>:** at **TICAD Ministerial Preparatory Meeting in Libreville, Gabon**, 6 civil society organisations from all over Africa, 3 organisations from Japan, and several Gabonese organisations participated to give inputs to the finally-revealed draft of the Yokohama Declaration, one of the outcome documents of TICAD IV. In lead-up to the official Ministerial meeting, the participating organisations along with over 20 organisations from Gabon's active civil society organised a preparatory meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and reviewed the "Voices" and other policy documents, and reaffirmed one strong voice for calling on TICAD to be 'impact-oriented' for the people in Africa. With the inputs from this preparatory meeting, the civil society analysed the draft Yokohama Declaration and gave critical comments to it; including strongly calling on TICAD to show its concrete commitment to achieving MDGs, responding to the negative impact of climate change in African continent, and promoting democratisation. Though the participants from civil society had not been accepted as official participants and the speech given at the plenary session delivered these important messages to the participants at the Ministerial meeting. The active role played by the civil society participants was covered by media, including NHK (national TV network in Japan), Asahi Shimbun, and other local and international media.
- **April 23<sup>rd</sup>, submitting Urgent Requests on Draft of Yokohama Declaration and Action Plan of TICAD IV:** Since drafts of "Yokohama Declaration" and "Action Plan" require some improvements, TNnet and 2008 G8 Summit NGO Forum submitted "Urgent Requests on Draft of Yokohama Declaration and Action Plan of TICAD IV" to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The crucial issues of "Draft of Yokohama Declaration" are eliminations of "Achieving MDGs" from its introductory part and "Democratisation" from its agenda; and the lack of acknowledgement on the importance of civil society participation. The Urgent Request addresses that these aspects are cornerstones of development for people in Africa and they should be covered by "Yokohama Declaration". In addition, under the assertion that these are indispensable issues for the realization of development for African people, more specific problems were pointed out and the improvement strategy were presented. The request on "Action Plan" presents specific improvement plan with clear goal of three focused area; Economic Growth; MDGs; and Climate Change.

#### Coming Schedule

- **May 25<sup>th</sup> 14:00-16:00 People's TICAD– TICAD which everyone can participate – at Kanagawa Kenmin Hall:** TNnet are organising People's TICAD on May 25<sup>th</sup> just before the TICAD IV. African NGO participating TICAD IV and TNnet member NGOs will present recommendation and TICAD co-organisers will make their comments. Furthermore, academics, artists and award winners of Africa Essay Contest will participate as the panellists and will discuss on the future of Africa with many people having interests in Africa.
- **May 28<sup>th</sup> 14:00-17:00 the Civil Society Session, Official Programme of TICAD IV at Pacifico Yokohama:** On the first day of the TICAD IV, May 28<sup>th</sup>, TNnet will organise the Civil Society Session at Pacifico Yokohama, the venue of TICAD IV. This session will contain presentation on the recommendation of African and TNnet member NGOs, dialogue with government and TICAD co-organisers, and speech from various actors related to Africa. TNnet aim to bring voices of civil society to the head of states and representatives of international organisations.

#### African & Asian counterparts

##### **African counterparts:**

- **Civic Commission for Africa (C-CfA)** Coalition of 21 African NGOs from 17 countries and 4 Actors.
  - **Benin:** Réseau Glegbenu de Social Watch Bénin, **Botswana:** Botswana Council of NGOs (BOCONGO), **Cameroon:** Association pour la défense des consommateurs (APDC), **Cote d'Ivoire:** Network Africa Asia (N2A), **Ethiopia:** Christian Relief and Development Association (CRDA), The Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices (IAC), **Ghana:** African Development Programme (ADP), **Kenya:** G-CAP Kenya, **Madagascar:** Youth Network on MDG, **Malawi:** Malawi Economic Justice Network (MEJN), **Mali:** Conseil de Concertation et d'Appui aux ONG (CCA-ORG), **Mauritius:** Mauritius Council of Social Service (MACOSS), **Mozambique:** G-20, **Nigeria:** Pro-Poor Governance Network, **Senegal:** Conseil des Organisations Non Gouvernementales d'Appui au Développement (CONGAD), Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et de Producteurs Agricoles de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA), **Sierra Leone:** Civil Society Alternative Process of Sierra Leone (CSAP-SL), **South Africa:** Treatment Action Campaign (TAC), **Tanzania:** MVIWATA, **Zambia:** PELUM Association, **Zimbabwe:** African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD).
    - \* Observer: **Uganda:** Hoima Environmental Project (HEP)
- **Participants in JICA workshops, Civil society sessions in TICAD regional/ministerial preparatory meetings, etc. (other than C-CfA members)**

- **Cameroon:** Federation D'Afrique Centrale des Associations des Personnes Handicapees & UNAPHAC (Union Nationale des Associations et Institutions de et pour personnes handicapées du Cameroun), **Ethiopia:** Gudina Tumsa Foundation (GTF), **Gabon:** Le Réseau Gabonais des personnes vivant avec le VIH/Sida, **Kenya:** Agha Khan Foundation, CARPA, Christian Partners for Development, Data National Planned Federation, Education for Life Institute, Impact Alliance, Institute of Management in Development, International Forum for Rural Transport and Development Africa, Kendren, Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (Kanco), Osienala, Oxfam GB, PELUM Kenya, The Greenbelt Movement, World Vision Africa Region, WIFIP **Madagascar:** Youth MDGs, Mauritius: MACOSS, **Mozambique:** Justica Ambiental, **Nigeria:** Africa Public Health Rights Alliance, **Rwanda:** Association Rwandaise des Travailleurs Chrétiens Section Feminins (ARTC-F), **Senegal:** African Civil Society Coalition on HIV/AIDS, ENDA-Energy, ENDA-TM, **South Africa:** ACCORD-African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes, **Tunisia:** Tunisian Mothers' Association (ATM), **Uganda:** International Forum for Rural Transport and Development Africa, **Zambia:** Kara Counselling and Training Trust, NGOCC, JCTR, SACCORD, Women for change, ZLA, **Zimbabwe:** Southern African Federation of Disabled Persons (SAFOD), NANGO, **Pan-Africa:** GCAP Africa, World Alliance for Citizen Participation (CIVICUS)

**Asian counterparts:**

- **Participants in JICA workshops:** **Bangladesh:** BURO Bangladesh, **the Philippines:** G-CAP Asia/ Social Watch Philippines