Now Is the Time to Evolve the "I" in TICAD into Investment

-Facing the "Cost of Inaction" and Creating Impact through Co-Creation



Thursday, August 21, 2025, 18:00–19:30 Pacifico Yokohama, Exhibition Hall D

Event Overview

Africa will represent one-quarter of the global population by 2050. Its growing importance makes engagement more urgent than ever.

Japan's investment in Africa is declining, and the Cost of Inaction is becoming clear. This event highlights practical cases of co-creation to support talent circulation and global partnerships.

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Time	Agenda
18:00-18:10	Opening Remarks
18:10-18:45	Session 1: "From TICAD Legacy to a Framework for Co-Creation" -Progress of the Africa Investment Initiative
18:45-19:20	Session 2: "Co-Creating Mutual Opportunities through Talent Circulation" -Progress of the Africa Talent Reception Program
19:20-19:30	Closing Remarks

Session Members

Session 1

Keynote



Akira SatohFounder and CIO, &Capital Inc.

Moderator



Ken Shibusawa CEO,Shibusawa and Company, Inc. Founder and CEO, &Capital Inc.

Session 2

Moderator



Keiichi Shirato Professor, College of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University

Speaker



Yuichi Oba Senior Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency



Solomon Quaynor
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Panelists

Kenichi Ogasawara Councillor for Overseas Projects, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)



Toru Horie Director and Managing Executive Officer, Nippon Signal Co.,Ltd.

Panelists



Mutsuo Iwai Chairperson of the Board, Japan Tobacco Inc.



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