

2010 Africa Day Symposium

Environment: Challenges for Africa, the Role of Japan

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 ~ 14.40 **Opening Ceremony**

- Music "Peace Prayer" by Hiroki Okano, Music Composer and Artist
- Opening Remarks :
 - Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, United Nations University (UNU)
 - Gabriel Alexandre Sar, Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal, Acting Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC)
- Message from Africa by Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the Conference of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), delivered by Abdirashid Dulane, Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Address by His Imperial Highness The Crown Prince

14.40 ~ 15.40 **Session I: Presentations by Keynote Speakers**

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

15.40 ~ 16.00 **Coffee Break**

Video: "Priority Africa: Climate Change"

16.00 ~ 17.25 **Session II: Panel Discussion and Questions & Answers**

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

Questions and Answers Session

17.25 ~ 17.30 **Concluding Remarks**

- Nouredine Hached, Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia and Chairperson of the 2010 Africa Day Symposium

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