

【Side event of TICAD7】

Innovating the Power Sector for Africa's Future

On Aug. 28, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held an event at the Yokohama Grand Intercontinental Hotel to discuss how to overcome challenges so that African nations can have better access to a cleaner, more stable power supply.

After opening remarks by Mr. Yusuke Amano, JICA Senior Vice President, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Electricity Generating Company, Ms. Rebecca Miano, gave the keynote address that Kenya has nearly tripled its power capacity over the past six years, with significant development in geothermal power generation, supported by Japan. In the keynote address by member of the Diet and Acting Chairman of the Parliamentary Association for the Friendship between Japan and Africa, Mr. Asahiko Mihara explained that cooperation between the government and the people to bring about innovation is necessary to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 7 (ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all) by 2030.

Next, a ceremony was held to witness the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between Japan and the U.S. in order to provide better access to cleaner energy and reduce energy poverty in Africa, thereby solidifying an agreement between the two countries in African power development initiatives.

Participants in the panel discussion included Minister Irene Muloni (Uganda Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development), Minister Amadou Hott (Economy, Planning and International Cooperation, Senegal), Mr. Kobayashi (Marubeni Corporation), Mr. Akita (WASSHA Inc.), Chief Coordinator Mr. Andrew Herscowitz (U.S. Agency for International Development Power Africa), and Mr. Kamiishi (JICA), with Dr. Sudeshna Banerjee (World Bank) as the moderator.

The panelists engaged in an enthusiastic discussion about what types of innovative methods are needed to provide access to sustainable, modern energy for all people.

■ Participants

[Opening Speech]

Yusuke Amano, Senior Vice President, JICA

[Keynote Speeches]

Rebecca Miano, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC (KenGen)

Asahiko Mihara, Parliamentarian, Japan Liberal Democratic Party, Acting Chairperson of Japan-African Union (AU) Parliamentary Friendship Association, Japan

[Panelists]

Irene Muloni, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, The Republic of Uganda

Amadou Hott, Minister of Economy, Planning and International Partnerships, The Republic of Senegal

Ryota Kobayashi, Marubeni Corporation

Satoshi Akita, CEO, WASSHA

Andrew M. Herscowitz, Coordinator of Power Africa, USAID

Hiroto Kamiishi, Deputy Director General, Energy and Mining Group, Industrial Development and Public Policy Department, JICA

[Moderator]

Sudeshna Ghosh Banerjee, Practice Manager, Energy and Mining East Africa, World Bank

[Closing Speech]

Toshiyuki Nakamura, Director General, Energy and Mining Group, Industrial Development and Public Policy Department, JICA

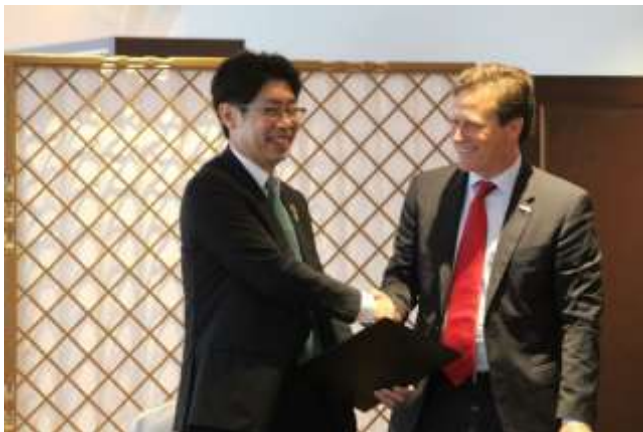
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Keynote speech by Asahiko Mihara, Parliamentarian



Signing ceremony of MOC (USA/Japan)



Speakers and panelists