



## The Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population **NEWS LETTER**

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### Hosting the Japan-African Parliamentarians' Dialogue for TICAD VI

On February 4, JPPF welcomed executives and members of the African Parliamentary Forum for Population and Development (FPA) to the Japan-African Parliamentarians' Dialogue for TICAD VI, a joint event held by JPPF together with the Japan-AU Parliamentary Friendship Association in Tokyo, Japan.

TICAD, which stands for Tokyo International Conferences on African Development, was launched in 1993 on the initiative of Japan, in demonstration of its strong commitment to peace and development in Africa. This year TICAD will be held in Africa for the first time.

This Parliamentarians' Dialogue was held for the purpose of issuing an early appeal to this year's TICAD on the importance of population issues, following the adoption in September last year of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In October last year JPPF's Secretariat, the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA), held a conference in Kenya entitled *Enhancing the Role of Parliamentarians in the Interlinkage between Population Issues and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, where the essential role of parliamentarians in helping to bring about sustainable development was reaffirmed. This Dialogue was the forum for concrete discussions in which the delegates succeeded to the outcomes of that conference.



## Opening Ceremony

Welcome Address given by: Hon. Keizo Takemi, Executive Director of JPPF/Chair of AFPPD



Organizer's Address given by: Hon. Yasuo Fukuda, Former Prime Minister of Japan/ Honorary Chair of JPPF / Chair of APDA



Opening Address given by: Hon. Sadakazu Tanigaki, Chair of JPPF

Address given by: Hon. Masakazu Hamachi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs



Address given by: Ms. Junko Sasaki, Director of UNFPA Tokyo Office

Address given by: Mr. Lucien Kouakou, Africa Regional Director of IPPF

Address given by: Hon. Marie Rose Nguini Effa (Cameroon), Vice-Chair of FPA

Address given by: H.E. Estifanos Afeworki, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Eritrea in Tokyo; Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC) in Tokyo

## Keynote address:

*"Perspective on Japanese and African Cooperation towards efforts on population issues as the basis of sustainable development in Africa"*

Given by Hon. Ichiro Aisawa, Senior Vice-Chair of JPPF/ Chair of Japan-AU Parliamentary Friendship Association

## Session 1: African expectations for TICAD

*"Japanese cooperation and African development"*

Address given by Hon. Asahiko Mihara, Director of JPPF; Acting Chair of Japan-AU Parliamentary Friendship Association



*"African hopes for TICAD"*

Addresses given by:

Hon. Highvie Hambulo Hamududu (Zambia), Chair of ZAPPD

Hon. Mariame Keita Traore (Cote d'Ivoire)

Hon. Yifter Lemlem Hadgu (Ethiopia)



Discussion

Chair: Hon. Paul Chibingu (Malawi)

## Session 2: Parliamentarians' roles and a new development agenda

*"The role that parliamentarians need to play towards achieving the new international development agenda:*

*Report of JTF Kenya project"*



Address given by Hon. Hiroyuki Nagahama, Vice-Chair of JPPF

*“Parliamentarians’ roles and the new development agenda from the African perspective”*

Addresses given by:

Hon. Frank Annoh-Dompreh (Ghana)

Hon. Paul Chibingu (Malawi)



### **Session 3: Panel Discussions “Recommendations to TICAD based on perspectives from each African Region”**

Representing an East African perspective: Hon. Andrew Toboso (Kenya)

Representing a West African perspective: Hon. Jose Manuel Tavares Sanches (Cape Verde)

Representing a Central African perspective: Hon. Marie Rose Nguini Effa (Cameroon)

Representing a Southern African perspective: Hon. Princess Phumelele (Swaziland)

Wrap-up Session: Parliamentarians Working Together for TICAD VI  
Summary, and Appeal to the Japanese Government

Hon. Marie Rose Nguini Effa (Cameroon)



### **Closing ceremony**

Address given by: Mr. Lucien Kouakou, Africa Regional Director, IPPF

Address given by: Ms. Junko Sasaki, Director of UNFPA Tokyo Office

Address given by: Hon. Marie Rose Nguini Effa (Cameroon),

Address given by: Hon. Dr. Toshiko Abe, JPPF Deputy Executive Director



February 5:

Visits to JICA and to Japanese Ministries with an involvement with TICAD

### **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA):**

Address on “The Japanese Government’s African Development Policies and Measures for TICAD VI ” given by Mr. Norio Maruyama, Director-General (Ambassador), African Affairs Department of MOFA



### **The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (MAFF):**

Courtesy visit paid to Hon. Hidemichi Sato, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Address on “African Agricultural Development, Food Security and Population” given by Mr. Osamu Hashiramoto, Director, International Cooperation Division



**The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW):**

“Public Health and Medical Care - Related Collaboration in Africa” address given by Mr. Hiroyuki Yamaya, Director of International Cooperation, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare



**Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Headquarters:**

Under the topic of “Japanese Cooperation under the TICAD Framework”, addresses given by:

- Mr. Hiroshi Kato, Vice-President, JICA (greeting address)
- Mr. Kei Yoshizawa, Senior Advisor to the Director General (Development Policy Analysis for TICAD), Africa Department, JICA
- Mr. Kojiro Fujino, Deputy Director, Planning and TICAD Process Division, Africa Department, JICA



As well as being submitted to the relevant Ministries, the recommendations adopted at the Dialogue are also to be submitted by the African delegates to their respective governments. With the future of our planet foremost in the delegates’ minds, the Dialogue conveyed the zeal and ownership that the African parliamentarians displayed for the development of their continent.

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