

Date and hours: Tuesday 27th August from 17:00 to 20:00

Location: Zou-No-Hana Park (1, Kaigandori, Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture)

*The event will take place in the gymnasium at the JICA Yokohama Center in case of rain.

*The event may be cancelled in case of heavy weather.



Co-organizers :BON for AFRICA project committee

BON for AFRICA – Africa-Japan Bon-Dance Festival

Background

The BON for AFRICA project, which launched as a part of the public relations project for TICAD7, draws attention of Japanese people to Africa through the presentation of the Bon-Dance* and music video work "BON for AFRICA**."

This event, which will be held as a pre-event of TICAD7, aims to raise interests and promote understanding of Japanese people for African Development.

Objectives

Performers and visitors dance together with "BON for AFRICA," and experience African culture such as music and dance.

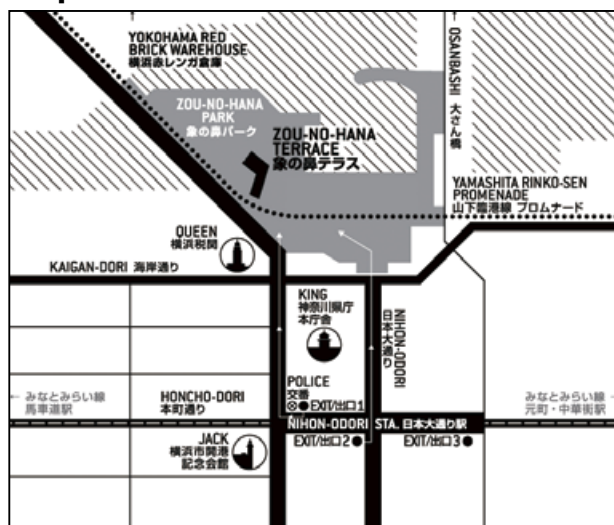
Program (tentative)

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| 17:00 | Opening |
| 17:10 | Music performance (Oswaldo Kouame band, others) |
| | Dance performance (TBC) |
| | African fashion show (Tokyo Africa Collection) |
| | Talk show "Africa x SDGs" (Mr. Mansour Diagne, Mr. Rene Hoshino, others) |
| 19:00 | Bon-Dance – BON for AFRICA (DJ KOO, Mr. Ukon Takafuji, Mr. Ousmane Sanknon, others) |
| 20:00 | Closing |

*Bon-Dance

Bon-Dance originally started as a folk dance to welcome the spirits of the dead in the summer season in Japan. The Bon-Dance tradition is said to have started in the later years of the Muromachi period (1336-1573) as a form of public entertainment.

Map



**"BON for AFRICA"

Under the theme of "Hibari Misora x Bon-Dance x Africa," Ms. Hibari Misora's representative song "Like the Flow of the River" is used by Mr. Ukon Takafuji to create a new Bon-Dance with a fusion of Japan and African culture. "BON for AFRICA" is a music video that was shot in Japan, South Africa and Rwanda.

