



2012 Africa Day Symposium

“Hard Infrastructure Development in Africa– the Role of Japan”

Friday, 25 May 2012, 10.00 ~ 13.00 hours --- U Thant Hall, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan

Co-Organizers: United Nations University and African Diplomatic Corps

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Master of Ceremonies: Obijiofor Aginam, Senior Academic Programme Officer, United Nations University Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP)

10.00~ 10.15 Opening Ceremony:

- Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, UNU
- Stuart Comberbach, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Republic of Zimbabwe, Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC)
- Toshiyuki Kato, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10.15 ~ 11.00 Session I: Presentation by Keynote Speakers

- Ibrahim Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency
- Hideichi Okada, Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
- Akio Dobashi, Chairman, Committee on Sub-Saharan Africa, Keidanren

11.00 ~ 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 ~ 12.50 Session II: Panel Discussion

Moderators: Konrad Osterwalder and Obijiofor Aginam

- Adama Deen, Head of Infrastructure Programmes and Projects, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency
- Sumio Kusaka, Director General for African Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Fumio Hoshi, Chief Operating Officer, Senior Managing Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)
- Jean Paul Melaga, Director, Head of Africa, Corporate Banking Division for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ
- Alex Rugamba, Director, NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department, African Development Bank (AfDB)

12.50 ~ 13.00

- Concluding Remarks by Ahmed Arita Ali, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Republic of Djibouti and Chairperson of the 2012 Africa Day Symposium

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