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Side Event at the 2nd Japan Africa Public Private Economic Forum

Green Business and Climate Investment:

Business Solutions and Impact Investment for SDGs in Africa

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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.

Programme

Time	Agenda	Speaker
16:30-16:35	Introduction	Session Moderator
16:35-16:40	Opening Remarks	Dr. Ayodele Odusola / Director, Finance Sector Hub Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP
16:40-16:45	Good-will Message	Mr. Ken Shibusawa / CEO Shibusawa and Company Inc.; UNDP SDG Impact Steering Committee Member
16:45-16:50	Presentation	Dr. Katsuya Kuge / Senior Director, Energy and Mining Group, JICA
16:50-17:50	[Panel Discussion 1] Green Business: Opportunities and Partnerships	Mr. Nobuhiro Kawaguchi / Executive Director, GOOD ON ROOFS Mr. Shaninomi Eribo / Founder/CEO, GreenSquareMetre Mr. Shigeto Mizumoto / Chief Strategy Officer, Challenergy inc Mr. Hamza El Baroudi / Co-Founder, EMOB Ms. Alice Ruhweza / Africa Regional Director, WWF
17:50-17:55	Presentation	Dr. Yuko Yasunaga / Director, UNIDO ITPO Tokyo
17:55-18:55	[Panel Discussion 2] Climate Investment: Opportunities and Partnerships	Dr. Christopher Marks / Managing Director, Head of Emerging Markets EMEA, MUFG Bank Mr. Hubert Danso / Chairman, Africa investor (Ai) Group Mr. Nico Tyabji / Head of Strategic Partnerships, SunFunder Ms. Yoko Chivers / Head of SDGs Finance, SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. Mr. Thaven Naidoo / Regional Coordinator, Southern Africa, Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN)
18:55-19:05	Conclusion	Mr. Kebour Ghenna / Executive Director, Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr. Mutsuo Iwai / Chairman, Project Team on African Development Japan Association of Corporate Executives
19:05-19:10	Closing Remarks	Session Moderator

Profile

Opening Remarks

Dr. Ayodele Odusola

Director, Finance Sector Hub
Regional Bureau for Africa
UNDP



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.

Good-will Message

Mr. Ken Shibusawa

CEO
Shibusawa and Company, Inc.



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).

Conclusion

Mr. Kebour Ghenna

Executive Director,
Pan African Chamber of
Commerce and Industry



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

Dr. Katsuya Kuge

Senior Director
Energy and Mining Group, JICA



Working for JICA since 2002, Ghana Office, Sierra Leone Field Office, Africa Department, General Affairs Department, Energy and Mining Group, Kenya Office.

Dr. Yuko Yasunaga

Head
UNIDO
Investment and Technology
Promotion Office (ITPO), Tokyo



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.

Mr. Shaninomi Eribo

Founder/CEO
GreenSquareMetre



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+Walmart 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. Shigeto Mizumoto

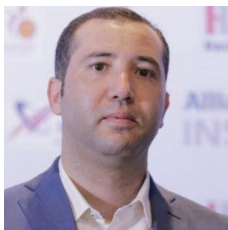
Chief Strategy Officer
Challenergy inc



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. Hamza El Baroudi

Co-Founder
EMOB (Electric Mobility)



Development Director of IMPERIUM HOLDING and Co-Founder of EMOB, created in 2019 and specializing in electric mobility, in partnership with the multinational ALLIANZ, leader in insurance. Founding member of AISEM: Association of Importers of Electric Scooters in Morocco, whose goal is to promote electric mobility on two wheels, to propose factors for the development of this mobility and to present its advantages to the Moroccan Market.

Ms. Alice Ruhweza

Africa Region Director
World Wide Fund for Nature
(WWF)



Ms. Alice Ruhweza is a global thought leader and practitioner with extensive experience working at the intersection of Conservation, Development and the Environment in Africa and globally, fostering successful partnerships with a wide range of international institutions. She is currently the Africa Region Director for the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), where she leads and oversees a regional program comprising 10 countries and over 600 staff. There she is leading design of a new conservation framework that brings together work at national, transboundary and global levels, as well as development of a new system of program quality assurance. She sits on the Board of the CGIAR, the Global Ever-Greening Alliance and on the steering committee of the Future Earth Water-Food-Energy Nexus working group. She is also co-chair of the World Economic Forum Sustainable Aquaculture 2030 working group.

Mr. Hubert Danso

Chairman
Africa investor (Ai) Group



Mr Danso is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Africa investor (Ai) Group – a pan African Infrastructure Investment Holding Company for institutional investors. He also serves as the Chairman of the CFA New York Society Global Asset Owners’ Advisory Council, the Chairman of the African Sovereign Wealth & Pension Fund Leaders Forum and is the current Chair of The African Union Development Agency’s (AUDA) Heads of State Continental Business Network (CBN) and the Chair of the African Green Infrastructure Investment Bank Advisory Board (AfGIIB). Mr Danso also serves on HRH The Prince of Wales Accounting for Sustainability (A4S) Advisory Board, the World Benchmarking Alliance Just Transition Advisory Group (WBA-JTAG) and the UNDP High-Level Project Steering Committee, advising on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Investor Map.

Mr Danso leads Ai’s Pension and Sovereign Wealth Infrastructure Co-Investment Platform and advises corporates, institutional investors, governments and development finance institutions on ESG trends, infrastructure allocations and private equity investments in Africa. Mr Danso was instrumental in establishing the NEPAD-AU 5% Agenda Infrastructure Investment Initiative, for Pension and Sovereign Wealth Fund infrastructure investors.

Hubert holds an LLB in Business Law and an LLM Masters in International Commercial Law from the University of Sussex in England.

Ms. Yoko Chivers

Head of Sustainable Finance
Department, Capital Markets
SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.



Yoko Chivers is a head of Sustainable Finance Department of SMBC Nikko Securities in Tokyo, mainly structuring Sustainable Finance, environment and ESG research, and other Advisory services related to sustainability topics.

She holds degrees in BS in Agriculture from Hokkaido University, Japan, MS in Environmental Management from Queensland University, Australia, and MBA from the City University of New York. After she graduated from MBA, she worked as auditor in environmental report assurance team at KPMG Azsa Sustainability. She also worked for IETA (International Emission Trading Association) to promote emission trading and emission trading standards globally. After that she joined SMBC (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation) and worked for emission trading/GHG emission reduction projects initially, and then became a head of Environment, Energy and Natural Resource group of Growth Industry Cluster Department, where she promoted low carbon emission projects, such as renewable/new energy projects, including hydrogen.

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.

M.A. Johns Hopkins SAIS; D.E.A. Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris; Ph.D. Princeton University

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.

Mr. Thaven Naidoo

Regional Coordinator
Southern Africa, Private
Financing Advisory Network
(PFAN)



I am currently the Southern African representative for the Private Finance Advisory Network, and am actively involved in sourcing projects for the PFAN development pipeline, expanding the network in the region and managing relationships with key partners, including companies in the green economy, international organizations, state enterprises, development finance institutions and private sector equity funds and institutions.

I have extensive experience as a renewable energy project developer, working on both large and small-scale projects, and draw experience from a range of industries, supporting initiatives in project conceptualization, project management, strategic management, and various aspects of training, in sustainable development, renewable energy, waste recycling, agriculture and climate change adaptation, with a special interest in innovation and how innovations are mainstreamed. I have led the PFAN process of supporting adaptation projects.

I have a degree in sustainable development and renewable energy (BPhil) from the Sustainability Institute of the University of Stellenbosch and a degree in architecture from the University of Cape Town (BAS).

Moderator

Mr. Henry Bonsu

Broadcaster and Media
Consultant
Times Radio



Henry Bonsu is a British African broadcaster and media consultant. He is a presenter on Times Radio and appears on BBC World, Sky News, Al Jazeera, MSNBC and TRT World, providing analysis on everything from International Development to the Global Goals. Henry grew up in a Ghanaian household in Manchester and studied Modern Languages (German and French) at Magdalen College, Oxford. He started his career writing features for the Manchester Evening News and the Voice Newspaper, before joining BBC News and Current Affairs. Henry has become a sought after moderator and Master of Ceremonies for partners like the AfDB, UNDP, TICAD, WHO (Africa), UNFCCC, UNHCR and the African Union. His corporate clients: AfrAsia Bank, Maersk, KPMG, Amaris, and Cartier International see him as an ideal host for ground-breaking summits on diversity and sustainability. Henry has provided media consultancy to agencies in several African countries including Ghana, Nigeria, Sudan and Egypt.