



TICAD IV Youth Dialogue

VIBRANT AFRICA – The Next Generation Speaks Out

The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow. The World Bank Tokyo Office, Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC) and UNICEF will initiate a Youth Dialogue via videoconference on the occasion of TICAD IV (Tokyo International Conference on African Development) to encourage the younger generation from Asian and African countries to add their voice to this important process.

Who are the participants?

Youths from:

***Africa - Ghana, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania,
Asia --- Japan, South Korea, Vietnam***



When and where is the event?

Monday May 26, 2008

Ghana

8:00-10:30am

World Bank Country Office VC Room 1

Senegal

8:00-10:30am

World Bank Country Office VC Room 1

South Africa

10:00-12:30am

World Bank Country Office VC Room

Tanzania

11:00am-1:30pm

World Bank Country Office VC Room 2

Japan

5:00-7:30pm

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South Korea

5:00-7:30pm/TBD

Vietnam

3:00-5:30pm

World Bank Country Office VC Room

What are the objectives?

- to identify youth's perspectives on challenges and expectations in Africa to realize sustainable and inclusive growth
- to promote exchanges of views between youth in Asia and Africa to broaden their perspectives.

What is the framework?

- The 2-hour and half videoconference session will include welcome speech, presentations from youth groups in participating countries followed by an open discussion and summary.
- Key views exchanged by youth groups will be conveyed to the TICAD IV Plenary Session.
- The session will be webcast live for view by a wider audience to raise awareness of concerns held by youth groups in Africa and Asia, to gain support for continuous dialogue.

What is the process?

- The purpose of the Youth Dialogue is to enable African and Asian youths to share experiences on TICAD IV priority issues so that Africa and Asia can learn from each other.
- In preparation for the Dialogue, each country group will choose a topic from among the list of priority issues of TICAD IV.
- Local discussions will be held focusing on the issue and how it is being tackled in each respective country. Findings will be presented at the Dialogue.
- After listening to the opinions of their Asian counterparts, African youths will offer their perspective and reveal the path they hope to follow to achieve a Vibrant Africa.

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