

# The Future of TICAD and my message to young people

SUZUKI Takako

Member of the House of Representatives, Japan-African Union (AU)  
Parliamentary Friendship League

## My Profile

- ▶ Elected to the House of Representatives in 2013
- ▶ Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense (2018-2019)
- ▶ State Minister for Foreign Affairs (2021-2022)
- ▶ Deputy Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party

# Relations with African countries

## ▶ Visit to Kenya



Japan-Africa Public-Private Economic Forum

## ▶ Visit to Rwanda



Flower production site hiring a maximum of 500 local employees

## ▶ Participation in TICAD 8 in Tunisia



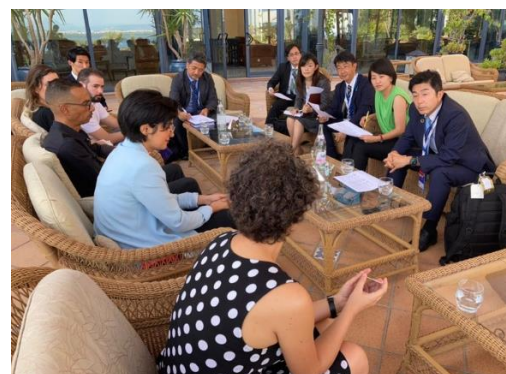
Meeting with leaders of African countries



The Garden of SILOAM providing children with special needs and their families with comprehensive care and supported by Japan's ODA



IT business people / ABE initiatives alumni



Meeting with ABE initiative graduates

# Recommendations proposed by TICAD Project Team of the Liberal Democratic Party - Submission to Prime Minister Kishida (August 4, 2023)-



# Recommendations to TICAD

## ▶ 1. Strategic use of TICAD

- Utilize TICAD to gain support for initiatives Japan promotes in the international community, and to foster people and groups well-versed in Japan.
- Listen to the individual needs of each country, such as ODA and private investment.
- Secure ODA budgets, and follow up on the commitments announced at TICAD8.

## Recommendations to TICAD

- ▶ 2. Strengthening of measures to promote investment by private sector in Africa
  - Stimulate and enhance the private sector's willingness to invest in Africa through active injection of public funds and joint public-private missions.
  - Utilize the Japan-Africa Public-Private Economic Forum and other venues.
  - Reflect opinions of private sector into relevant policies through one-on-one or two-way dialogues.
  - Secure points of contact between the business community and African countries at TICAD9.

## Recommendations to TICAD

- ▶ 3. Implementation of continuous initiatives in the TICAD process
  - ❑ Active visits to Africa by high-level government officials and members of the Diet.
  - ❑ Strengthen drastically the diplomatic missions in Africa.
  - ❑ Strengthen the human resource network connecting Japan and Africa, including ABE initiative graduates.
  - ❑ Close cooperation with African Diplomatic Corps in Tokyo.

# Recommendations to TICAD

- ▶ 4. All-Japan Cooperation towards TICAD 9
  - Strengthen the roles of relevant ministries and agencies and public institutions.
  - Strengthen TICAD-related budgets to support their footing.
  - Strengthen public relations to enhance public understanding.