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## Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Africa

Cohosted by the Government of Kenya, the World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), the Government of Japan, and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

### 1. Background

Although Sub-Saharan Africa has achieved remarkable improvements in health outcomes over the last 15 years, progress has been uneven. The growing emphasis on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) has been further reinforced by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UHC agenda responds to the priority needs of African people by promoting access to quality health care and reducing the vulnerability from catastrophic health expenditure. Furthermore, the recent Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak has clearly highlighted the importance of public health emergency preparedness as an integral part of UHC and the broader developmental agenda. TICAD VI provides an opportunity for the African countries to take stock of progress toward UHC in the region, discuss different pathways to reform, and agree on critical actions that are required at national and regional levels to achieve UHC.

This side event will build on broader international discussions on UHC, health systems strengthening, and pandemic preparedness, including the G7 Ise-Shima Summit in Japan May 26 - 27, 2016.

### 2. Objectives

- To demonstrate global leadership and commitment to equitable health and UHC at the highest levels across the political spectrum through leadership of African leaders, the government of Japan, African Union, JICA, the Global Fund, World Bank and WHO.
- To highlight examples of how countries have built resilient and sustainable systems for health - a combination of robust health systems including improved facilities, health care, training for health workers, information management, stronger community response, and country-led HSS with greater use of enhanced coordination of country-level actions; and support mechanisms to ultimately achieve UHC.
- To discuss and gain high-level commitments of African countries to endorse and implement their roadmaps to accelerate the progress toward UHC in Africa in line with the "Framework".

### 3. Speakers

- H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President, Kenya
- TBD, Representative of the Gov. of Japan
- M.D., Ph.D. Jim Yong Kim, President, World Bank Group
- Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General, World Health Organization
- Dr. Mark Dybul, Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- H.E. Mr. Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
- TBD, African heads of states
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