

TICAD V High Level Panel

Inclusive and Dynamic Development in Africa**1. Background and objectives of the seminar**

The current state of development in African continent is vastly diverse. There are regions successfully shifting its stage to reconstruction on the one hand, and on the other, some parts of Africa are still struggling with fragility. Growth without equity will never bring stability. Pursuing “inclusive and dynamic growth” is the key for African continent. Thus, considering and making the most of its diversity in Africa for fully utilizing all the people including the poorest of the poor to revive the continent is crucial for sustainable development.

JICA hosted a high level international symposium “Economic Development in Africa and Asian Growth Experience” at the last TICAD IV held in 2008. As an outcome of the event, the late Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles, who was deeply moved by Japan’s experience in industrialization, requested JICA to improve the government industrial policy and to enhance private sector competitiveness.

The proposed high-level panel discussion aims to deepen the discussion for a more inclusive and dynamic growth with *synnovation*. *Synnovation* is a word JICA coined, meaning innovating new approaches and solutions in concert with global partners. JICA is honored to host this event to share synnovative approaches and solutions on inclusive and dynamic African development with prominent panelists.

2. The objectives of the seminar are:

- The session aims to share innovative new approaches and solutions on inclusive and dynamic African development with prominent panelists.

3. Key questions to be addressed will include:

- The challenges towards achieving a more people-centered and inclusive development, especially through good governance and increasing role of women and youth in the labor force and the education.
- The challenges for transforming the economy to a more diversified and value-added one, and how the dynamism of the private sector can be utilized in order to promote this transformation. For example, what role can the private sector play in increasing agricultural and industrial productivity? Also, what are panelists’ expectations of the Japanese business sector in this transformation?
- What are the main issues for consolidating peace, which is necessary for sustainable growth and development?

4. Speakers (in Alphabetical order)

- H.E. Mr. Hailemariam DESALEGN, Prime Minister, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (TBC)
- Sadako OGATA, Special Advisor to the President, JICA
- H.E. Mr. Alassane OUATTARA, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (TBC)
- H.E. Mr. Macky SALL, President, Republic of Senegal (TBC)
- Akihiko TANAKA, President, JICA

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