

## Attendees

- Approximately 2,100 people (total number) including **representatives of 52 African countries** (Heads of Delegations: 24 vice prime minister, foreign ministers, and 16 other ministers and ministerial-ranked officials) as well as development partner countries (including India, Korea and China), international and regional institutions, civil society, and private companies etc participated.
- **Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Masahisa Sato, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kenji Yamada and Mr. Kiyoto Tsuji, Parliamentary Vice-Ministers for Foreign Affairs** attended as the representatives of Japan.

## Main Points of the Ministerial Meeting

- Recognized the importance of providing international assistance in accordance with international standards in view of **debt sustainability** of recipient countries.
- As of **September**, Japan achieved approximately **USD 16 billion** out of **approximately USD 30 billion package for “investment for the future of Africa” initiative** under public and private partnership announced at TICAD VI. Japan could have achieved closer to the goal if it had not been for **debt issues in some recipient countries**.
- **Japanese and African private sector including business organizations widely participated** in the ministerial meeting through business side events.
- The **“TICAD Report 2018 - Progress and Way Forward -”** and **Co-chairs’ Summary** of each plenary session (Summary of main points is attached) were officially presented.

## Overview of the Meeting

### Opening Session (Main points of Minister Kono's speech)

- **Put importance on human resource development and technology transfer by public and private partnership.**
- International assistance should be provided **in accordance with international standards in view of debt sustainability of recipient countries.**
- Japan extends assistance to **strengthen connectivity based on the "quality infrastructure"** initiative and promote economic transformation of Africa as shown in "Agenda 2063." **Free trade is important in this regard.**
- **Japan to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific.** It is necessary to secure a free and open maritime order and freedom of navigation based on the rule of law.
- Expressed gratitude to African countries' for, their cooperation in addressing global issues such as **the United Nations Security Council reform** and **North Korea.**

### Plenary 1 (Trends and Challenges since TICAD VI)

(Main points of Minister Kono's speech)

- **An assistance package of approximately USD 32 billion which was announced at TICAD V: achieved by the end of 2017.**
- **"Investment for the future of Africa" initiative, announced at TICAD VI comprising approximately USD 30 billion under public and private partnership : approximately USD 16 billion** was achieved as of **September 2018.** ODA has steadily been progressing. Private investment decreased in 2016. Loans and guarantees provided by Other Official Flows and other financial institutions have partly slowed, due to the issues of debt sustainability of the recipient countries.
- **Stressed necessity to improve business environments** including the conclusion of bilateral investment agreements, promoting anti-corruption measures and delivering efficient administrative service.
- **Called on both lenders and borrower countries to make sure debts are maintained as payable and transparent and not to deteriorate fiscal soundness.**

## Plenary 2 (Economic Transformation for Inclusive Growth)

(Main point of Parliamentary Vice-Minister Yamada's speech)

- Presented Japan's efforts in developing **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**, industrial development, promoting employment, "**Kaizen**", **human resource development in industrial sectors through ABE initiative, quality infrastructure investment, participation of private sector** in TICAD process, "the Japan-Africa Public-Private Economic Forum", facilitating bilateral investment agreements, etc.
- **Both lenders and borrowers** are required to maintain **sound fiscal management as well as debt sustainability**.
- Referred to **the importance of enhancing agricultural productivity, promoting science and technological innovation (STI) and blue economy**. Recognized the importance of free and open oceans where **maritime order, freedom of navigation and overflight are respected**.

## Plenary 3 (Healthy, Sustainable and Stable Society for Human Security)

(Main point of Parliamentary Vice-Minister Yamada's speech)

- Japan to continue to promote **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)** and to contribute in the area of **disaster management, risk reduction and climate change**.
- Recognized the importance of **empowerment of youth and women** through **city management, education and vocational training, and the importance of conflict prevention** and facilitating "**African solutions to African problems**".

## Plenary 4 (Strengthening Connectivity within Africa and beyond)

(Main point of Parliamentary Vice-Minister Yamada's speech)

- Introduced Japan's assistance to **enhance connectivity** in physical, institutional, and digital terms as well as people to-people connectivity.
- Mentioned Japan's efforts such as **development of corridors** through **quality infrastructure investment which aims to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific, simplification of customs procedure and human resource development**.

## Side events and other related events

- African Clean Cities Platform by Ministry of Environment by Ministry of Environment, JICA, City of Yokohama, UNEP and UN-HABITAT
- Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) High Level Meeting by JICA and Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Private Sector Engagement Part 1, “Showcasing Business Opportunities in Africa” by UNDP, JETRO and Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Private Sector Engagement Part 2, “Showcasing the potential of Japanese SMEs to Africa” by JETRO, UNDP and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Japan-Africa Business Fair 2018 in Tokyo by Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Mr. Yasutoshi Nishimura, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary**, hosted a breakfast meeting and invited six representatives of major Japanese companies and eight African ministers.
- Civil society and World Bank also hosted or co-hosted side events.
- **TICAD 7** logo (as shown below) was announced. **MISIA**, a Japanese singer was appointed as the **Honorary Ambassador for TICAD 7**.

## Bilateral Meetings

- **Minister Kono** held **25** bilateral meetings with a **vice-prime minister and foreign ministers, etc. State Minister Sato, Parliamentary Vice-Minister Yamada and Parliamentary Vice-Minister Tsuji** also held meetings with the heads of delegations from other African countries and the representatives of relevant organizations.

