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High-Level Thematic Event at TICAD 9, Yokohama, Japan.

Jobs and livelihoods, enhancing resilience: A means to address root causes of protracted crises

Join us for an inspiring interactive dialogue on how mainstreaming decent work into disaster countermeasures can build more resilient communities across Africa; especially vulnerable groups including forcibly displaced people.

WHY ATTEND?

- Learn how employment-intensive approaches can reduce fragility, mitigate climate impacts, and rebuild trust in crisis-affected areas.
- Discover how the ILO and UNDRR are supporting recovery and resilience-building through local investments, skills development, and quality job creation.
- Hear from real changemakers in the private sector, civil society, and development partners working on the frontlines of Africa's challenges.
- Explore practical actions to "Build Back Better" through policies that work for people, peace and the planet.

EVENT DETAILS

 Yokohama, Japan, available online

 Thursday, 21 August 2025
15:20-16:50 (Japan time GMT+9)



REGISTER TO ENJOY:

- Interactive Dialogue & Policy Insights
- Moderated discussions
- Reflections from African and Japanese social partners
- Q&A with the audience

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SPEAKERS FOR TICAD 9 SIDE-EVENT



Nobuharu Imanishi

Ambassador, Deputy Assistant Minister and Deputy Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan Previously held various senior positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), including Director for International Peace Cooperation and Director for Arms Control and Disarmament. Also served as Minister at the Permanent Mission of Japan in Vienna.



André Bogui

Assistant Director-General, ILO Appointed in October 2022, André Bogui oversees the Office of the ILO Director-General. Since joining the ILO in 1999, he has led departments including Human Resources and Strategic Programming and held leadership roles in Asia and Africa. He holds an MBA and an MSc in Accounting from American University in Washington, DC.



Kamal Kishore

Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR Appointed in March 2024, Kamal Kishore brings nearly 30 years of experience in disaster risk reduction, climate action, and sustainable development. He previously headed India's National Disaster Management Authority and led the G20 Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction. He has also held senior positions with UNDP and regional organizations across Asia.



Josia Nyamien Epse Coulibaly

Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Manager, Olam Agri Côte d'Ivoire Josia Nyamien Epse Coulibaly is an agronomist specializing in agroecology with over 15 years of experience leading sustainable cotton initiatives. She has managed climate-resilient, certified projects that have supported over 20,000 smallholder farmers and promoted gender equity in rural communities across Côte d'Ivoire.



Yuka Iwamura

Project Manager in charge of Projects in Africa, Community Road Empowerment (CORE) Yuka Iwamura has over 14 years of experience working on development projects in Africa. She previously served at the Embassies of Japan in Uganda and Nigeria and holds an MSc in Poverty and Development from the University of Manchester. Since 2017, she has led CORE's community-based infrastructure projects across Africa.



Dr Lahimaro Soja Tsimandilatse

Associate Professor, University of Fianarantsoa, Madagascar Dr. Lahimaro is an academic and former regional governor with expertise in international law, governance, and sustainable development. A respected leader in Madagascar, he holds a PhD and speaks fluent English, French, and Chinese, bringing a broad international perspective to his work on inclusive development.



Yoshiko Norimatsu

Assistant General Secretary, RENGO Yoshiko Norimatsu began her trade union career in 2011 and has held leadership roles in the Oita High School Teachers and Workers' Union and the Japan Teachers' Union. She currently serves as Assistant General Secretary of JTUC-RENGO, Japan's largest national trade union confederation.



Emiko Nagasawa

Senior Advisor, Labour Legislation Bureau, KEIDANREN Emiko Nagasawa is Senior Advisor at Keidanren, Japan's leading business federation. She has played a key role in promoting responsible business conduct among member companies and has coordinated corporate relief efforts after major disasters, including the Great East Japan Earthquake. Since July 2023, she has been an employer member of the ILO Governing Body.



Fanfan Rwanyindo

Regional Director for Africa, ILO Appointed in October 2023, Fanfan Rwanyindo Kayirangwa leads the ILO's work in Africa to promote social justice and decent work. A former Minister of Public Service and Labour of Rwanda, she has a strong legal background, including senior roles in the judiciary, and is a passionate advocate for inclusive labour markets and social protection.