

2003 Africa Day Symposium

The Role of Infrastructure in the Development and Integration of Africa

Venue: UN House

Date/Time: Tuesday, 13 May 2003, 09:45–14:00

Co-organized by: African Diplomatic Corps, United Nations University

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- 09:45-10:05 **Opening Remarks:**
Hans van Ginkel, Rector, United Nations University (UNU)
Rachad Farah, Dean, African Diplomatic Corps (ADC)
A representative of the Ministry of for Foreign Affairs of Japan
- 10:05-10:25 **Session I: Keynote Presentation**
Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal
Speech Title: “The Importance and the Role of Infrastructure Projects in NEPAD for African Development and Regional Integration”
- 10:25-10:50 **Questions & Answers**
- 10:50-11:55 **Session II: Presentations**
Chairman: Rachad Farah, Dean, African Diplomatic Corps (ADC)
- (10:55-11:10) **Torao Tokuda, Member of the House of Representatives**
Speech Title: “Medical Diplomacy, Transfer of Technology, and the Upgrading of Health Infrastructure in Africa”
- (11:10-11:25) **Shunji Yanai, Senior Adviser to UNU Rector, Professor, Chuo University**
Speech Title: “The Contribution of TICAD in the Implementation of NEPAD and the Realization of Infrastructure Projects”
- (11:25-11:40) **Jean Christian Obame, Ambassador of Gabon**
Speech Title: “Overview of Financing and Investment to Africa: Challenges and Risk Management”
- (11:40-11:55) **Bernard de Montferrand, Ambassador of France (G8 Chair Country)**
Speech Title: “The Contribution of G8 in the Implementation of NEPAD and the Realization of Infrastructure Projects”
- 11:55-12:10 **Coffee Break**
- 12:10-13:10 **Session III: Panel Discussion**
Financing Infrastructure Projects in Developing Countries and in Africa: Challenges and Implementation
Chairman: Abdou Aziz Sow, Minister in Charge of NEPAD, Senegal
Panelists:
- Hans van Ginkel, Rector, United Nations University (UNU)
 - Mary D. Odinga, Ambassador of Kenya
 - Haruko Hirose, Deputy to the Director General and Managing Director Programme Coordination and Field Operation Division, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
 - Samuel Koo, Director of United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Office for Japan and Special Representative to the Republic of Korea
 - Akiko Yuge, Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Tokyo Office
 - Yukio Yoshimura, Vice-President and Special Representative to Japan, World Bank
 - Hisao Azuma, Vice-President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
 - Hiroyuki Wakabayashi, Executive Vice President, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)
 - Jungsoo Lee, Resident Director, Asian Development Bank Japanese Representative Office
 - Yuichi Ishimaru, Senior Vice-President, Marubeni Corporation
- 13:10-13:50 **Questions & Answers**
- 13:50-14:00 **Closing Remarks**
Karamchund Mackerdhuj, Ambassador of South-Africa