



World Social Forum 2007 in Nairobi

**Workshop: "Creating Effective Partnership between African & Japanese Civil Society for Improving Aid toward TICADIV & G8 Summit in Japan 2008"**

**Date: January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007**

**Time & Venue: Please give us a call: 0728-913-873**

**Organiser: TICAD Civil Society Forum JAPAN(TCSF)**

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**Aims of the Workshop**

2008 will be a critical year for the African development since we have a rare opportunity of having both 4<sup>th</sup> TICAD and G8 Summit in one year. Opportunity seldom knocks twice. Therefore it is highly important for the African NGOs to grasp this momentum and utilize this occasion in order to draw international commitment for Africa. For that purpose, this workshop intends:

- 1. To discuss possible cooperation between Japanese, African and International NGOs for 2008.**
- 2. To disseminate information about the international arena to be created in 2008 in Japan and concept of "Civic Commission for Africa" (C-CfA).**
- 3. To share our experiences of cooperation between Civil Societies of the North (Japan) and the South (Africa). Featuring cooperation on monitoring of the Japanese ODA projects and on making suggestions to improve ODA.**

**Why is TCSF eligible as an organiser?**

TICAD Civil Society Forum (TCSF) is a Japanese non-governmental organisation that was established to bring the voice of the African civil society to Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), which has been held every 5 years in Tokyo. Our purpose is to propose recommendations in favour of **more pro-poor/civic-oriented Japanese aid policies on Africa**.

Since its establishment, TCSF has served as an active centre of exchanging views between various people of Japan, Africa and others who are interested in Japan's policies on and achievements of the African development. One of its remarkable characteristics is its close linkages with African partner NGOs especially those in Senegal, Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi and Mali, which was consolidated into a review of Japan's aid policies toward Africa ("Citizen's White Paper"). Moreover, TCSF succeeded in developing a network of civil society organisations not only in Japan but also in African and Asian countries. (see overleaf for details)

**Programme**

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Agenda	Details
<b>International Arena in Japan in 2008</b>	What is going to happen? How can we utilize this occasion for Civic Advocacy?
<b>Sharing the Experiences of Cooperation between Japanese and African NGOs</b>	Introduction of Citizens' White Paper: - Characteristics of Japan's ODA to Africa - Problems from Civic Point of View
	Evaluation of the Japanese ODA by African NGOs
	Comments from African and Japanese NGOs / Q&A
<b>Discussion for Effective Cooperation for 2008</b>	Brainstorming: "What can Japanese and African NGOs do toward 2008?"
	Introduction of the Concept of "Civic Commission for Africa"
	Discussion
<b>Networking</b>	Networking for the future

*Be together, be strong – toward 2008*



