

**PRESS RELEASE N°26/ 26th AU SUMMIT****The Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) Summit will be held in Africa for the first time****Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 31 January 2016:**

TICAD VI will take place in Nairobi, Kenya on 27-28 August 2016. H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, announced today, Saturday 31 January 2016, in the company of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) and Mr. Katsuyuki Kawai, Representative and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan to the AU 26th Summit. The

announcement of the dates of the TICAD VI was made at the African Union (AU) Headquarters in the sideline of the 26th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads and State and Government of the AU in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma welcomed the participants of the ceremony on behalf of the African Union Commission and underlined the importance of this event to Africa. She expressed her appreciation to the Government of Kenya for accepting to host the TICAD VI Summit.

In his short statement, Mr. Katsuyuki Kawai noted the importance and great attention that the Prime Minister of Japan is giving to the success of TICAD VI Summit and he commended the acceptance of the Republic of Kenya to host the Summit and the preparations for the forthcoming TICAD VI Summit in 2016, which will be the first ever to take place in Africa.

During the announcement ceremony, H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta said that TICAD is promoting the principles of African ownership for the processes encapsulated in the African Union Agenda 2063, with a clear focus to provide decent and productive jobs for the African people, especially the youth. H.E. Mr. Kenyatta stated that Kenya will spare no efforts in ensuring that the upcoming TICAD VI Summit is a success. He expressed gratitude to Government of Japan for the cooperation it extended to Kenya in the run up to hosting the TICAD VI Summit.

It is worth noting that TICAD VI is expected to attract over 6,000 participants from Africa and Japan and various international organizations.

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Note to the Editors:

The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) was launched in 1993 at the initiative of the Government of Japan, with the dual objective of promoting high-level political dialogue between Africa and its development partners and mobilizing support in favor of African development initiatives.

The launch of TICAD was catalytic for refocusing international attention on Africa's development needs. In the course of the past 20 years, TICAD has evolved into a major global and open and multilateral forum for mobilizing and sustaining international support for Africa's development under the principles of African ownership and international partnership.

The TICAD process has five stakeholders called Co-organizers:

- Government of Japan
- Africa Union Commission (AUC)
- United Nations Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (UNOSAA)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- World Bank

Role of the Co-organizers

The Co-organizers are equally responsible to ensure the success of the TICAD process. This includes all arrays of engagements and functions at operational, technical, programmatic and substantive levels.

By providing an opportunity for high-level policy dialogue, TICAD has become a major global platform through which Asian and African nations, as well as international stakeholders, can collaborate to promote Africa's development.

Japan co-hosted TICAD conferences in 1993 (TICAD I), 1998 (TICAD II) , 2003 (TICAD III) , 2008 (TICAD IV) , and 2013 (TICAD V) . The First TICAD V Ministerial Meeting was held in Yaoundé, the Republic of Cameroon in May 2014.

TICAD contributes to the facilitation and promotion of high-level policy dialogue between African leaders and Africa's development partners on issues pertaining to economic growth, trade and investment, sustainable development, human security, peace and stability and government. Being a multilateral partnership, TICAD process also actively promotes South-South and triangular cooperation, in addition to traditional cooperation.

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