The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) is an open and inclusive multilateral platform that provides a forum to explore innovative, sustainable, and equitable development pathways across Africa and facilitates partnerships between public and private actors from Africa, Japan and beyond. TICAD8 will be held in Tunisia in 2022, following the TICAD7 organized in 2019 against which consolidated partnerships and interventions by TICAD actors have been formulated under the three pillars: society, economy, and peace and stability. Within the context of sustainable recovery from COVID-19, "green" and "digital" transition as a new economic growth model will need to be prioritized.

To facilitate investment and business from Japan in Africa, the Japan-Africa Public-Private Economic Forum was announced by Prime Minister Abe at TICAD6 in 2016, to be held under the initiative of the Japanese government in collaboration with the African host country and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO). The first forum was held in South Africa in 2018 with the participation of high-level participants from the public and private sectors of both Japan and Africa, with the aim of promoting cooperation between Japanese and African private companies and the business activities of Japanese companies in Africa in various fields such as trade and investment, infrastructure, and energy.
At the upcoming 2nd Japan-Africa Public-Private Economic Forum to be hosted in Kenya, but to be organized virtually, JICA, UNIDO Tokyo Office, and UNDP envisage to organize a side-event focusing on spearheading and advocating for green business and climate finance in Africa among business leaders from across the globe, Africa, and Japan. This takes into considerations of alignment with the key agenda items for TICAD 8 building foundations for the continent’s sustainable growth.

Africa is on the frontline of the world’s climate emergency and ecological crisis. The region is the most climate vulnerable part of the planet, alongside continued rapid decline of biodiversity, ecosystems degradation and serious challenges in closing the energy gap. At the High-Level EU-Africa Green Investment Forum in April 2021, the President of the AfDB highlighted energy, agriculture and infrastructure as key areas of investment potential for a post-COVID-19 recovery in Africa and with abundant solar, wind, hydro and geothermal energy resources, Africa’s energy transition alone presents a $100 billion per year investment opportunity and climate-resilient infrastructure offers investment potential of between $130 billion and $170 billion.

Aligned with the urgency of concerted actions, aspiration and commitments of the global community and African member states, promoting a green transition with a focus on future proofing COVID-19 recovery investments and advancing low carbon, climate resilient and nature-based solutions to development are to be advocated for through this side-event. Urgent action is needed for increased access to energy for the unelectrified and for access to reliable, affordable and clean energy for productive uses and improved quality of life.

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Before taking up the current role in 2019, Dr. Odusola was the Chief Economist and head of the Strategy and Analysis for UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa team. Previously, he was the Senior Economist in UNDP Nigeria and was responsible for facilitating the support for the preparation of local, regional and national MDGs reports. Before joining the United Nations, he worked with the Presidency of Nigeria as Head of Research and Macroeconomic Training Programme under the Presidency’s Economic Management Think-Tank (1999-2005). Dr Odusola provides expertise in development strategy, policy analysis and has extensive knowledge of Africa’s economics. He had supported many African countries to prepare National Development Plans, visions and growth strategies. Apart from providing technical leadership to the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), he is also the chair of the UNDP Corporate Technical team on the Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries.

Dr. Odusola is a Nigerian national and holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Ken Shibusawa founded in 2001, Shibusawa and Company, Inc., a strategic advisory firm for alternative investments, ESG/SDGs alignment and human resource development. He also founded in 2008, Commons Asset Management, a mutual fund dedicated to deliver long term investment opportunities to the Japanese household. He has extensive market experience at JP Morgan and Goldman Sachs as well as Moore Capital, a global macro hedge fund, where he was the representative managing director of the Tokyo Office. In 2021, he joined Brunswick Group as Senior Advisor. He is also director of Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives) and a steering committee member of UNDP SDG Impact. He is also a published author and writes frequently in magazines, journals, and internet media. He graduated from the University of Texas with a BS in Chemical Engineering (1983), and (University of California Los Angeles with an MBA (1987).

Kebour Ghenna is an Ethiopian entrepreneur and current Executive Director of the Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI). He oversees a unique organization representing the interests of business and trade associations in Africa.

He has launched a number of successful business ventures and was actively engaged in the management of a number of businesses and non-profit organizations. He presided over the Addis Ababa and Ethiopia Chamber of Commerce, the Ethiopian Business Coalition against HIV/AIDs, the Ethiopian Red Cross Society. Next to his business experience, he has extensive knowledge in organizational development having been involved in the design and execution of numerous development projects and programs working as expert and consultant for UNECA, UNDP, WBI, IDRC and various other national and international organizations.

He has post graduate degrees from SUNY at Stony Brook. He lectured at the Addis Ababa University and played a key role in the establishment of the School of Information Sciences.
Mr. Mutsuo Iwai
Chairman, Africa Project Team
(Deputy Chairman of the Board)
KEIZAI DOYUKAI

Mr. Iwai graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1983 with a degree in economics, and joined Japan Tobacco Inc. in the same year. He has held a wide range of positions, mainly in the areas of corporate planning and business development. After serving as Director, Managing Executive Officer and Head of Planning, he was appointed Deputy CEO of JT International, a company based in Geneva, Switzerland, which operates JT’s overseas tobacco business in more than 120 countries. He has been in his current position since 2020. In April 2020, he also became the chairman of the KEIZAI DOYUKAI (Japan Association of Corporate Executives) Africa Development Assistance Strategy PT. (The name was changed to Africa PT in April 2021.)

Presentation

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Dr. Yuko Yasunaga
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Dr. Yuko Yasunaga (born in 1962) is Head of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) in Tokyo, a position he has held since 2017. He has had an extensive career with Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), with expertise in the areas of natural resources and industrial science/technology development. From 2015 to 2017, Dr. Yasunaga was Vice-President of Japan’s National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) after working as Deputy Director-General responsible for the Ministry’s innovation policy. Dr. Yasunaga holds a M.Eng. in Resource Development Engineering from the University of Tokyo, a M.Sc. in Mineral Economics, from the Colorado School of Mines, USA, and a Ph.D., from the University of Tokyo.

Panel Discussion 1

Mr. Nobuhiro Kawaguchi
Executive Director
GOOD ON ROOFS

Mr. Nobuhiro Kawaguchi was born in 1965 in Saga Prefecture and became the president as the third generation of Kawaguchi Steel Industry Co., Ltd, a roof design and construction company established in 1930. Later, he developed the company to design lightweight solar panels and obtained a patent for a special mount. He has been promoting the spread of renewable energy in Japan and the electrification of rural areas in developing countries such as Africa. Last year, he established a general incorporated association, GOOD ON ROOFS, and serves as its executive director in order to take this activity to the next level. This business model was highly evaluated and won the Grand Prix at the 2019 Kyushumirai-awards and the 2020 Forbes Japan Small Giants Awards. He is now in the spotlight as a company that will change the world from Saga.
Shani is the founder of GreenSquareMetre, a social enterprise focused on connecting local property developers to climate finance as a means to mainstreaming the green building practice in Nigeria. In April 2019, he partnered with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to introduce its ‘EDGE’ green building standard and certification system to some of Nigeria’s leading property developers including Afriland Properties, Massmart+Wallmart and RealBanc at a well-attended workshop in Lagos. Since 2019, he has supported several developers in achieving the standard and has featured as a panelist/moderator in several energy efficiency/green building focused workshops/conferences organized by the British High Commission and the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Nigeria and Ghana. He holds a first degree in Estate Management from the Obafemi Awolowo University and is a certified ‘EDGE’ green building expert licensed by the International Finance Corporation. He has over 14 years combined experience in property and international development. He is passionate about protecting people and the planet.

Mr. Shaninomi Eribo
Founder/CEO
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As the Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) of Challenergy, Mr. Shigeto Mizumoto oversees sales and marketing, PR/branding, and is also the Vice President of the company's joint venture in the Philippines. Prior to joining Challenergy in 2016, Mr. Mizumoto worked for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries on several overseas power projects before joining a consulting firm where he worked with clients to develop renewable energy projects in developing countries. He holds a B.A. from Faculty of Economics, Yokohama National University (2010) and a M.A. in Public Policy from the University of Tokyo (2021), specializing in climate change and energy policy.

Mr. Shigeto Mizumoto
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Challenergy inc

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Mr. Hamza El Baroudi
Co-Founder
EMOB (Electric Mobility)

Panel Discussion 2

Mr. Hubert Danso
CEO and Chairman
Africa investor (Ai) Group

To be added
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Dr. Christopher Marks
Managing Director, Head of Emerging Markets EMEA
MUFG Bank

Dr. Christopher Marks is Managing Director, Head of Emerging Markets EMEA, MUFG Bank. Prior to his current role, Christopher served as Senior Advisor to the Chief Risk Officer and Acting VP for Private Sector Development at the African Development Bank, including consulting as Expert - Capital Markets/Sovereign Debt Management for the International Monetary Fund. Dr. Marks was previously Global Head of Debt Capital Markets at BNP Paribas in London and a member of BNP Paribas' Global Fixed Income Business Committee, having spent 15 years at the bank. Prior to his career as an investment banker, he worked as a public finance specialist in developing economies. He has worked for the World Bank, OECD Development Centre, Price Waterhouse International Privatization Group, and as a USAID consultant. Across his development finance career, he has lived for 7 years in West Africa.
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Mr. Nico Tyabji
Head of Strategic Partnerships
SunFunder

Nico joined SunFunder in 2016 and has played a key role in the Nairobi-based impact investor closing over $150 million for distributed clean energy in emerging markets, primarily in Sub-Saharan Africa. This has included leading business development, closing blended finance investments and off-grid solar transactions, and designing investment-readiness support for earlier-stage companies. A native Londoner, prior to SunFunder he worked on the European clean energy transition at Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and initiated BNEF’s work on off-grid solar and energy access. This included co-authoring the Off-grid Solar Market Trends Report and coordinating Climatescope Africa. Nico has a Masters degree in International Affairs from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs in New York, and a Bachelor’s degree in International Development and Philosophy from the University of Leeds.

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