

**Japanese-African University Dialogue on Global Sustainable Development
(TICAD VII Partner Project)**

Notes for the Session Chairs and Panelists

Date/time: : 27 August 2019 9:30 ~ 12:45

Venue: Fukutake Learning Theatre, Fukutake Hall (B2 floor), University of Tokyo
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< Background >

On 23-24 May 2019, 26 South African and 35 Japanese universities met at the Future Africa Campus of the University of Pretoria (South Africa) for the 4th South Africa-Japan University (SAJU) Forum Conference, entitled "The human being in the 21st century in the context of global changes". At the end of the conference, its 200 participants, including government and industry representatives as well as university faculty and graduate students, agreed to a 'Joint Statement' declaring to work collaboratively for the pursuit of local and global sustainable development and, among other things, to establish synergy between the SAJU initiative and the Framework of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) themes of common importance.

Human capital development for Africa's sustainable development has been a core concern of the African Development Bank (AfDB). As part of this work, it has since 2012 collaborated with the United Nations University and several African and Japanese universities to promote Africa-Asia knowledge exchange through a project combining graduate education and research, entitled Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (ESDA). The progress of this work has been featured at TICAD V in Yokohama (2013) and TICAD VI in Nairobi (2016), and TICAD VII will hear its results, including more than 50 Master's students graduated with sustainability training from the partner African universities and 5 jointly published books on African sustainable development.

Both above-mentioned initiatives represent efforts of the higher education institutions to enhance their contribution to the global pursuit of sustainable development through the promotion of Asia-Africa partnership on the one hand and academia-industry-government collaboration on the other. Some of the institutions and individuals involved in both these initiatives have decided to organize a 'Japanese-African University Dialogue' as a TICAD VII Partner Project to facilitate a synthetic discussion on the outcome of the two initiatives, focusing on the role of Japanese and African universities for global sustainable development. Its organization has been made possible by the voluntary participation of all the speakers and in kind contribution of the participating institutions plus a partial but critical support of the meeting cost by AfDB.

< General notes >

1. Over-all aim, objectives and 'hoped-for' outcome

The main aim of the Japanese-African University Dialogue is to stimulate the public debate and awareness of the critical role the universities should play in promoting Africa-Asia partnership for the pursuit of global sustainable development, and thereby to contribute to strengthening of

knowledge exchange, creation and sharing in the TICAD process. More specifically, the meeting will have the two following objectives:

- (1) To facilitate an exchange of views and experiences on how universities may engage strategically and practically in support of local and global sustainable development; and
- (2) To consider in an exploratory fashion the challenges and opportunities for international university-industry collaboration in support of Africa's sustainable industrialization, with the participation of the African and Japanese private sector..

This meeting will be framed as a 'dialogue' in order to encourage sharing of views among the participants and appreciation of diversity as well as commonality of viewpoints. No attempt will be made to generate any consensus or agreement. There will, therefore, be no 'collective' outcome from the meeting (although a brief report containing a summary of discussions and photos of panel sessions will be produced soon after the meeting for distribution to the participants). The principal outcome, it is hoped, will be individualized learning or reflection. Since the meeting precedes TICAD VII, and as some of the participants in the meeting will have speaking roles in different TICAD VII sessions and side events, some of the individual learning and reflection may find a wider audience during TICAD VII.

2. Audience profile and image of meeting venue

The expected size of audience is 100~120 people – 3/4 Japanese and 1/4 international. Most of the Japanese participants will be university faculty and students with some from the government ministries and agencies and general public interested in African development. It is hoped that many of the Japanese university professors and researchers who took part in SAJU 4 held at the University of Pretoria on 23 – 24 May of this year will participate in order to continue the discussion with the visiting South African university leadership. The Japanese turnout, however, may be smaller because the meeting language is English (i.e., no Japanese interpretation). The international participants will be students attending Japanese universities, African diplomatic corps and industry and other participants attending TICAD VII.

3. Meeting venue image

The meeting venue is a lecture hall (Fukutake Learning Theatre) in the Basement Floor 2 of Fukutake Hall in the Hongo Campus of the University of Tokyo.

(<https://fukutake.iii.u-tokyo.ac.jp/facilities-inside/theater.html>)



Program

The meeting program consists of brief opening remarks, two panel discussion sessions – on the “Role of Universities for Global Sustainable Development” and “International University-Industry Collaboration for Africa’s Sustainable Industrialization”, respectively - and a closing remark by the organizer (Please refer to the Full Program annexed to this note). Following the conclusion of the meeting there will be an “Exchange hour” in the lounge space outside the meeting room for informal discussions and contacts among all the participants.

Annex

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09:30 Opening Statements

Prof. Taikan Oki (Special Counselor to President, University of Tokyo)
Dr. Keiko Takei (Chief Education Analyst, Human Development Department,
African Development Bank)

09:40~11:00 Panel Discussion on the Role of Universities for Global Sustainable Development

Chair: Prof. Taikan Oki (Senior Vice Rector, UNU and Professor, University of Tokyo)

Panelists: Prof. Kayoko Hayashi (President, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
Prof. Masanori Kasahara (Acting President, Hokkaido University)
Prof. Tawana Kupe (Vice Chancellor, University of Pretoria)
Prof. Peter Mbithi (Chair, ESDA Project, University of Nairobi)
Prof. Luke Mumba (Vice Chancellor, University of Zambia)
Dr. Molapo Qhobela (CEO, National Research Foundation, South Africa)

11:00~11:15 Coffee/tea break

11:15~12:40 Panel Discussion on International University-Industry Collaboration for Africa's Sustainable Industrialization

Chair: Prof. Francis Petersen (Vice Chancellor, University of Free State)

Panelists: Prof. Yasunori Baba (Professor, Reitaku University)
Prof. Mari Iizuka (Professor, Doshisha University)
Mr. Iwasuke Shimada (Managing Director, Toshiba Africa (Pty) Ltd.
Mr. Yo Murofushi (CEO, And Africa LLC.)
Dr. Farai Kapfudzaruwa (Research Associate, University of Pretoria)

12:40~12:45 Closing Statement by Prof. Ahmed Bawa (CEO, USAF)

12:45~13:45 Exchange hour (Coffee/tea/light snacks)