

2010 Africa Day Symposium

Environment: Challenges for Africa, the Role of Japan (tentative programme as of 14 May)

Wednesday, 26 May 2010, 14.00 ~ 17.30 hours --- U Thant Hall, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan

Co-Organizers: United Nations University and African Diplomatic Corps

Simultaneous Japanese-English-French interpretation will be provided.

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

14.00 ~ 14.20 **Opening Ceremony**

- Music "Peace Prayer" by Hiroki Okano, Music Composer and Artist
- Opening Remarks by Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, UNU; and Jean Christian Obame, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Gabonese Republic, and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC)

14.20 ~ 15.40 **Session I: Presentations by Keynote Speakers**

- Chinami Nishimura, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
- Representative of the African Union Commission (TBC)
- Kenzo Oshima, Senior Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Video Message from Prof. Wangari Maathai, founder of the Green Belt Movement

15.40 ~ 16.00 **Coffee Break**

Video: "Priority Africa: Climate Change"

16.00 ~ 17.25 **Session II: Panel Discussion**

Chair: Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Vice-Rector of UNU, Director of UNU-ISP

- Mounkaila Goumandakoye, Director & Regional Representative, Regional Office for Africa (ROA), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) through live video conference
- Akira Yamada, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)
- Mohamed Ahmed Tawfic, Director, Environmental Impact Assessment Unit, Suez Canal University, Egypt

17.25 ~ 17.30 **Concluding Remarks**

- Nouredine Hached, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Republic of Tunisia and Chairperson of the 2009 Africa Day Symposium

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