



Civil Society Position Paper for SOM of TICAD VI

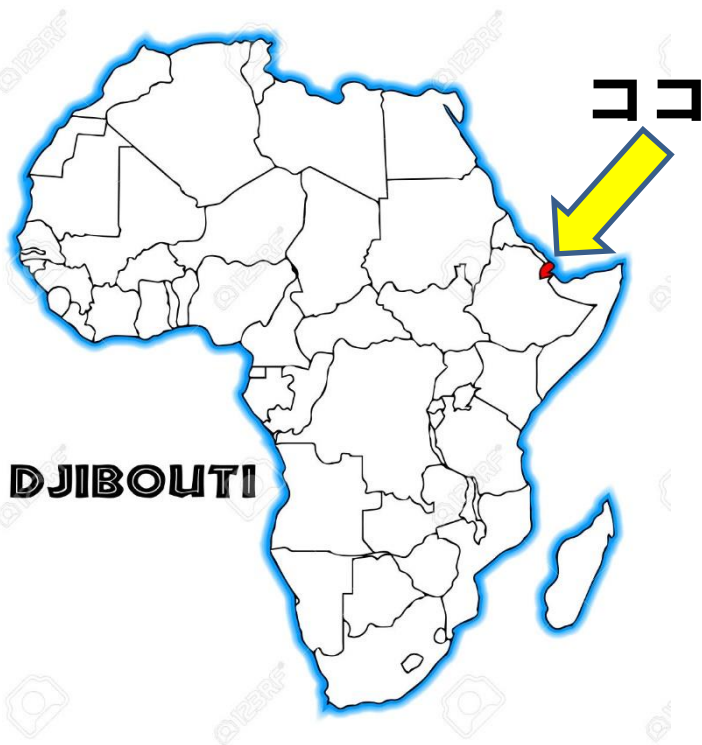


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★ TICAD VI SOM (Djibouti, 14-15 March)

- Senior Officials Meeting: High-Official Level Preparation Level Meeting for TICAD VI, preparing for Ministerial Level Meeting.
- Discuss and decide main agendas of TICAD and develop first stage draft fro TICAD Outcome Documents. (This time, “Nairobi Declaration”)



- A crucial opportunity for civil society advocacy: the direction and major agenda for the conference is almost fixed.
- Supplement declaration of TICAD VI on emerging issues after 2013 will follow the Yokohama Declaration and Action Plan of TICAD V.
- Major Agenda: Industrialization, health, social security and terrorism



Agenda 1: Industrialization



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★ Why “Industrialization”?

- African economy has suffered by the downturn of international price of primary commodities.
- Lessons Learned: African economy has still depends on primary commodities: the price of these commodities has been decided in international market and Africa has no pricing power.
- Without diversification and industrialization, Africa’s economy will continue unstable and dominated by external economic powers.
- “Industrialization” is the first priority for AU in these years.

Civil Society Recommendation

- Urge African governments to diversify and industrialize their economies, develop value chains to overcome their dependency of primary commodities.
- Urge AU to put in place frameworks that ensure the prices of Africa’s raw materials to gain more pricing power.
- Youth should be centered in Africa’s infrastructure development and technical transfer for Africa’s further industrialization.
- Enabling empowerment of women to strengthen their ownership and accelerate economic activities.



Agenda 2: Health, Water and Sanitation



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Why “Health, Water and Sanitation”

- Ebola outbreak in the 3 countries of Africa: because of the vulnerability of their health system and low capacity of health crisis management
- Strengthening the capacity to manage health crisis and health systems strengthening.

Recommendation from Civil Society

Achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) should be top priority. A quality health system for all that leaves no one behind is crucial.

Urge African governments to achieve 15% target (Invest 15% of national budget to health).

Full-funded Global Fund, GAVI the Vaccine Alliance, and other multilateral organizations for health is the primary responsibility of donor countries, aiming for the achievement of health targets of SDGs.

Civil society’s role for UHC, including securing hard-to-reach communities’ access to health services, and independent evaluation of national health systems, is crucial to achieve MDGs.

Women’s 100% access to sanitation, 100% access of safe water and hygiene in public health care facilities should be achieved ASAP.



Agenda 3: Social Security and Terrorism



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Why “Social Security and Terrorism”?

- Influence of “War-on-Terror” for Africa, the rise of religious extremism: Terrorism by Boko Haram in Nigeria, Al-Shabab in Somalia and Kenya
- Radicalization of youth facing continuous unemployment and hopeless society for them

Recommendation of Civil Society

- African governments and international community/partners should develop global human security network to work on this issue comprehensively.
- Urge African governments to de-radicalize youth by creating jobs and keep them active for more hopeful society for them.
- A genuine dialogue is fundamental in solving human problems. A genuine dialogue with extremists to find the exact wants of extremist is necessary.
- Establish “National Commissions for Religious and Moral Education (NCRME) to check religious extremism and appropriate response against them.
- African governments should check porous borders and cut exportation of weapons and money flows for extremists.



SDGs, Agenda 2063, Regional Economic Communities



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Why SDGs, Agenda 2063, Regional Economic Communities?

- SDGs, Agenda 2063 of African Union, Long-Term Plans of RECs are crucial to realize Africa's sustainability.
- Multiple sectors cooperation is crucial to achieve the 7 Aspirations of Agenda 2063.

Recommendation of Civil Society

- Call on TICAD Process to put measures that promote alignment and harmonization with other development initiatives to achieve Agenda 2063.
- Holistic approach for financing for development with both traditional and innovative financial resources.
- Data accountability should facilitate evidenced advocacy and implementation.
- A human-centered development with transparency and accountability.
- Partnership of all sectors, including civil society, for development.