

**2009 UNU/UNESCO International Conference on Africa and Globalization**  
**Learning from the Past, Enabling a Better Future**  
**Tokyo, Japan**  
**28–29 September 2009**

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*Simultaneous Japanese-English-French interpretation is provided on both days.*

**Monday 28 September 2009**

Day 1: International Conference

U Thant International Conference Hall, UNU Headquarters Building, Tokyo, Japan

**Master of Ceremonies:** Obijiofor Aginam, Academic Programme Officer, UNU Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP)

**09:30-09:45    Opening Session**

- Tetsuro Fukuyama, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan (MoFA)
- Representative from Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (MEXT)
- Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, United Nations University (UNU)

**09:45-11:00    Charting the Future of Africa (1): A Leadership Forum**

*Former Heads of State are invited, together with eminent personalities from Africa, Europe and Japan, to participate in a high-level leadership forum. The forum will focus on charting the future of Africa, based on the lessons learned from past decades, the development experiences and accomplishments, and the impact of the recent financial crisis. Presentations will focus on how to empower the continent to propel and reinforce its own development efforts. Speakers will explore further what role the international community, and most specifically Japan, can and should play to support such efforts.*

*Co-Chairs:* Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General, UNESCO, and Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, UNU

*Keynote Speakers:*

- Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana
- Alpha Oumar Konaré, President of the Republic of Mali; Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- Sam Nujoma, Founding President of the Republic of Namibia
- Antonio Ramalho Eanes, President of the Portuguese Republic  
*“Africa: The Weight of the Past and the Value of Culture in Meeting the Future”*

**11:00-11:30    Coffee break**

**11:30-12:30 Continuation of the Leadership Forum**

**12:30-12:35 Group photograph**

**12:35-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00-15:30 Charting the Future of Africa (2): Putting Vision into Practice**

*Speakers will elaborate upon the vision espoused by the morning session of leadership forum, drawing on their own experience and expertise, and will provide concrete proposals on the ways and means, as well as the obstacles, of putting the vision into practice. They will assess the types of responses needed at the global, regional and national levels to ensure that Africa can weather the impact of the global financial crisis in the short term, while also laying the foundation for the attainment of the Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs), including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), by 2015. Speakers will further analyze the need to ensure that recovery scenarios focus on “the investing out of the crisis” approach, by protecting and increasing funding for global public goods such as quality education at all educational levels; the role of science, technology and innovation; the environment; the quest for a green economy and green jobs; the contribution of culture to development; and the promotion of human rights and gender equality. The floor will then be opened up for a Q&A with the audience.*

*Chair:* Sadaharu Kataoka, President, Waseda Institute of International Strategy; Associate Professor, School of International Liberal Studies, Waseda University

*Speakers:*

- Mongi Bousnina, Professor of Geopolitics, University of Tunis, Tunisia; Former Director General of the Arab League Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ALECSO)
- Aminata Traoré, Former Minister of Culture and Tourism, Republic of Mali
- N’Dri T. Assié-Lumumba, Professor, Africana Studies & Research Center, Cornell University; Fellow, World Academy of Art and Science  
*“African Renewal through Higher Education with a Public Mission”*
- Augustin K. Fosu, Deputy Director, UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)  
*“Charting the Future of Africa: The Importance of Policy Syndromes and Governance”*
- Dominique Malaquais, Senior Researcher, Centre d’Etudes des Mondes Africains (CEMAf), Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)  
*“African Practices of Global Engagement: An Arts and Culture Perspective”*
- Jinichi Matsumoto, Freelance Journalist; Former Senior Columnist, Member of the Editorial Board, and Africa Bureau Chief, The Asahi Shimbun  
*“Globalization Exploits Africa”*

**15:30-16:00 Coffee break**

**16:00-17:30 Charting the Future of Africa (3): Dialoguing with the Leaders**

*Speakers from the previous two sessions will engage in an open discussion on the future of Africa, touching on the themes advanced in the presentations. This session seeks to provide a dynamic forum for a vigorous exchange of ideas and perspectives. The floor will then be opened up for a Q&A session with the audience.*

*Chair:* Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, UNU

**18:00-20:00 Reception**

**Tuesday 29 September, 2009**

Day 2: Focus sessions: Africa and Governance and Africa and Sustainable Development

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**10:00-11:15 Africa and Governance: Improving Socio-political Cohesion**

*Speakers are invited to participate in a focus session to identify new paths for strengthening Africa's governance. The session will focus on the roots of social and political strife and civil wars, and will further consider how increasing inequality can fracture social cohesion and challenge governance. Speakers will examine how the contemporary character of globalization can affect socio-political cohesion and thereby a host of issues, including the effectiveness of development efforts and post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation. The leaders and participating experts will be invited to react to the presentations by speakers. This will be followed by a Q&A session with the audience.*

*Chair:* Goolam Mohamedbhai, Secretary-General, Association of African Universities; Former President, International Association of Universities

*Speakers:*

- Clement E. Adibe, Associate Professor of Political Science, DePaul University, Chicago  
*"The Role of the International Community in Sustaining African Democracies through an Effective Management of Observable Pressure Points in Moments of Political Hiccups"*
- Ernest Aryeetey, Director, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana  
*"Social Cohesion and Economic Development in a Globalizing Africa"*
- Yasushi Katsuma, Director & Professor, International Studies Program, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University  
*"Global Health Governance: Infectious Diseases as a Threat to Human Security in Africa"*
- Obijiofor Aginam, Academic Programme Officer, UNU Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP)  
*"Africa and Globalization: Perspectives on Governance, Public Health Diplomacy, and Resource Conflicts"*

*With comments by:*

- John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana
- Alpha Oumar Konaré, President of the Republic of Mali; Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- Akilagpa Sawyerr, Former Secretary-General, Association of African Universities; Former Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Law, University of Ghana

**11:15-11:45 Coffee break**

**11:45-13:00 Continuation of Africa and Governance Session**

**13:00-14:30 Lunch**

**14:30-16:00 Africa and Sustainable Development**

*Speakers will present their views on issues which are core to the continent's sustainable development. Presentations will focus on how education for sustainable development (ESD) enables communities and societies to develop adaptive capacities and policies when faced with threats both local and global, including the lack of access to medical care and quality education, and the challenges of poverty reduction and climate change. The session will also focus further on enabling Africa to become a key actor in the emerging global green economy through the development of its science, technology and innovation capacities, and the development of new green technologies and new green jobs. The leaders and participating experts will be invited to react to the presentations by speakers. This will be followed by a Q&A session with the audience.*

*Chair:* Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Vice-Rector, UNU; Director, UNU Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP)

*Speakers:*

- Lidia R. Arthur Brito, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Agronomy and Forest Engineering, Eduardo Mondlane University
- George Hara, Group Chairman, DEFTA Partners/Alliance Forum Foundation; Special Commissioner on Tax Panel, Office of the Prime Minister; Japan  
*“Nurturing a Prosperous Africa in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”*
- Tatsuo Hayashi, Representative, Africa-Japan Forum; Special Visiting Professor, Ritsumeikan University  
*“Working Hand in Hand for a Just World”*

*With comments by:*

- Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Sam Nujoma, Founding President of the Republic of Namibia
- Aminata Traoré, Former Minister of Culture and Tourism, Republic of Mali
- Rishab Aiyer Ghosh, Senior Research, UNU-MERIT

**16:00-16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30-17:00 Continuation of Africa and Sustainable Development Session**

**17:00-17:30 Concluding Session: A Vision for Africa**

*Summary and concluding remarks by:* Hans d’Orville, Assistant Director-General for Strategic Planning, UNESCO and Walid Mahmoud Abdelnasser, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Japan