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The expectations of African Diplomatic Corps (ADC) to Japan

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We are gathering today to tackle the substantive and concrete dimension related to TICAD process. So, let's go directly to the substance and don't waste time.

The expectations of the African Diplomatic Corps to Japan (ADC) are those of Africa as expressed by the relevant bodies of the African Union in the context of the TICAD process, through its three pillars.

More precisely, and in the context of TICAD 7, these expectations not only express the immediate, but also the long-term needs which should be based on recent social, economic and institutional trends in Africa, (including the recent evolution relating to the African Free Zone, as well as the emergence of a modern and dynamic private sector, **to:**

- sustainably support growth for the diversification of African economies and accelerate the industrialization of Africa;

- build human capacity through the transfer of knowledge and innovation techniques, including vocational training;

- promote and develop human security;

deepen the ongoing process for further integration of African economies and societies;

- work for concrete African ownership of the TICAD process with the support of Japan;

- align these expectations and objectives to create positive synergies;

- make a comprehensive and accurate assessment of the TICAD process and, particularly its global impact on the dynamics of development of Africa to better adjust it to African needs, expectations and strategic goals, as fixed in the various development plans of Africa, in particular the strategy called vision 2063.

Avenues to take?

- **In terms of the global and institutional approach:**

- Leverage the open and multilateral nature of TICAD;
- reflect on a possible integration of the African Development Bank into the group of co-organizers;
- promote the implementation of integrative and structural projects in the African countries and between the different sub regions of the continent.

- **In terms of concrete actions and projects:**

- Develop physic and digital connectivity;
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- promote human mobility and human exchanges, including between businesses, through quality infrastructure;
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- foster greater and more sustainable involvement of Japanese companies in Africa;
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- develop exchange networks between Japanese companies and their African counterparts;
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- promote exchanges between universities through a global and sustainable network;
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- Support the activities of institutes under the umbrella of the Pan-African University.

Before concluding, allow me to underscore the importance of the following keys issues:

The need to support the economic growth in Africa;

Accelerate the African industrialization process;

Improve the human security;

The need to work more closely for a rapid integration of Africa, trough the

development of physique and digital connectivity;

As a chair of ADC Science and Technology Committee, I would like to convey this following message: “Africa is not asking for Development aid, but for an authentic partnership based on win-win rule.

THANK YOU.