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UNU Will Organize Five Official Side Events for TICAD IV

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 is organizing the following five official TICAD IV side events on 28 and 29 May. In addition, UNU Rector Konrad Osterwalder will participate in the TICAD IV session on “Addressing Environmental Issues / Climate Change” and will act as leader of the session focusing on “Adaptation / Disaster Prevention”.

For more information about the UNU and TICAD IV, see <http://www.unu.edu/africa/ticad/>.

Critical Intersection: Climate Change and Security

28 May (Wed.), 11:15–12:30

UNU-Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), 6F International Organizations Centre, Pacifico-Yokohama

This seminar 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. (Refreshments will be served.)

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

28 May (Wed.), 13:15–14:15

UNU-IAS, 6F International Organizations Centre, Pacifico-Yokohama

This seminar will introduce the UNU network of Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development, and in particular will showcase their role towards achieving sustainable development in Africa. The event will include the screening of a documentary on environmental and sustainable development challenges in the Greater Nairobi region.

Speakers and discussants will include Yoko Mochizuki and Yoshihiro Natori of UNU-IAS. (Refreshments will be served.)

MEDIA ALERT

Capacity Development and Policy Needs for Environment Management Technology Development in Africa

29 May (Thurs.), 14:00–15:30

UNU-IAS, 6F International Organizations Centre, Pacifico-Yokohama

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; with population and development pressures placing increasing stress on the environment, this need is growing more urgent.

Speakers and discussants will be Stephen Simukanga, Vice-Chancellor, University of Zambia; Masaru Yarime, Associate Professor, University of Tokyo; Sanga-Ngoie Kazadi, Professor, Ritsumeikan Asia-Pacific University; and Srikantha Herath, Senior Academic Programme Officer, UNU.

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

29 May (Thurs.), 15:45–16:45

Intercontinental Yokohama Grand Hotel (Silk Room)

This high-level panel 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.

Innovative Centre on Education Support in Africa

29 May (Thurs.), 17:00–18:00

Intercontinental Yokohama Grand Hotel (Silk Room)

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 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. The main findings of these research projects will be presented at TICAD IV.

Speakers and discussants will include Pierre Kouraogo, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Komlavi Francisco Seddoh, UNU Council Member; and others.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend these events. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel.: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu) to confirm your attendance.