



THE PRESIDENCY

MEDIA RELEASE

(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

26 AUGUST 2019

WINDHOEK

ALL MEDIA

President Hage G. Geingob to undertake working visit to Japan to participate in the seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7), in Yokohama

The President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E Dr. Hage G. Geingob will be on official mission to Japan from 28-30 August 2019, to attend the seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7). President Geingob will hold several bilateral meetings, including with His Excellency Shinzō Abe, Prime Minister of Japan.

The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) is a summit level international conference on Africa's development initiated by Japan in 1993. Since its inception, it has become an important platform for collective dialogue and an effective mechanism for enhancing mutually beneficial cooperation between African countries and Japan.

The seventh Tokyo Intentional Conference on African Development will be held under the theme ***“Advancing Africa’s Development through People, Technology, and Innovation”***.

The theme will be discussed under three pillars:

- **Accelerating Economic Transformation and Improving Business Environment Through Innovation and Private Sector Engagement:** This pillar recognizes the importance of economic diversification and industrialization through connectivity, technology and innovation to achieve inclusive and sustainable economic transformation and growth. It also recognizes the critical role of private sector involvement.
- **Deepening Sustainable and Resilient Society:** This pillar acknowledges the important role of connectivity in terms of people, institutions and countries, as well as science, technology and innovation (STI) for building sustainable and resilient societies by reducing poverty, promoting human security, improving livelihoods, proving access to healthcare, facilitating inclusion, addressing climate change, managing rapid urbanization and promoting social cohesion.
- **Strengthening Peace and Stability:** This pillar reiterates the importance of promoting human security, peace and stability through a people-centred approach to development and by strengthening institutions at local, national and continental levels in order to address the root causes of conflict.

President Hage G. Geingob will intervene in two plenary sessions, namely ***“Public-Private Business Dialogue”*** and ***“Deepening Sustainable and Resilient Society for Human Security”***. President Hage G. Geingob will also provide an intervention during a thematic debate on the Blue Economy, on 29 August 2019.

Heads of State and Government are expected to adopt the “Yokohama Declaration”, and an accompanying “Yokohama Action Plan”, as outcome documents of the TICAD7 Summit.

/End

ISSUED BY:

Dr. Alfredo Tjiurimo Hengari

Press Secretary

Mobile: +264 811281496

Email: Alfredo.Hengari@op.gov.na

Follow the Presidency on social media

Twitter: @NamPresidency

Facebook: @NamibianPresidency