

Inclusive and Dynamic Development in Africa

At 13pm on May 31, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held an event on “Inclusive and Dynamic Growth in Africa” at the Intercontinental Hotel Yokohama as a TICAD V JICA Seminar Series. The Panel including President Alassane Ouattara of Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, and President Macky Sall of Republic of Senegal, and Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia discussed issues regarding how to realize inclusive and dynamic development in Africa. The session was opened by Ms. Sadako Ogata, Special Advisor to JICA President, and moderated by Dr. Akihiko Tanaka, JICA President.



The panel agreed on the importance of tapping into the potential of the private sector, especially through economic policies for infrastructure development with role of private sector at its core, increasing high level dialogue with the government and private sector, and the government’s role in facilitating private sector led growth. The panel agreed that in order to increase foreign direct investment including from Japan, governments need to improve core infrastructure such as power and transport, and improve enabling environment for business by promoting good governance and strengthening anti-corruption policies. Prime Minister Hailemariam, referring to the East Asian development experience, explained that governments can play a leading role in facilitating private sector development.

The Panel also discussed specific ways in which to promote a more active role for women and youths. The panelist shared views on increasing the role of women in the workforce and society. Also, they discussed ways in which the youths, which constitute 60% of the working population in Africa, can get jobs. President Macky Sall of Senegal expressed his appreciation for JICA’s cooperation in Senegal Japan Vocational Training Center (CFPT) that has been contributing to sending highly skilled youths into the workforce. President Ouattara explained that Africa is a young continent, and it is a continent of the young. Therefore, he explained, governments and international partners need to give the young generation a brighter future, not only through investment and growth, but also through transformation of mindset.

The panel agreed on the importance and role of government in promoting inclusive growth by including women and youths in development. Also, it agreed on promoting good governance and

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increasing dialogue with the private sector in order to increase foreign direct investment.

Panelists

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Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Moderator

Dr. Akihiko Tanaka, President of JICA

Opening Speech

Ms. Sadako Ogata, Special Advisor to the President