

Date and hours: Wednesday 28th August 2019  
 from 10:00 to 12:00  
 Location: La Vela at the InterContinental  
 Hotel Yokohama Grand



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## Innovating the Power Sector for Africa's Future

### Background

With the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7, the world committed to universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services by 2030. To achieve this goal, we need to drastically change and innovate the way we think and act on Africa's power sector development, where the majority of the access deficit lies.

In order to achieve universal access to electricity, Africa needs to (1) enhance access through both on-grid and off-grid electrification, (2) scale-up low-cost renewable energy for increased power generation as well as to expand off-grid access, and (3) strengthen the regional power pools for optimization and security of power supply. Given the size of the access deficit, private sector will play a critical role in this transformative effort. The public sector, including development partners, must join forces to create an enabling environment for this transformation.

### Objectives

The session will explore the challenges and opportunities for public and private sectors to accelerate progress towards universal access to reliable and clean electricity in Africa.

### Key Questions

- ▶ What are effective approaches to increasing energy access, and what are possible business models of public-private partnership to enhance electricity access?
- ▶ What are the gaps regarding upstream generation and transmission (including regional) needed to create more available and affordable power supply to be able to expand access?
- ▶ What are the opportunities and challenges in expanding business in Africa? What actions do the private sectors expect from governments and MDBs/ development partners?

### Speakers

#### Plenary speech

Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya (TBC)

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

#### Moderator

Sudeshna Ghosh Banerjee, Practice Manager, East Africa, Energy & Extractives, World Bank

#### Panelist

Irene Muloni, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Government of the Republic of Uganda

Amadou Hott, Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation, Government of the Republic of Senegal

Andrew M. Herscovitz, Coordinator of Power Africa, USAID

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

Japanese private company (TBC)

Mr. Satoshi Akita President, WASSHA