

TICADV High Level Panel Discussion
Empowering Young Africans to Live Their Dreams

1. Background and objectives of the seminar

While Africa's economic growth has been impressive, nearly all young Africans struggle in joblessness or in jobs that are insecure and pay low wages. Most have under-developed human capital and their capacity to earn is limited, due to insufficient nutrition during their early childhood, poor health, and inadequate education. For the relatively well educated, good jobs are few and far between. The youth thus constitutes a potent force of discontent. Yet young Africans are vibrant, talented, and entrepreneurial. The projected rapid expansion of youth population can be a comparative strength of the African continent in the aging global economy. The African Development Bank, the World Bank, Kobe University, and JICA will co-organize the High Level Panel Discussion and discuss how the African youth can be transformed from a time bomb to a driving force for growth and development, with African Political Leaders and Heads of the Institutions at TICAD V in Yokohama, Japan.

2. The objectives of the seminar are:

- To discuss the current situation and challenges in youth employment in Africa
- To launch a joint recommendation paper on youth employment in Africa, which will be prepared by the African Development Bank, the World Bank, and JICA, to African political leaders and heads of development cooperation institutes

3. Key questions to be addressed will include:

- What is the key feature of youth employment in the context of Africa?
- What are the critical challenges of youth employment in the region?
- What are effective approaches and policy actions for addressing youth employment in the region? What are key factors in those approaches and policy actions?

4. Speakers (H.E. in alphabetical order)

- H.E. Ali Ben BONGO, President, Gabon (TBD)
- H.E. Jakaya KIKWETE, President, Tanzania
- H.E. Jacob ZUMA, President, South Africa (TBD)
- Dr. Donald KABERUKA, President, African Development Bank
- Dr. Jim Yong KIM, President, World Bank Group
- Dr. Rachel GLENNESTER, Executive Director, J-PAL, MIT

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