The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), held every five years, has become a major global framework for Asia and Africa to collaborate in promoting Africa's development. The fifth in the series of TICAD summits will be convened this year in Yokohama from 1–3 June. Although the plenary sessions are restricted to delegations from invited countries and international organizations, TICAD V will include numerous official side events and other activities that are open to the public.

You are cordially invited to attend any (or all) of the six TICAD V side events in Yokohama, and two TICAD-related events in Tokyo, that are being organized from 31 May through 4 June by the United Nations University. For more information on each of these events, please visit the linked event announcement webpage (or, if you are reading a paper copy of this, visit the Upcoming Events section of the UNU Website).

Some of these events do not require advance registration; those that do offer an online registration page. Journalists who have questions, or are unable to register online, may contact Aska Maki of the UNU Office of Communications (maki@unu.edu; +81 (0)3-5467-1298).

TICAD V Side Events

**Health System Reform in Kenya** — At this symposium, UNU-IIGH researchers will introduce previous experiences and current engagement by the National Hospital Insurance Fund of Kenya in implementing the Casemix system to reform that nation's health system. 31 May, 10:00–11:30; Conference Room C, Annex Hall, Pacifico Yokohama

**Advancing Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Africa** — This seminar will focus on Africa's special stake in advancing ESD, and highlight the specific gains that African communities and nations could make through the acceleration of ESD efforts. 31 May, 11:00–12:30; at UNU-IAS, Pacifico Yokohama

**ESD: A Sound Investment to Accelerate African Development** — This event will reinforce the value of Education for Sustainable Development by highlighting its capacity to improve the quality and relevance of education for human lives, livelihoods and dignity. The event will feature speakers and discussants from UNU-IAS, UNESCO, UNICEF, SADC, the Japan Ministry of the Environment and the National Environment Management Authority of Kenya. 1 June, 17:30–18:40; Conference Room D, Annex Hall, Pacifico Yokohama

**Building Inclusive and Resilient Societies in Africa through ESD** — This event will highlight the role of Education for Sustainable Development in building inclusive and resilient societies in Africa, through strategic partnerships and multi-stakeholder collaboration in education and development planning. Speakers and discussants will include representatives from UNU-IAS, UNESCO, UNICEF, SADC, the Japan Ministry of the Environment and the National Environment Management Authority of Kenya. 1 June, 18:50–20:00; Conference Room D, Annex Hall, Pacifico Yokohama
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The Role of Universities in Africa’s Sustainable Development — At this event, representatives from the African Development Bank (AfDB), University of Tokyo, University of Zambia, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, and UNU-ISP will share their experiences and perspectives on the role of universities in achieving sustainable development, and exchange views on innovative ways to achieve sustainable development in Africa through higher education. 2 June, 12:30–14:00; Conference Room A, Annex Hall, Pacifico Yokohama

Traditional Agricultural Systems and Food Security — This seminar will focus on the role of traditional agricultural systems from the perspectives of Globally Important Agricultural Heritages Systems (GIAHS) conservation, sustainability studies and the “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life” Expo Milano 2015. Speakers and discussants (representatives from UNU-ISP, FAO, Roppa, and the Embassy of Italy in Japan) will explore potential contributions toward enhancing food security, an important issue in African development. 2 June, 17:30–19:00 PM; Conference Room A, Annex Hall, Pacifico Yokohama

Other TICAD-Related Events

Walk the Talk: Ending Hunger by 2025 — Dr. Shenggen Fan, Director General of the International Food Policy Research Institute, and Dr. David Malone, Rector of UNU, will discuss major food policy developments of 2012 and future prospects. Topics will include changes in global agricultural productivity growth; moving towards a green economy and sustainability; closing of the gender gap in agriculture; the role of agriculture in improving employment opportunities, particularly for Africa’s youth; and how developed-country farm policies affect agriculture in developing countries. 31 May, 12:30–14:00; UNU Headquarters, Tokyo

Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Laureates Lecture — The Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize, established by the Government of Japan, honours individuals with outstanding achievements in the fields of medical research and medical services to combat infectious and other diseases in Africa. In this event, winners of the 2nd Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize — Dr. Peter Piot of Belgium and Dr. Alex Godwin Coutinho of Uganda — will deliver commemorative addresses. 4 June, 14:30–16:30; UNU Headquarters, Tokyo

For more information about or updates to any of these events, please visit http://unu.edu/events.

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