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

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 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
• 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