

Africa, Japan and the UK: Emerging Partnerships Beyond Summits

Since Japan established its Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) in 1993, an increasing number of summits for African engagement have appeared across the Asia-Pacific region. TICAD VII, held on 28-30 August 2019 in Yokohama, sought to strengthen partnerships between Japan and Africa in three main areas: technical cooperation; business and women's entrepreneurship; and next generation and people-to-people connectivity. The UK-Africa Investment Summit held in January 2020 highlighted similar themes, with an emphasis on investing to generate sustainable growth and create jobs.

Common interests and goals among different African countries, Japan and the UK bring opportunities for trilateral cooperation. This event will examine how collaboration between African countries, Japan and the UK can help to more effectively achieve sustainable growth, business development and job creation.

Tuesday 17 March 2020

9:00 – 9:30 Registration and coffee

9:30 – 11:00 Africa, Japan and the UK: Engagements in Context

Goals and Outcomes of the Yokohama Declaration

The 'Business TICAD': Charting the Shift Towards Private Sector Engagement in Africa

Managing Multiple Partnerships: The Potential of Trilateralism

UK-Japan Cooperation with Africa: The Role of Summits

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Moving Forward: Emerging Fields and Frameworks for Engagement

'People, Technology and Innovation': The TICAD 7 Slogan in Practice

Financing in Africa: UK-Japan Cooperation

Beyond Business Dynamism: Arts, Culture and New Frontiers for Engagement

Triangulating Partnerships for Sustainable Development

13:00 – 13:15 Closing Remarks