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Advance Notice: TICAD IV Related Events of UNU

The Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) will be held on 28–30 May 2008, in Yokohama, Japan. The theme of TICAD IV is “Towards a Vibrant Africa: Continent of Hope and Opportunity”.

Within the framework of the TICAD process, the United Nations University will organize five official side events on topics of relevance to African development as well as other related public events. It also is anticipated that the Rector of the UNU will participate in the TICAD IV session entitled “Addressing Environmental Changes” and will act as leader of the session focusing on “Adaptation and Disaster Prevention”.

You will receive a detailed media release about each event; the intent of this listing is to help you plan ahead. *For more information and updates, see <http://www.unu.edu/africa/ticad/>.*

Official TICAD Side Events (invitation only)

28 May 2008 at UNU-IAS (6F International Organizations Centre, Pacifico-Yokohama)

Critical Intersection: Climate Change and Security

This seminar, convened by UNU-IAS, will introduce and examine the impact of climate change on security in sub-Saharan Africa. In particular, it will focus on food security, water scarcity and armed conflict; natural disasters and human security; and opportunities for critical interventions to facilitate peace and development. Speakers and discussants will include Obijiofor Aginam, Academic Programme Officer, UNU Peace and Governance Programme; Claudia ten Have, Associate Fellow, UNU-IAS; Srikantha Herath, Senior Academic Programme Officer, UNU Environment and Sustainable Development Programme; Brian Ngo, OECD African Partnership Forum (APF); Christian Webersik, JSPS–UNU Postdoctoral Fellow, UNU-IAS; and representatives from Japanese ministries, the African Diplomatic Corps, and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

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Education for Sustainable Development: Focus on Regional Centres of Expertise in Africa

This seminar, convened by UNU-IAS, will introduce the UNU network of Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCEs), and in particular will showcase their role towards achieving sustainable development in Africa. A documentary on environmental and sustainable development challenges in the Greater Nairobi region will be presented. Speakers and discussants will include Yoko Mochizuki and Yoshihiro Natori of UNU-IAS.

29 May 2008 at Intercontinental Yokohama Grand

High-Level Panel: Science and Technology for Africa’s Sustainable Development

This high-level panel, convened by UNU-IAS, aims to provide key practitioners, policy-makers and commentators in the field of science and technology with an opportunity to highlight areas where Japanese and international expertise can be of direct relevance to African efforts to put in place policies and programmes to support sustainable development. Speakers and discussants will include Eckhard Deutscher, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee; Calestous Juma, Co-Chair, African Union High-Level Panel on Modern Biotechnology; A.H. Zakri, Director, UNU-IAS; and others.

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Innovative Centre on Education Support in Africa

This seminar will present a joint initiative by UNU and the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) known as the Innovative Centre on Education Support in Africa. The aim of this initiative is to help sub-Saharan countries meet the challenges facing their educational

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systems. Within the framework of this initiative, four African universities have conducted research focusing on (1) policies and reforms of educational systems in Africa; (2) programmes, pedagogy and teaching tools; (3) training of teachers in Africa; and (4) research on education in Africa. (A publication highlighting the main findings of these research projects will be distributed at TICAD IV.) Speakers and discussants will include Pierre Kouraogo, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Komlavi Francisco Seddoh, UNU Council Member; and others.

**29 May 2008 at Intercontinental Yokohama Grand or UNU-IAS
Capacity Development and Policy Needs for Environment Management Technology Development in Africa**

Technologies for environmental monitoring and management are vital for appropriate environmental governance for sustainable development. This seminar focuses on the critical need for improving relevant local capacities in a sustainable manner through higher educational opportunities and policies fostering the development and application of such technologies, which with population and development pressures placing increasing stress on the environment, the need is growing more urgent.

Related Public Events (Open to public)

**26 May 2008 at UNU Headquarters, Tokyo
14th U Thant Distinguished Lecture**

This UNU U Thant Distinguished Lecture will feature Martti Ahtisaari, Former President of Finland, who will speak on the topic of “Negotiating Peace in Africa, Asia and Europe”.

For more information (available soon), see http://www.unu.edu/uthant_lectures/.

**26 May 2008 at Pacifico Yokohama Conference Centre, Yokohama
Pre-TICAD Public Forum on Science and Technology for Africa**

This pre-TICAD Public Forum, convened by UNU-IAS, highlights the role of science and technology as essential tools for Africa’s sustainable development, assesses Japanese science and technology contributions to the African continent, and identifies future areas for Japan–Africa partnerships to advance development, improve the quality of life, and find innovative policy and technological solutions to environmental and development challenges facing the region. Speakers will include Calestous Juma, Co-Chair, African Union High-Level Panel on Modern Biotechnology; Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Science Advisor to the Cabinet of Japan; Masaru Iwanaga, Director General, NARO; Kiichiro Fukasaku, Counsellor, OECD; and others.

For more information, see <http://www.ias.unu.edu/ticad>.

**29 May 2008, UNU Headquarters, Tokyo
Commemorative Lectures of the First Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Laureates**

The Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize was established by the government of Japan to honour individuals who have made outstanding achievements in combating infectious diseases in Africa or in establishing innovative medical service systems. At this event, organized by the Cabinet Office of Japan and co-organized by the Science Council of Japan and UNU, the inaugural Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize laureates — Dr. Brian Greenwood, Manson Professor of Clinical Tropical Medicine, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Prof. Miriam K. Were, Chairperson of Kenya’s National AIDS Control Council — will deliver commemorative lectures on, respectively, “Malaria elimination – Is it possible?” and “From public toilet facilities to local clinics – A challenge for African communities” (*titles tentative*).

For more information, see <http://www.cao.go.jp/noguchisho/index-e.html>.

For additional information about any of these events before we disseminate the individual event media releases, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).