

**The Third Japan-African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) Summit  
Roundtable  
-Towards the Next TICAD in Africa-  
(Concept Paper)**

*Date and Time: Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 17:15-18:15  
Venue: Conference Room No.11, UN General Assembly Building B1F*

**1. Background and Purpose**

- (1) Next year, TICAD summit meeting will be held in the African continent for the first time in its history. It is a significant turning point for the TICAD process.
- (2) In 2013 and 2014 consecutively, the Prime Minister of Japan hosted the Japan-African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) Summit Roundtable with the participation of African leaders, including the chairs of respective RECs and representatives of the AUC, NEPAD and AfDB, on the margin of the UN General Assembly. Japan hosted these Summit Roundtables since the sub-regional dynamism is the key elements in realizing robust and sustainable economic growth in Africa. At the Roundtables, focus was shed on the field of agriculture in 2013 and infrastructure development in 2014.
- (3) This year, the Third Japan-RECs Summit Roundtable will be held under the theme “Towards the Next TICAD in Africa,” following the decision that the next TICAD summit meeting will be held in Kenya in 2016.
- (4) Although the actual dates of TICAD VI are still under consideration, the UN Summit will provide an opportunity to hold a summit meeting with RECs chairs as a kick off meeting to exchange ideas on what to expect from TICAD VI including the sub-regional point of view.
- (5) The exchange of views is expected to give us an indication what and how we could prepare for TICAD VI, taking into account the dynamism of the sub-regional dimension in Africa in order to make it worthwhile as the first African hosted TICAD.

## **2. Key Questions**

- ✓ What are the priority agendas for respective RECs and/or the African sub-regions that should be addressed at TICAD VI? How can TICAD contribute to addressing sub-regional issues? What is expected from Japan for TICAD VI?

## **3. Programme**

- 1 Statement by Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan
- 2 Statement by Mr. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya
- 3 Exchange of views among participants
- 4 Concluding remarks by Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

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