

TICAD SUMMIT: A FORUM TO DISCUSS AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT



TICAD stands for Tokyo International Conference on African Development. TICAD is the flagship of Japan's diplomacy towards Africa since 1993 and has promoted Africa's development in partnership with United Nations, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Bank and African Union Commission (AUC). This year, TICAD8 will be held in Tunisia from 27th to 28th August 2022. This is the second time TICAD is held in Africa where Kenya hosted TICAD 6 in 2016. In case of TICAD7 held in Yokohama in 2019, where more than 10,000 people participated, including 42 African leaders and some ministers, 52 development partner countries, 108 heads of international and regional organizations, and representatives of civil society and the private sector.

A MESSAGE FROM H.E. HOSHIYAMA, EMBASSY OF JAPAN

TICAD 8 is to be held in a very timely manner, as the African continent is now facing various challenges such as the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, which is already in its 3rd year, coupled with a global economic recession. In addition, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused a rise in energy and food prices that has negatively affected Africa and the whole world. This situation may shake the very foundations of our democracy and stable international order. Therefore, it is important that TICAD 8 will discuss African development issues and come up with both short term measures and long term goals, including SDGs.



largest ODA donor at the time, with other countries following suit to set up similar forums later.

Since 1993, the TICAD process has continuously advocated the importance of "ownership" by African countries, of their development processes, and "partnership" by the international community in support of such ownership, for African development. During the age of globalization, the world has become more complex, and a number of issues, such as climate change, digital divide, infectious diseases, the fight against terrorists and debt crisis require to be dealt with simultaneously.

TICAD is a unique approach to African development because it is not only an open forum in which African countries, international organizations, non-African countries, the business sector, and civil society can all participate, but it also has integral values as well as follow-up mechanisms installed within the TICAD process.

The Government of Botswana has been a strong supporter of the TICAD process, as a leading democratic nation in Africa. The second President of Botswana, Sir Ketumile Masire, greatly contributed to the success of the first TICAD in 1993, as one of the few eminent African leaders who attended, a role that the government of Japan expected him to do. Following this, other Botswana leaders have displayed similar commitment to TICAD. I am pleased to point out that Japan pioneered the cause for African development after the end of the Cold War, as the

During TICAD 8, leaders will also discuss "Peace and Security" which is one of the core pillars of TICAD 8. Japan would like to adhere to the principles on which the international community stands, including the United Nations Charter, the UN Security Council reform, a world free from nuclear weapons, the prevention of armed conflicts, and maritime peace, including the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy (FOIP).

A MESSAGE FROM DR. HORVÁTH, UNDP REPRESENTATIVE

The TICAD8 provides an opportunity to tackle challenges confronting the continent—notably the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine—and to capitalize on the opportunities.



The challenges have caused Africa's first recession this century (reversing progress in poverty reduction, disrupting trade, reducing employment and learning opportunities); and in Botswana, high inflation and a soaring food and fuel import bill (albeit cushioned by strong diamond revenues).

the twin crises with a coordinated improvement by African countries of the regulatory framework for trade and the environment. Regulatory streamlining, in tandem with digitization, standardization and legislation that supports sustainable cross-border trade, would reduce its costs and risks, and could substantially boost trade-related infrastructure investment to raise productivity and real incomes.

The goals of TICAD and UNDP are closely aligned. TICAD holds the promise of enhancing regional integration, which is key for resilient & inclusive socio-economic development.

Botswana, a small, open economy highly dependent on trade, has a strong interest in Africa becoming an integrated continent.

The next important step for Botswana is ratification of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA). The successful implementation of AfCFTA would help boost economies of scale and investments necessary for the emergence of broad regional value chains.

UNDP's Regulation as Stimulus model (joint with AfCFTA Secretariat and Africa Investor) estimates that improving the business environment, access to finance, and enhancing infrastructure, while cutting "before-the-border" compliance costs (involving trade documents, procedures) and "at-the-border costs and delays" would amount to a massive economic stimulus with minimal fiscal cost.

It would also directly support Africa's transformational development agenda in line with the SDGs and the aspirations of AU Agenda 2063.

UNDP's Strategic Offer and its Regional Programme for Africa also highlight these goals as critical for the continent's sustainable development.

In particular, they could add \$500 billion to business revenue; create 260,000 more jobs by 2025 in Africa; and also curb inequality by lifting sectors where women are predominant by 18%. UNDP looks forward to a very successful TICAD-8 Conference.

A highly productive approach would be to couple financial assistance to Africa for addressing key SDG objectives and recovery from

A MESSAGE FROM MR. ZIA CHOUDHURY, UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR IN BOTSWANA



The Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD8) will be held in Tunisia from 27th to 28th August, 2022 by inviting

head of states in Africa, development partners, civil society, and private companies.

TICAD is the flagship of Japan's diplomacy towards Africa since 1993 and has promoted Africa's development, peace and security, in partnership with United Nations, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Bank and African Union Commission (AUC).

Africa is the largest frontier in the 21st century.

However, the continent is also facing various challenges such as conflicts and poverty.

In particular, the COVID-19 has revealed Africa's vulnerability including in the field of health and medical sectors.

With its history of over a quarter of a century, TICAD is gaining

A MESSAGE FROM MS. TSHEPHO BABATSHI-GASHA, ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR BOTSWANA AND SPECIAL ENVOY TO SADC, WORLD BANK



The World Bank Group is proud to be a co-host of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, convened with Government of Japan, African Union Commission, and the UN "to promote high-level policy dialogue between African leaders and development partners" since 1993. TICAD has been supporting Africa on economic growth, trade and investment, sustainable development, human security, and governance. It is a pivot of development cooperation among African leadership, development partners, private sector, civil society, and media.

Building upon the success of TICAD VI in Nairobi on sustainable development, and TICAD VII in Yokohama on private sector and quality infrastructure, the TICAD VIII in Tunis is focused on promoting social development, resilience, peace, and stability.

Africa is engaged in post-Covid recovery hinging on reforms that create jobs, encourage investment, and enhance competitiveness. It is an urgent development priority in the context of price shocks, instability, and climate challenges. TICAD VIII will convene heads of governments, development partners, business leaders, civil society, technical agencies, and media in a strategic dialogue to help Africa chart the course for growth and recovery and

further significance as a multilateral international conference to address development issues in Africa, including in the area of health.

The Government of Botswana has actively participated in the TICAD process since the very beginning. His Excellency Sir Ketumile Masire was one of the five heads of states to attend the First TICAD (1993), and since then, Botswana has been represented by high level dignitaries to TICAD including His Excellency Mr. Festus Mogae and His Excellency Lt. Gen. Dr. Ian Khama Seretse Khama.

This year, toward TICAD8, Honourable Dr. Lemogang Kwappe took part in the Ministerial Meeting in March and fully committed to providing a secure, attractive, and sustainable environment for private sector investment, which is one of the areas to be discussed under the TICAD Framework. Japanese Embassy co-organized a business seminar with Business Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) in June to promote investment between Japan and Botswana.

In this July, the Japan-Botswana TICAD seminar was organized by Japanese embassy, UN agencies and Civil society partners to understand each other's efforts towards TICAD8. We look forward that TICAD8 will bring concrete results to support Africa's development and Botswana's growth.

A MESSAGE FROM MS. MAUNGO TINY MOOKI, CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT OF THE CIVIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (CCFA)

TICAD 8, aiming to discuss the African development program, could not have come at a better time for Africa. Following the relevance of this event, it is worthy to welcome the meeting mostly at a time when health, food insecurity, and inflation are some of the immediate global challenges that adversely impact Africa.

Japan has a defined, carefully planned, and targeted important pillar of diplomacy towards Africa which has been in place since 1993, The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD). What makes the TICAD to be unique is its multilateral and multi-stakeholders architecture, co-organized by the government of Japan, the African Union Commission (AUC), UNDP, UNOSAA, and the World Bank, also opened to other international organizations, private sector, private foundations, and CSOs. This structure enables TICAD to develop an international consensus on the course of mutually beneficial development with diverse interventions from all stakeholders, based on the philosophy of "ownership" of Africa and "partnership" with the international community including Japan. The forum has a track record of improving social and economic conditions in Africa mainly through grant aids and technical assistance. The declarations and their implementation and monitoring processes guarantee that pledges are maintained and commitments are met.



The inclusion of the AUC and CSOs through the Civic Commission for Africa (CCFA) for Africa, and Africa Japan Forum (JAF) in Japan, ensure that commitments are aligned to Africa's priorities and that all voices are brought to the discourse, giving Africa a forum to voice the continent's identified consolidated and common positions influenced by its similar challenges.

CCFA and its Japanese colleagues wish the TICAD 8 co-organizers a fruitful summit and call on them to commit to capacitating African Governments, in their pursuit to "Build Forward Better", to seriously address the social and economic impacts of the 'Triple Crises' namely the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Russia and Ukraine war, and Climate Change, and to ensure that the gains made towards achieving the SDGs prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, are invigorated.

A MESSAGE FROM MR. ISHIHARA YOSHIYUKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JAPAN EXTERNAL TRADE ORGANIZATION (JETRO) JOHANNESBURG, JETRO AFRICA REGION OFFICE

TICAD is a top-level diplomatic conference on the economic engagement of Japan with the African continent, co-hosted by the Japanese government, United Nations, United Nations Development Programme, World Bank, and African Union Commission.

Along with the diplomatic engagements, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), will organize the TICAD 8 Business Leaders Forum in collaboration with Japanese government ministries. This is aimed at bringing together top business executives from Africa and Japan to discuss business opportunities with each other. The discussions will cover themes such as innovation; green growth; industrial and economic diversification as well as sustainable business financing in Africa.

Business leaders from the major Japanese trading companies, banks and insurance companies, industrial engineering companies, ICT, OEMs, venture capitals and startups companies are expected to attend the forum.

In Africa, Many Japanese companies



have been investing in various business sectors, including automotive, infrastructure, mining, manufacture, services, and others. We hope this TICAD8 will be another opportunity for new future collaborations and businesses between African and Japan. In Botswana, on the 1st of June, JETRO took part in a Business Seminar organized by the Embassy of Japan in Botswana and the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) in order to promote private sector exchange, looking ahead to TICAD 8.

A message from the Resident Representative of JICA Botswana, Mr EGUCHI Hideo

TICAD 8 is the first TICAD after the pandemic, and it will be an opportunity to tighten the partnership with African countries and Japan and other development partners, private sectors, and Civil Society to direct to overcome the social and Economic difficulties caused by the pandemic.

JICA will organize 28 online side events during the TICAD week (22-28 August, <https://ticad8event.jica.go.jp/en/index.html>), where we will share the JICA's good practices in African in the various sectors and cross cutting issues.

These events will provide the opportunities for policy makers from African countries, development practitioners, business people and other stakeholders to share the knowledge and way forwards in the Africa's Development Agenda, namely, Economy, Society and Peace



and Stability. JICA has a long history to support development issues in Botswana. Characteristic of JICA's cooperation is based on 'People-Focused', 'Respecting Ownership', and 'Utilizing the Japanese Experience'.

JICA will continue to its priority on the human resources development in the area of Industrial Diversification and Poverty Reduction for the resilient, inclusive and prosperous future in Botswana.