

**International Symposium
on Women's Leadership and Economic Growth**

1. Background and objectives of the seminar/workshop/forum

City of Yokohama, as a host city of TICAD V, welcomes participants from African countries and will hold the international symposium on “Women's Leadership and Economic Growth” to encourage women's social and economic advancement under the joint auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (TBC) and Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA).

The audience will be mainly from Japanese civil society, who is interested in learning about socio-economic and gender situations in African countries as well as finding out how women can be empowered through various economic and social activities.

2. The objectives of the seminar are:

- The main objective of the symposium is to exchange ideas and good practices on women's economic empowerment in Africa and Japan.

3. Key questions to be addressed will include:

- Socio-economic and gender situations and challenges in Africa and Japan.
- Good practices of women's entrepreneurship development at the grass-root level.
- Exchange of ideas about women's economic empowerment in Africa and Japan.

4. Speakers:

- H.E. Ms. Joyce Hilda Mtila BANDA, President, Republic of Malawi
- Ms. Fumiko HAYASHI, Mayor, City of Yokohama
- Ms. Odile Gakire KATESE, representative of women's group “Inzozu Nziza (Sweet Dream)”, Rwanda
- Dr. Mitslal KIFLEYESUS-MATSCHIE, CEO, Ecopia PLC Ethiopia
- Ms. Ginette-Ursule YOMAN, Division Manager, Gender and Social Development Monitoring Division, African Development Bank(AfDB)
- Ms. Yumiko TANAKA, Senior Advisor on Gender and Development, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

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