



Official TICADVII Side-Event

# Africa will be free from NTDs

The partnership between Africa and Japan to end neglected tropical diseases

## Overview

Over one billion people are at risk of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) worldwide and they affect over 600m people in Africa. These diseases are mostly prevalent in developing countries among the poorest of the poor, causing health disparities. At the same time, elimination of NTDs is seen as a marker for equity in the progress towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC), which the Japanese government strongly supports.

This symposium will highlight Japan's past and current NTD elimination efforts. It will discuss how investments in NTD interventions will accelerate progress towards UHC and contribute to economic growth in Africa.

**Date:** August 28<sup>th</sup> 2019  
**Time:** 13:00 - 14:30  
**Venue:** Pacifico Yokohama, Exhibition Hall B, Room B03

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### Organizers:



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### Co-Organizers:





# Agenda

## Opening Remarks

- Prof. Kazuyo Ichimori, Chair of Japan Alliance on Global NTDs Advisory Committee
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## Session 1: Welcoming Remarks

- Mr. Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Chairman of the Parliamentary Association for NTDs eradication
  - Prof. Shinichi Kitaoka, President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency
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## Session 2: Neglected Tropical Diseases and the Story of Japan

- Dr. Mwele Malecela, Director of NTDs, World Health Organization
  - Prof. Kenji Hirayama, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University
  - Dr. Haruo Naito, Representative Corporate Officer and CEO, Eisai
  - Dr. Takao Toda, Vice President for Human Security and Global Health of the Japan International Cooperation Agency
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## Session 3: The Successes in Africa in Fighting NTDs Neglected Tropical Diseases and the Story of Japan

- Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director for Africa, World Health Organization
  - Dr. Monique Wasunna, Director, DNDi Africa
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## Session 4: Call for Action

- Dr. Manabu Sumi, Director, Global Health Policy Division, International Cooperation Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Dr. Christopher Elias, President, Global Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
  - Speeches from African countries (Head of State)
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## Closing Remarks

- Ms. Catherine Ohura, CEO & Executive Director of the Global Health Innovative Technology Fund