

LEVERAGING AFRICA'S BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES: A CALL FOR THE JAPANESE BUSINESS SECTOR

DATE 5 OCTOBER, 15:00 – 18:30

VENUE MAGNOLIA HALL, TOKYO PRINCE HOTEL, TOKYO, JAPAN

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS 14:30 – 15:00

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Remarks

15:00 – 15:15

Opening remarks

Goodwill Message

Remarks

SPEAKERS

Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa
Assistant Administrator
and Regional Director, UNDP Africa

H.E. Estifanos Afeworki
Ambassador of Eritrea
Dean, African Diplomatic Corps in Japan

Mr. Masahisa Sato
State Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Discussion Sessions

15:15 – 15:35

Overall Growth Prospects and Investment Opportunities in Africa

Dr. Ayodele Odusola
Chief Economist, UNDP Africa

15:35 – 15:50

Presentation on Continent-wide efforts to Improve Business and Investment Climate; Concrete measures and initiatives

Dr. Kouassi N'guettia
Director, Economic Affairs
African Union Commission

15:50 – 16:25

Country and sub-regional perspectives on investment opportunities and efforts towards creating a conducive business environment

Ms. Chipego Zulu
Chief Executive Officer
Zambian Manufacturers Association

Mr. Johnson Opoku Boateng
Director,
Business Development Services,
Association of Ghana Industries

Mr. Peter Mathuki
Executive Director
East African Business Council

Ms. Louise Kanyonga
Head of Strategy and Competitiveness
Rwanda Development Board

Mr. Radhakrishna Neelayya
Manager
Economic Development Board, Mauritius

M. Daouda Thiam
Président de la Chambre de Commerce,
d'Industrie et d'Agriculture de Dakar, Senegal

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SPEAKERS

16:25 – 16:50

Discussion

Dr. Ayodele Odusola
Chief Economist, UNDP Africa

16:50 – 17:10

Coffee break

17:10 – 17:30

Reflections from Japanese Companies operating in Africa

Mr. Setsuo Iuchi
*Senior Vice President
Executive Assistant to President
Chiyoda Corporation*

Mr. Iwasuke Shimada
*Managing Director
TOSHIBA Africa (Pty) Ltd.*

Mr. Naoyuki Ikeda
*Manager
Nippon Express Co.,Ltd.*

Mr. Kazuyoshi Morita
*Manager
Kagome Senegal SARL*

17:30 – 17:50

Concrete support measures by International Financing Institutions for Japanese and foreign businesses to invest and operate in Africa

Ms. Bajabulile Swazi Tshabalala
*Vice President
Finance
African Development Bank*

Mr. Toshitake Kurosawa
*Director
IFC Tokyo Office*

Summary, Q&A, and Closing

17:50 - 18:10

Summary and Question & Answer

Dr. Ayodele Odusola
Chief Economist, UNDP Africa

Closing

Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa
*Assistant Administrator
and Regional Director, UNDP Africa*

18:10 - 20:00

Cocktail reception and networking