

【Side event of TICAD7】

Disability and African Development: Toward Inclusion in Communities

On Aug. 30, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held an event in collaboration with Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International (certified NPO) at JICA Yokohama. Various African leaders living with disabilities, including Mr. Mussa Chiwaula, Secretary General of South African Federation of the Disabled, discussed how persons with disabilities contribute to a more inclusive African development. An audience of over a 100 people from Disabled Peoples' Organizations (DPOs), NGOs, businesses and academia participated.

First, Mr. Jun Sakuma, Director General of Human Development Department, JICA, introduced JICA's initiatives regarding disabilities and the importance of persons with disabilities to be agents of development. Reports on JICA initiatives followed. Presenters included Ms. Zukiswa Nzo, the first long-term participant with a disability in African Business Education (ABE) Initiative, and Mr. Taisuke Miyamoto, Project Manager for the JICA Partnership Program, "Capacity Building of Independent Living Centres through Creating Accessible Environment," in South Africa.

Mr. Chiwaula delivered the keynote address "Contributions of Persons with Disabilities - Development That Leaves No One Behind." He emphasized that DPOs must have power to implement SDGs and that all members of societies must accept the diversity and difference of individuals to realize inclusive society. Later, he moderated a panel discussion with three panelists from JICA Knowledge Co-creation Program (KCCP) "Promoting Independent Living through Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in Africa." Lastly, Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International Chairperson, Midori Hirano, gave the closing remarks, in which she expressed expectations for the further promotion of independent living in Africa.

■ Participants

[Opening Remarks]

Jun Sakuma, Director General, Human Development Department, JICA

[Presenter]

Mussa Chiwaula, Secretary General, South African Federation of the Disabled (SAFOD)

Zuskiwa Nzo, JICA Long-Term Participant for African Business Education (ABE) Initiative

Taisuke Miyamoto, Project Manager, Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International

[Panelist]

Participants of the JICA Knowledge Co-creation Program (KCCP) "Promoting Independent Living through Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities in Africa"

Henry Siphon Dlamini, President, Federation Organization of the Disabled People in Swaziland (FODSWA) Umbrella Body

Helen Ogochuwuku Madububobi, Social Worker, Rehabilitation Department, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, Nigeria

Moussa Thiare, General Secretary, Federation of Disabled Peoples' Organizations, Senegal

[Closing Remarks]

Midori Hirano, Chairperson, Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International

■ Photos





Panelists from the KCCP Program



Mr. Mussa Chiwaula

■ Related SDGs

