

Summary of Post-Tana Forum Results

(Theme: "Peace and Security in Africa and TICAD 8 (Evaluation of TICAD 8 Outcomes)")

On November 24, 2022, the Mission of Japan to the African Union, together with the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) of Addis Ababa University, held a Post-Tana Regional Multi-stakeholders Dialogue on the theme "Peace and Security in Africa and TICAD 8 (Evaluation of TICAD 8 Outcomes)".

At the beginning of this seminar, Ambassador HORIUCHI emphasized during his welcoming remarks (1) the significance of this dialogue to the Tana Forum process including this Dialogue by the IPSS, and (2) Japan's approach to the challenges of peace and stability in Africa and beyond, as presented through TICAD 8, and (3) some future prospects.

In particular, he mentioned that TICAD started in 1993, and is a pioneer in AU partnership conferences, playing a role in bringing global attention back to Africa just after the Cold War ended. Also, Ambassador HORIUCHI explained that in TICAD 8, a more open, transparent and inclusive multilateralism was stressed as a contributor to achieving the AU's Agenda 2063 and the UN SDGs, and African leaders positively noted the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) initiative. Furthermore, he said that Japan is responding to Africa's aspiration to prevent and mediate conflicts together with Africa sitting in the driver's seat under an idea called the "New Approach to Peace and Stability in Africa (NAPSA)" proposed by Japan at TICAD 7. Besides, Ambassador HORIUCHI emphasized that in this inter-connected world, sustainable development, as well as peace and stability in Africa, is no longer attainable by dealing only with the events within the African region, and thus, in the Tunis Declaration, which is the outcome document of TICAD 8, Japan and Africa recognized the importance of multilateralism, and committed to work together based on international law, including the UN Charter.

In this Dialogue, Session 1 discussed Africa's efforts to address peace and security in Africa, and the participants actively exchanged views on the benefits from the TICAD 8 outcomes in light of AU's initiatives in Session 2.

Finally, Ambassador HORIUCHI welcomed inputs from Africa as a follow-up to the commitments made by Japan at TICAD 8, including the investment of USD 30 billion as the sum of public and private financial contribution over the next three years, as well as commenting on the ongoing process toward TICAD 9. He also explained Japan's continued stance to support the realization of "African solutions to African problems", and also looked forward to African wisdom in Africa's presentation of "African solutions to Global problems" in this increasingly mutually-connected world.

