

The TICAD V Ministerial Preparatory Meeting
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, March 16th-17th, 2013

Co-Chair's Summary

The Ministers and delegations of African countries and TICAD co-organizers, namely the Government of Japan, the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank, together with representatives of other partner countries, international and regional organizations, the private sector and civil society organizations, met in Addis Ababa, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, on March 16 and 17, 2013 at the TICAD V Ministerial Preparatory Meeting. The agenda of the Meeting was “Outcome documents of TICAD V”, “Inclusive and Resilient Society”, “Peace and stability in Africa”, and “Trade and Investment”.

The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan and H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia/the Chairperson of the Executive Council of the African Union.

H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Dessalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia/the Chairperson of the African Union made opening remarks. He acknowledged the contributions of TICAD to Africa's development over the past 20 years and expressed his firm determination to ensure the success of TICAD V.

The Participants expressed their sincere gratitude to the Government and people of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for their warm hospitality throughout the meeting. They also expressed their appreciation to the African Union Commission for providing an excellent venue and logistical support for the meeting.

Outcome Documents of TICAD V

1. The draft outcome documents of TICAD V, namely the Yokohama Declaration 2013 and the Yokohama Action Plan 2013-2017, developed by TICAD co-organizers and senior officials were presented.
2. The draft outcome documents of TICAD V were adopted at the ministerial level. The Participants noted that the outcome documents will be recommended as Ministerial draft to be adopted by the Heads of State at TICAD V in June, 2013.
3. The Participants stressed the importance of the implementation of the declaration and the action plan. The Participants affirmed that TICAD V should focus on growth that can bring benefits to all people on the African continent equitably and sustainably. They also emphasized that this should be clearly captured in the outcome documents.
4. With two and a half months remaining towards TICAD V, the Participants emphasized the need to further accelerate efforts to develop specific measures in line with the Yokohama Declaration 2013 and the Yokohama Action Plan 2013-2017.
5. The Participants expressed their firm determination to work closely towards TICAD V under the theme of “Hand in Hand with a More Dynamic Africa”.

Outcome of Plenary 2-4

In addition to the outcome documents session, three plenary sessions were held, namely “Inclusive and Resilient Society-Contribution of TICAD to the MDGs process-(plenary 2)”, “Peace and Stability in Africa-Pressing issues-(plenary 3)“, and “Trade and Investment in Africa-Opportunities and Challenges-(plenary 4)“. The outcome of the discussions at these sessions is attached to this Co-Chair’s Summary.

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