

【Side event of TICAD7】

Sustainable UHC in Africa through Building Country Ownership

On Aug. 29, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held an event at the InterContinental Yokohama Grand Hotel with the theme of sustainable universal health coverage in Africa. More than 110 participants joined in the event, including the State Minister of Finance, Keisuke Suzuki, Ambassador, Assistant Minister for Global Issues/Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hideo Suzuki, Minister of Community Development of the Republic of Senegal, Mansour Faye, Minister of Health of the Republic of Ghana, Kwaku Agyeman-Manu, and government officials from African countries and Japan and personnel from international organizations.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is where “everyone can receive adequate quality health care services, when needed, at a manageable cost.” In the world today, half of the population still does not have access to quality essential health services, 800 million people are spending at least 10 percent of their household budget on out-of-pocket health care expenses, and specifically, in Africa, approximately 14 million people are being pushed into extreme poverty because of healthcare costs. UHC is incorporated into one of the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which the international community has agreed to achieve.

Based on the policy framework “UHC in Africa” established at TICAD VI, the progress in achieving UHC in each country was verified at this event, and for the purpose of fostering further momentum, discussions were held with African governments and international organizations, focusing on the outcomes and issues in achieving UHC.

■ Participants

[Opening Remarks]

Keisuke Suzuki, State Minister of Finance, Japan

Hideki Suzuo, Ambassador, Assistant Minister for Global Issues/Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Annette Dixon, Vice President for Human Development, The World Bank Group

[Keynote Speakers]

Kwaku Agyeman-Manu, Minister of Health, Republic of Ghana

Mansour Faye, Minister of Community Development, Social and Territorial Equity, the Republic of Senegal

Sylvain Yuma Ramazani, Permanent Secretary for Health, the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Sicily Kariuki, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Republic of Kenya

[Panelists]

Muhammad Ali Pate, Global Director, Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, The World Bank Group; and Director of Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents

Peter Sands, Executive Director, The Global Fund

Mohamed Malick Fall, Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF

Gerald Macharia, Vice President & Regional Director, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)

Susanne Weissbaecker, Global Head of Access to Medicines, Takeda Pharmaceutical - UHC2030/Private Sector Representative

Prosper Tumusiime, Acting Director, Health Systems and Services Cluster, WHO Regional Office for Africa

[Moderator]

Githinji Gitahi, GCEO Amref Health Africa & Co-Chair of UHC2030 Steering Committee

■ Related SDGs

