

The TICAD 7 Preparatory Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) Overview

June 11, 2019

1 Schedule and Attendees

The Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) of TICAD7 was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from June 10 to 11, 2019. The Meeting was hosted by the Government of Japan led by Ambassador Shigeru Ushio, Director General of African Affairs, MoFA, as well as the representatives of TICAD co-organizers (the United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (UNOSAA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Chair of African Union this year, and the African Union Commission (AUC). The Meeting was held with participation of approximately 300 representatives in total, including the delegations of African countries, other partner countries, and international, regional and civil society organizations.

2 Overview of the Meeting

At the Meeting, TICAD Co-organizers explained the current status of preparation towards TICAD7, as well as had a deep discussion on the various issues in the Africa and specific areas with stakeholders from International community including the delegates from African countries.

(1) Day 1 (June 10)

1 Opening Session

TICAD Co-organizers and the Arab Republic of Egypt made opening remarks. Ambassador Shigeru Ushio, Director General of African Affairs, MoFA explained the expected outcome and the programme of TICAD7, and had a discussion with participants.

2 Sessions on each pillar of TICAD7

Active discussions on main pillars of TICAD7 i) Accelerating economic transformation and improving business environment through innovation and private sector engagement, ii) Deepening sustainable and resilient society, and iii) Promoting peace and stability took place under the chair of each Co-organizers.

(2) Day 2 (June 11)

1 Dialogue with civil society organizations

Civil Society Organizations presented the recommendation towards TICAD7 and deepened the discussion with the participants.

2 Next steps for the preparation towards TICAD7

The participants discussed the future preparation toward TICAD7 which will be held from

28 to 30 August 2019.

3 Next Steps

Henceforth, the preparation towards TICAD7 will be carried out based on the result of this preparatory meeting.