

Post-Tana Regional Multi-Stakeholders Dialogue
Peace and Security in Africa and TICAD 8 (evaluation of TICAD 8 outcomes)
24 November 2022/Addis Ababa/Hybrid Forum/ Venue (TBD) and Zoom (link)
Concept Note

I. Introduction

The 10th edition of the Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa has taken place in 2022 in Bahir Dar in hybrid format under the theme, “Managing Security Threats: Building Resilience for the Africa We Want”. Following this, the secretariat holds multi-stakeholders dialogue on a selected theme that calls for further platforms for debates and popularizes the outcomes of the Forum among wider constituencies. As such, the Tana Forum Secretariat in partnership with the Mission of Japan to the AU will organize a regional multi stakeholder’s hybrid forum on the theme “Peace and Security in Africa and TICAD 8 (evaluation of TICAD 8 outcomes)” to be held on 24 November 2022. This concept note is developed to guide this dialogue.

II. Background

(1) African efforts addressing peace and security in Africa

Africa has immense potential owing to its rich natural resources and large population of approximately 1.3 billion. But there are African countries which are suffering from conflicts, confrontations and terrorism. Thus, a development approach that enhances the humanitarian-development-peace nexus is indispensable to achieve durable solutions in Africa. It takes much more efforts and resources to address the situations once conflicts occur than to prevent the situation from turning into conflicts or relapsing into conflicts. Whether we succeed in building national institutions conducive to peace and stability in Africa is enormously important.

Notwithstanding the significant progress made across the continent in this crucial sector, some countries continue to face problems of instability. African countries, with the support of the international community, are committed to the consolidation of peace and to the promotion of good governance. In this regard, the African Union and the RECs are playing an increasing role in safeguarding under African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and bolstering regional and continental stability.

(2) TICAD 8

The Government of Japan has been leading Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) conference since as early as 1993. TICAD is a multilateral international conference, in collaboration with the United Nations, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), World Bank and African Union Commission (AUC), that discusses and deal with issues relating to the development of the African continent. TICAD is Japan’s way of amplifying the importance of Africa following countries decreasing

interest post-cold war. This forerunner of platforms for development has been able to support African initiatives on social and economic improvement in the continent mainly through grant aids and technical assistance. In doing so, African ownership and international partnership in African development has been the underlying principle in this conference which has been shared globally stirring interest in a number of African countries. It has been able to inspire African countries as well forming the rationale behind the establishment of the first all-inclusive development plan created by Africans themselves- the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

In July 2020, the Government of Japan announced that TICAD 8 will be held in 2022 and will be hosted by the Republic of Tunisia making it the first TICAD to take place since the COVID-19 pandemic. TICAD is held every three years, and the recent one was TICAD 8, held in Tunis from 27-28 August 2022. TICAD 8 was attended by 48 African countries (20 Heads of State/Government level participants), Representatives of the co-organizers (the United Nations, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the World Bank, and the African Union Commission (AUC)) and Japanese private sectors among others. Economy, Society and Peace and Stability were discussed in the TICAD 8.

III. Objectives

The main objective of the post forum is to provide an opportunity to rethink the nature, character and goal of international efforts represented by TICAD8 vis-à-vis the state of peace and security in Africa.

IV. Expected outcomes

Expected outcomes of the session are:

- Assess effectiveness of multilateral forum in contributing to building a people-centered peace, security and resilience.
- Evaluate the outcomes of the TICAD 8 and anticipated impacts on the development, peace and security in Africa and synthesize knowledge and insights that would support the strategies and actions of national, regional and continental actors;
- Commitment to managing threats by investing more in governance and building resilience, with significant premium given to citizens active and sustained participation in public affairs, remains an important component in achieving resilience.

v. Expected Outputs

The followings are expected outputs of the Post-Tana Multistakeholders Forum.

- An outcomes document to be shared with peace and security stakeholders as well as other related stakeholders;
- Video recordings to be shared on IPSS and Tana Forum social media;
- Coverage of the dialogue proceedings on IPSS and Tana Forum social media platforms;
- Face-to face dialogue on the theme;
- Sustainable and practical policy recommendations targeting stakeholders.
- A policy brief to be developed based on a theme to be selected;



VI. Proposed Approach

The dialogue will comprise of experts, political and technical consultations resulting in practical recommendations and networking opportunities for stakeholders working in the field of peace and security. The consultation will take place in a face-to face format where not more than 50 participants will be physically present and the rest will join us virtually.

VII. Participants Profile

Participants will include representatives from AU Member States, AUC, RECs/RMs, experts, funding partners, development partners, representatives of foreign governments, research organizations, think tanks, academics as well as media.

VIII. Forum Language

The dialogue will take place in English with simultaneous interpretation in French.

ix. Venue & Date

The Post-Tana forum will take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 24 November 2022 at Hyatt Regency (TBC) in a hybrid format.