

The First TICAD V Ministerial Meeting (May 4-5 2014)
Plenary 1 “Status of Implementation of the Yokohama Action Plan 2013-2017”
Chair’s Summary

The session on Status of Implementation of the Yokohama Action Plan 2013-2017 (hereinafter referred as “YAP”) was co-chaired by H. E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, and H. E. Mr. Pierre Moukoko Mbonjo, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Cameroon. It was opened with a keynote presentation by H. E. Mr. Kishida and followed by panel discussions by H. E. Amb. Jean-Baptiste Natama, Chief of Staff, African Union Commission (AUC), H. E. Mr. Maged Abdelaziz, Under Secretary General and Special Adviser on Africa, UNOSAA, Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Secretary General, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, UNDP and Mr. Gregor Binkert, Regional Director, the World Bank, which provided a basis for the discussion.

This session was conducted to endorse the Implementation Matrix (hereinafter called as “Matrix”) of the YAP, the Narrative Summary and the Guideline for the Annual Progress Report of TICAD V (hereinafter called “Guideline”), and to discuss how best to realize the outcome targets set forth in the YAP.

H. E. Mr. Kishida reaffirmed that Japan had steadily implemented its commitment made at TICAD V and would continue to do so, stressing that USD 3.51 billion in ODA out of its commitment of USD 14 billion and USD 2.08 billion in other assistance were implemented in 2013. He also highlighted that a freer and safer investment climate would be necessary to promote private-led increased trade and investment in Africa. Other co-organizer, AUC, UNOSAA, UNDP and the World Bank explained the features of the Matrix and emphasized that empowering women and youth was a cross-cutting theme.

Participants engaged in discussions on a wide range of issues, shared information, and offered practical suggestions to realize the outcome targets set forth in the YAP. The following points highlight the key issues raised and conclusions reached.

- (1) Participants welcomed the completion of the Matrix, and expressed their determination to realize the outcome targets in the YAP through their efforts and contributions. Participants also agreed that the Implementation Matrix needs to be monitored and evaluated at future ministerial meetings. They also noted that adequate funding needs to be secured, especially in the area of peace, stability, democracy and good governance, to ensure implementation of the Matrix.

- (2) Participants emphasized the innovative approach of the YAP to put into practice the principle of African ownership, as it includes not only the initiatives of partners but also those of Africa itself. They expressed their wish that the Matrix would further strengthen the African ownership and its cooperation with TICAD partners, and contribute to greater consistency between development policy of entire Africa and the TICAD process.
- (3) The Guideline set the procedure for the production of the Annual Report and ensure transparency in monitoring progress on activities /initiatives in the Matrix, as the TICAD IV follow-up mechanism. Participants showed their readiness to cooperate with the TICAD Joint Secretariat to report on the progress in implementing their respective activities/ initiatives.
- (4) The private sector has been playing a major role in contributing to the economic growth in Africa. Participants reaffirmed the importance of securing greater private sector involvement in African development, including through the promotion of public-private-partnership (PPP), human resource development, and the improvement of the investment climate including safety and security.
- (5) It was agreed that civil society, including NGOs, is a major partner in African development whose work made significant contributions in various fields, such as education, health, peace and stability. Participants would work together for effective collaboration and coordination among government, development partners, the private sector and civil society, including through dialogues to realize the outcome targets set forth in the YAP.
- (6) A proposal was made to shorten the interval of convening TICAD meetings at the summit level from 5 years to 3. Minister Kishida replied that there are many possibilities regarding the venue and the timing of holding the TICAD meeting at the summit level, and that it should be considered from the perspective of how best to advance the TICAD process, and confirmed that he will engage in a close consultation with all co-organizers.

After the concluding remarks by H. E. Mr. Moukoko Mbonjo, participants endorsed the Matrix, the Narrative Summary and the Guideline, and reaffirmed that Africa, TICAD co-organizers and other TICAD partners would work together to realize the outcome targets set forth in the YAP by steadily implementing their respective activities/initiatives in the Matrix.

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