

## High Level Panel on Inclusive and Dynamic Development in Africa



From left, Akihiko Tanaka, president of JICA, Alassane Ouattara, president of Côte d'Ivoire, Macky Sall, president of Senegal, Hailemariam Desalegn, prime minister of Ethiopia

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held a seminar event on “Inclusive and Dynamic Growth in Africa” at the Intercontinental Yokohama Grand Hotel at 13pm on May 31 as a TICAD V JICA Seminar Series. The Panel including President Alassane Ouattara of Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, and President Macky Sall of Republic of Senegal, and Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia discussed

issues regarding how to realize inclusive and dynamic development in Africa. The session was opened by Sadako Ogata, Special Advisor to JICA President, and moderated by Akihiko Tanaka, JICA President.

The panel recognized the importance of tapping into the potential of the private sector, especially through economic policies for infrastructure development with role of private sector at its core, increasing high level dialogue with the government and private sector, and the government's role in facilitating private sector led growth. The panel expressed opinion that in order to increase foreign direct investment including from Japan, governments need to improve core infrastructure in power sector and transport sector, and improve enabling environment for business by promoting good governance and strengthening anti-corruption policies. Prime Minister Hailemariam, referring to the East Asian development experience, explained that governments can play a leading role in facilitating private sector development.

The Panel also discussed specific ways in which to promote a more active role for women and youths. The panelist shared views on increasing the role of women in the workforce and society. Also, they discussed necessity ways in which the youths, which constitute 60% of the working population in Africa, can get jobs. President Macky Sall of Senegal expressed his appreciation for JICA's cooperation in Senegal Japan Vocational Training Center (CFPT) that has been contributing to sending highly skilled youths into the workforce. President Ouattara explained that Africa is a young continent, and it is a continent of the young. Therefore, he explained, governments and international partners need to give the young generation a brighter future, not only

through investment and growth, but also through transformation of mindset.

The panel agreed on the importance and role of government in promoting inclusive growth by including women and youths in development. Also, it agreed on promoting good governance and increasing dialogue with the private sector in order to increase foreign direct investment.

Panelists:

- Alassane Ouattara, President of Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- Macky Sall, President of Republic of Senegal
- Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Moderator:

- Akihiko Tanaka, President of JICA

Opening Speech:

- Sadako Ogata, Special Advisor to the President