

Africa-Japan Dialogue on Disability

1. Background and objectives of the dialogue

Persons with disabilities (PWDs) are important stakeholders and valuable resources in the development process, however, their participation is often limited by various barriers. As part of its efforts to promote the empowerment and mainstreaming of PWDs, JICA is going to implement a training program, "Mainstreaming of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) for African Countries –Independent Living Program-", for leaders with disabilities and government officials from African countries between 22nd of May to 22nd of June, 2013, in collaboration with Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International (DPI-JAPAN).

The dialogue aims to give inputs to TICAD V from the disability community through discussion on how to achieve MDGs among PWDs and challenges, especially poverty eradication, among the participants of the training program and Japanese leaders with disabilities.

2. The objectives of the dialogue are:

- To share the challenges which PWDs in Africa and Japan are facing.
- To contribute to the strengthening of partnership of the international community and the ownership of African countries in TICAD strategy.

3. Key questions to be addressed will include:

- How are we able to address disability issues in the development process of Africa?
- What is the role of PWDs for the achievement of MDGs?

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