

## TICAD VI High-Level Panel: Africa, toward 2063 and beyond

### 1. Background and Objective

JICA is pleased to organize a high level panel discussion on the future of Africa. The idea of the event is to engage in a discussion on the development course of Africa from long-term and wide-ranging perspectives. As such, the discussion will cover not only the immediate socio-economic development issues of Africa per se, but also an extensive range of subjects, such as the changing international environment in economic, political, social, as well as cultural domains. The position of Africa in the world governance could also be an important subject of discussion.

To achieve this objective, the event will invite panelists of very high caliber, including African heads of state and other eminent political figures, leaders of international organizations, and reputed members of the academic community. The session will be moderated by Shinichi Kitaoka, President of JICA, himself a political scientist and historian.

### 2. Speakers

- TBD, Representative of the Gov. of Japan
- Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank
- H.E. Mr. Olusegun Mathew Okikiola Aremu Obasanjo, former President of Nigeria
- TBD, H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President, Rwanda
- H.E. Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President, Liberia
- Prof. Joseph Stiglitz, Professor/Nobel Laureate, Columbia University
- Dr. Shinichi Kitaoka, President, JICA