

**Joint event**  
**on the “France-Japan Partnership for Africa”**  
**organized in the framework of TICAD VI**

**Joint press release**

During the sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) held in Nairobi, Kenya, France and Japan organized a joint event on 26 August dedicated to their common efforts in Africa. France was represented by Mr André Vallini, Minister of State for Development and Francophonie and Japan by Mr Shunsuke Takei, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs. Other participants included numerous members of African governments and representatives of several companies (Total, Bouygues, Vinci, Bolloré, Egis, Clemessy, Mitsubishi Corporation, Toyota Tsusho, Fujifilm), the *Agence française de développement* (AFD, French Development Agency), and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

This joint event was an opportunity to assess progress on the implementation of the “Franco-Japanese plan for sustainable development, health and security in Africa” (Franco-Japanese plan for Africa) launched by Prime Ministers Manuel Valls and Shinzo Abe in October 2015.

Under the Franco-Japanese plan for Africa, and following on from COP21, the cooperation framework for the initiative on sustainable cities in Africa launched by France and Japan has been enshrined by the signature during the event of a memorandum of cooperation between the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, AFD and JICA in the area of sustainable cities in Abidjan.

France and Japan are working on strengthening mutual partnerships and synergies between public and private stakeholders. Discussions in Africa, in Paris and in Tokyo have given rise to several partnerships, such as between Bolloré and Toyota Tsusho.

Three memorandums of understanding were signed during the event: one between the subsidiaries of Total and Mitsubishi Corporation, aimed at developing solar energy in Kenya, and two between Egis and Mitsubishi Corporation including in the area of development of water in Côte d'Ivoire.

The Franco-Japanese plan for Africa has also been behind fruitful developments in other sectors. Following joint work in the medical field, particularly on research into the Ebola virus undertaken by the French Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM), Fujifilm and St. Luke's International University, it has enabled the new scientific cooperation projects between French, Japanese and African stakeholders in the fight against infectious diseases. A fact-finding mission of Japanese researchers visited the Madagascar Pasteur Institute in summer 2016. France and Japan will continue contributing to resolving global issues linked to health, in accordance with the “G7 Ise-Shima Vision for Global Health”, unveiled in May 2016, following the G7 Summit in Ise-Shima.

Moreover, the terrorist threat in Africa demonstrates the need to intensify counter-terrorism cooperation on the African continent. Cooperation has been launched to assist Japanese defence attachés posted to Africa. The first Franco-Japanese defence seminar took place with all the defence attachés concerned in Paris, on 27 January.