

【Side event of TICAD7】

High Skilled Human Resources Development and Inter-university Collaboration for STI Promotion in Africa

On Aug. 27, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) conducted an international symposium at the hotel InterContinental Yokohama Grand. Over 100 people participated in the symposium, including Dr. Belay Begashaw, Director General of The Sustainable Development Goals Center for Africa (SDGC/A), Professor Belay Kassa, Acting Rector of Pan African University (PAU), Professor Victoria Wambui Ngumi, Vice Chancellor of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), and Professor Ahmed ElGohary, President, Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (E-JUST).

Following opening remarks by Ms. Noriko Suzuki, JICA Senior Vice President, Dr. Belay talked about the Kigali Initiative for improving higher education in Africa. After that, Akihiko Tanaka, President of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) introduced a Recommendation document towards TICAD7 written by the Science and Technology Advisor to Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs entitled "Achieving an innovation ecosystem together with Africa"

Next, a panel discussion was held among the heads of African universities, Vice President of a Japanese university, and the World Bank regarding development of the high-level human resources required for African science and technology. The discussion encompassed topics such as science and technology innovations required by Africa and what sort of human resources are needed to bring them about; the merits of promoting collaboration between Japanese universities and universities in Africa; and the roles played by leading universities in Africa and universities in Japan and Asia with regard to inter-university collaboration. Finally, the panel's moderator, Professor Atsushi Sunami, Executive Advisor to the President of GRIPS, closed by stating the importance of further discussions for development of higher education in Africa.

■ Participants

[Opening Remarks]

Noriko Suzuki, Senior Vice President, JICA

[Presenters]

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[Panelists]

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Ahmed Bawa, Chief Executive Officer, Universities South Africa (USAf)

Sajitha Bashir, Education Advisor, World Bank

Koichiro Watanabe, Vice President, Kyushu University

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