

Date and hours: Wednesday 28th August from 17:00 to 19:00

Location: Silk Room at the InterContinental Hotel Yokohama Grand

Co-organizers : World Bank (TBD)

Education for Africa to Empower Future Generations

Background

Agenda 2063, the AU's vision, aims to build a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development. It also points out that early childhood development (ECD) and basic education are indispensable to Africa to develop human capital that supports its growth.

While primary enrollment rate in Africa has greatly improved, the education sector is facing persistent challenges.

- ▶ 60 million children are out of school.
- ▶ 200 million children do not have minimum proficiency in reading and math.
- ▶ ECD is not prioritized in the government policies.

It is important to have an open and profound discussion on how to develop the basic education sector to empower Africa's future generations to achieve Agenda 2063.

Objectives

- ▶ Highlight the significance of basic education as the foundation of a prosperous Africa
- ▶ Accelerate education development in Africa through discussions among various leaders

Key Questions

- ▶ Why do we need to ensure quality basic education for the future generations of Africa?
- ▶ What is the ideal form of basic education to realize the societies Africa aspires to be?
- ▶ What actions should Japan, the World Bank and other development aid agencies take to improve the quality of basic education in Africa?

Speakers

Opening Remarks

Shinichi Kitaoka, President, JICA

Keynote Speech

Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi, President, The Arab Republic of Egypt

Koichi Wakata, Astronaut, JAXA

Panel Discussion

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

Nobuko Kayashima, Vice President, JICA

Ministers of Education (three ministers from African countries)

Ryoko Tsuneyoshi, Professor, The University of Tokyo *Moderator