



Citibank, N.A., Tokyo Branch
Africa Hybrid Seminar:
Perspective and Practical Steps Ahead of TICAD9

On the occasion of the 9th Tokyo international conference on African Development (TICAD9) and as part of our partnership initiatives, we are pleased to host a hybrid seminar, as outlined below, on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025. This hybrid seminar is joined by executives from our Africa offices and leading economists responsible for the region.

Citi has been operating in Africa since the 1950s, with a presence in 16 countries, offering full banking services in both local and foreign currencies. The seminar will cover a wide range of topics, including macroeconomic trends across the continent, an overview of country-specific risks, practical guidance for companies entering the African market, and a special fireside chat with JICA exploring both public and private collaboration in Africa.

Simultaneous interpretation in both English and Japanese will be provided.

A networking reception will follow the seminar for on-site attendees, providing an opportunity for further discussion and connection.

Please send your RSVPs to citi.ticad9@citi.com with your name, company name, and title. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your sales representative or banker.

We believe this seminar will serve as a valuable opportunity to support your business initiatives in Africa.

We would be honored by your presence, and we look forward to your participation.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, August 19th, 2025

Time: 16:00-18:00 (JST) / 8:00am-10:00am (GMT)

Venue: Hybrid (In person and Online)

- Otemachi Park Building 10F, 1-1-1 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- Online (Zoom ID: 948 0129 9317 / Meeting PW: 916955)

Agenda

Time	Speaker / Content
16:00 – 16:05	Opening Remark Robert Nakamura, Citi Japan Country Officer & Banking Head (CCOBH) for Japan
16:05 – 16:25	David Cowan, Chief Africa Economist, Citi Research “Why Africa” / Macro Update
16:25 – 16:40	Nehad Chowdhury, Global Head of Sovereign Credit Management “Africa Risk Unpacked” / Africa Country Risk Overview
16:40 – 17:00	Akinsowon Dawodu, Cluster Head (CEO) of Sub Sahara Africa / Richard Hodder, Global Head of Export Agency Finance (EAF) “Helping You Get Started in Africa” / Citi’s Network and Resources
17:00 – 17:15	Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) / Akinsowon Dawodu Fireside chat with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
17:15 – 17:20	Closing Remarks David Walker, Citi Japan, Head of Corporate Banking
17:20 – 18:00	Social Gathering

About the Speakers



Akinsowon (Akin) Dawodu

Managing Director - Cluster Head (CEO) of Sub Sahara Africa

Akin is a seasoned banking executive currently serving as Citi’s CEO for Sub Saharan Africa (SSA) since November 2019. In this role, he exercises comprehensive business oversight across the region, encompassing 12 presence and 21 non-presence countries. Akin has also taken on the mantle of Head of Banking for SSA, reflecting his current position within Citi’s new organizational structure. Beyond his corporate roles, Akin serves as a Director on the Board of the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) and is distinguished Member of the Board of Trustees of the CFA Society of Nigeria.



Nehad Chowdhury

Managing Director - Global Head of Sovereign Credit Management (SCM)

Nehad is a Managing Director and the Global head of Sovereign Credit Management (SCM) at Citigroup. His team is responsible for establishing Citi’s internal views on global macroeconomic and sovereign risk. His team’s assessments are used to guide senior management decisions regarding country risk appetite and to underwrite Citi’s exposures to sovereign and government-related entities. He brings over 25 years of experience to this function. Prior to joining Citi in 2013, Nehad was an economist at the International Monetary Fund and advised IMF’s management and policymakers on global financial stability risks.



Richard Hodder

Managing Director – Global Head of Export & Agency Finance

Richard joined Citibank in June 2023 as the Global head of Export & Agency Finance. Richard previously worked at HSBC for 26 years. He headed teams covering Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Europe before being appointed the Global head of the Export & Asset Finance team in 2017, with responsibility for HSBC's ECA, Aviation and Shipping business. He has extensive knowledge of the ECA market and has worked with all the major ECAs over the course of his career.



David Cowan

Managing Director – Africa Economist

David has been the Africa Economist at Citi since July 2007. Prior to this he worked at the Economist Intelligence Unit for a total of eight years as Senior Economist for Africa and the Director of the Middle East and North Africa team. Before joining the Economist Intelligence Unit, he worked for six years as the Principal Research Officer at the Bank of Botswana, the country's central bank. During his working career, David has built up wide-ranging knowledge of financial and foreign exchange markets in Africa and the problems of maximizing the benefits of natural resources in African countries.

*Please note that members of the media may be present.

* Speakers and presentation content are subject to change.

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