

**POST-MORTEM RETREAT FOR THE TICAD VI SUMMIT
HELD IN NAIVASHA FROM 4TH - 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2016**

PRESS RELEASE

Amb. (Dr.) Amina C. Mohamed, EGH, CAV, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs officially closed the Post-Mortem Retreat for TICAD VI in Naivasha on Friday, 9th September, 2016.

Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Devolution and Planning - the ministries that spearheaded the planning and execution of the TICAD VI Conference - the Retreat was necessitated by the need to review and assess the logistical and organizational arrangements, take stock of the substantive outcomes of the Conference and the way forward. The Retreat produced two Reports, the first on the Organization of TICAD VI and the second on the Substantive Outcome of TICAD VI.

The Summit was a huge success, bringing together 32 Heads of State and Government from Africa, the Prime Minister of Japan, co-organisers and over 18,000 accredited participants. Hosting this unique gathering for Kenya was a major stamp of international approval, and a manifestation of Kenya's leadership in Africa's transformation Agenda.

The Retreat identified challenges that were experienced during the Conference, and accordingly made relevant recommendations to inform the successful execution of future conferences of similar magnitude.

The following were identified as the main benefits accruing from the TICAD VI Summit;

- A total of 73 MoUs worth Kshs. 3 trillion to boost trade and investment between African countries and Japan were signed. The MoUs cover infrastructure, education, health, agriculture, ICT and mining among others.
- Japan promised to support Africa's position to have an expanded UN Security Council that would include representation from the continent.
- The Summit had the all important focus on Africa's transformative Agenda 2063 that is being collectively spearheaded under the umbrella of the African Union.
- Japan pledged to work with Africa towards combating insecurity and terrorism. African leaders and Japan committed themselves to tame the rising threat of extremism and piracy on the seas.
- The Japanese pledged to provide \$500 million for vocational training for 50,000 youth in Africa to discourage them from joining terrorist groups like Al-Shabaab.

With reference to Kenya;

- The Country secured a pledge of Kshs. 27.3 billion from Japan to construct an industrial park and free trade area (Special Economic Zone) at Dongo Kundu, Mombasa. The first phase of the Special Economic Zone is scheduled to be

ready by 2019. The agreement involves the development of infrastructure, including Berth 1 at the Port of Mombasa, access roads and transmission line, water supply pipeline from the mainland and sub-station drainage, power supply and a free trade zone.

- Four international companies donated a Kshs. 7.6 million mobile laboratory to the First Lady's Beyond Zero Campaign.
- Kenya and Japan signed the Agreement on Promotion and Protection of Investment (APPI) that is expected to spur Japanese investments in Kenya.
- Kenya's private sector also took advantage of the TICAD VI conference to showcase their companies at the exhibitions, business fora and symposia as well as in many side events that were held before and during the TICAD VI conference.

Going forward, the Retreat recommended that;

- All Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in collaboration with the TICAD Unit in the Ministry of Devolution and Planning, should familiarize themselves with the outcomes of TICAD VI and identify areas within their respective mandates as well as develop relevant proposals for funding.
- Given the many MoUs signed by the Business Community, there is need for the relevant MDAs to collaborate with Private Sector umbrella organisations to ensure effective follow-up.
- Close liaison with our Embassies in Addis Ababa and Tokyo in subsequent planning and follow-up of TICAD programmes.
- Sustained media engagement on the implementation of TICAD VI outcomes is necessary, particularly through continuous updates in the Website.