

【Side event of TICAD7】

JICA High-Level Panel -Global Governance and Africa's Development-

On August 29, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held a high-level panel at the InterContinental Yokohama Grand. In the event, leaders from Africa, Japan and the global community discussed the varying challenges and roles they must play in response to ongoing changes in global governance.



The panelist were; Ms. Soraya M. Hakuziyaremye, Minister of Trade and Industry of Rwanda; Mr. Amadou Ba, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad of Senegal; Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Board Chair of the Gavi the Vaccine Alliance; Dr. Joseph Stiglitz, professor of Columbia University; and Dr. Shinichi Kitaoka, the President of JICA. Ms. Aiko Doden, a Special Affairs Commentator of NHK, moderated the panel.

The panelists actively engaged in four discussion topics:

- (1) What can Africa learn from the development experiences of Japan and other Asian countries?
- (2) What are the keys to foster Africa's private sector?
- (3) What are the expectations of women and youth in Africa regarding their education, health and employment?

(4) How will the changes of global governance in recent years affect reforms in Africa?

The participants actively exchanged opinions about the usefulness of Japan's experience of modernization after the Meiji period as a reference to Africa's development, as well as the possibility of private sector-led development brought by rapid digitalization in Africa. They also appealed the importance of maximizing the potential of women and youth, the essentiality of advancement of health and education as foundations for human capital, and the necessity to secure peace and stability, democratic governance and dialogues at the national level among different ethnic groups as a premise to development.

Commenting that Africa and Japan can learn from each other's experiences, Dr. Kitaoka expressed his will that JICA works in partnership with African countries by respecting Africa's ownership and taking into account the similarities and differences between Africa and Japan.

■Note

- Mr. Amadou Ba, Senegal's Minister of Foreign Affairs, participated in the first half of the event, and Ms. Soraya M. Hakuziyaremye, Rwanda's Minister of Trade and Industry, participated in the latter half of the event.
- NHK World TV's English Channel will broadcast this event on October 18, 2019.

■Participants

[Panelists]

- Soraya M. Hakuziyaremye, Minister of Trade and Industry of Rwanda
- Amadou Ba, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Senegal
- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Board Chair, Gavi The Vaccine Alliance
- Joseph Stiglitz, professor of Columbia University
- Shinichi Kitaoka, President of JICA

[Moderator]

- Aiko Doden, Special Affairs Commentator, World News Division, NHK WORLD TV, NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation)

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