

# AFRICA DAY 2008 SYMPOSIUM

Co-Organized by United Nations University and the African Diplomatic Corps

**Tuesday, September 9, 09:30 – 13:00**

U Thant International Conference Hall, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo

## Africa's Food Situation: From Crisis to Opportunities, New Perspectives for Africa

### Programme

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*Master of Ceremonies:* Hiroharu Koike, Special Adviser to the Rector, United Nations University (UNU)

09:30 – 09:40

#### **Welcoming Remarks**

- Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, UNU
- Elly Elikunda Elineema Mtango, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, United Republic of Tanzania, Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC)

09:40 – 10:20

#### **Session I: Presentations by Keynote Speakers**

- Yuriko Koike, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan
- Shintaro Ito, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Noritoshi Ishida, Senior Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

10:20 – 10:40

#### **Coffee Break**

10:40 – 12:50

#### **Session II: Panel Discussion, followed by Question & Answer Session**

*Chair:* Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, UNU

#### *Panellists:*

- Walid Mahmoud Abdelnasser, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Arab Republic of Egypt
- Keitaro Sato, Ambassador in charge of Peace Building in Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Mitsuhiro Yokoyama, Director, Liaison Office in Japan, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Kenzo Oshima, Senior Vice-President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Kazushige Taniguchi, Special Representative, the World Bank Tokyo Office
- Masayuki Yamashita, Director General, International Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

12:50 – 13:00

#### **Concluding Remarks**

- Mokhele Rantsie Likate, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Kingdom of Lesotho and Chairperson of the 2008 Africa Day Symposium
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