

Closing Remarks  
by  
H.E. Mr. Fumio KISHIDA, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan  
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Today, we had wonderfully rich discussions in this symposium. I sincerely thank all the panelists and those who actively participated in our deliberations. I hope today's symposium helped deepen the understanding on the practicality of human security including through our concrete discussions on the issue of health.

The UN Trust Fund for Human Security supports projects where multiple UN agencies cooperate to realize human security. If we look at various challenges of Africa through the lens of individuals, such issues as health, sanitation, water, food, nutrition, energy, disaster risk reduction and poverty eradication are all closely interrelated.

Above all, I believe human security enables a truly effective development, by focusing on people. In order not to place individuals in vulnerable positions, we need to avoid conflicts and seek better governance. Empowering every person and promoting their active participation in building their communities and states will strongly support autonomous development of Africa.

TICADV aims at contributing to a more vibrant Africa based on human security. Our message through this symposium and TICADV at large will resonate through and stimulate the international community. We, the participants of TICADV, should join our efforts for building international solidarity in establishing an effective new development framework based on human security and discharge our responsibility to our future generations.

I thank all of you for your valuable contributions today.