

## **TICAD V Student Project**

### Youth Possibility for the Future of Africa and Japan

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held a side event with TICAD V Student Project on Sunday May 31 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Yokohama Grand Intercontinental Hotel themed “Youth Possibility for the Future of Africa and Japan”. On stage were The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Executive Director, Richard Dictus, United Nations University (UNU), Obijiofor Aginam, and the co-directors of the TICADV Student Project Emma Tsuji Harrison and Misa Maeda. From Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Tsuneo Kurokawa, vice President, made an opening speech and mentioned the fact that this was the first time, throughout the TICAD preparatory process, Youth has drawn attention as an important actor for the development of Africa. He also called upon other aid agencies and international organizations to continue supporting the young people that hold a significant potential for the future of Africa and Japan.

In this side event, the participants shared the proposal written by the youths participated in the Africa Japan Student Summit which was held in March 2013 and expanded the discussions together to focus particularly on “communication” and “peace education”

Obijiofor Aginam from the United Nations University (UNU) described the importance of peace education, and the possibility of involvement of youth. The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Executive Director, Richard Dictus described, from the perspective of volunteers, the significance and potential of a youth implementation body. Emma Tsuji Harrison from TICADV Student Project, presented the outcome of TICADV Student Project and announced the engagement in an effort to implement their proposal.

At this event, the discussions were about the potential of youth as providers of new perspectives on Africa’s development and as a implementation body. These discussions are expected, in the future, to be reflected in national policies of different countries. JICA will continue to support youth that will play an important role in the future world.

In the end, “cousin” (a J-pop duo) played a song “The Peal of Africa”. This song was

born through the collaboration of the “cousin”, Uganda’s children and a JOCV working in Uganda.

■ Speakers at this Event

Panelists:

- Richard Dictus, Executive Director of United Nations Volunteers (UNV)
- Obijiofor Aginam, United Nations University (UNU)
- Emma Tsuji Harrison, Co-Representative of TICAD V Student Project

Speakers:

- Tsuneo Kurokawa , Vice President, JICA
- Misa Maeda, Co-Representative of TICAD V Student Project

Moderator:

- Midori Okamura, member of TICAD V Student Project

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