

**CIVIL SOCIETY CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN MDGS  
SUMMIT IN SEPTEMBER 2010 PRESENTED TO THE  
SECOND TICAD MINISTERIAL FOLLOW- UP MEETING  
MAY 2-3, 2010**

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COMMITMENTS**

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Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen

The Civic Commission for Africa (CCAF) wishes to thank the  
organizers of the second TICAD 1V Ministerial Follow-up Meeting  
for giving us an opportunity to present our views on the MDGs to this  
meeting.

We would like to start off by thanking the leaders who came up with  
the idea of setting targets on which to measure development towards  
improving the quality of life of people around the world // known as  
the Millennium Development Goals or MDGs. This was indeed a sign  
of true caring for/ and commitment towards **our people, our  
countries and our world**. We also wish to take this opportunity to  
applaud the TICAD co-organizers for supporting the development  
initiatives in each African country towards meeting the MDGs at  
country level.

Civic Commission for Africa or CCFA wishes to take this opportunity  
to applaud especially the speech of Hon. Prime Minister Hatoyama in

the General Assembly of the UN in 2009/ to redouble Japan's efforts to achieve the MDGs. And we once again acknowledge the efforts of the Governments of Africa for the earlier strides made towards the attainment of the MDGs in particular MDG 1 of tackling extreme poverty and hunger and MDG 2 on the improvement of school enrolment at primary level. And we applaud Japan's increase to the Global Fund by 25% in the year 2010. CCFA encourages Japan and other donor countries/ to scale up the investment for the Global Fund to meet its resource needs to achieve universal access on AIDS treatment, care and prevention, and achieve goals of Global Malaria and TB action plan for the year 2011-2013.

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However, we now note with concern that despite some progress made earlier as shown from reports from the UNDP and the World Bank, there is a general regression or a reversal in progress made towards achieving most of the MDGs/ and in particular MDG 1 on Poverty and Hunger and Decent Work and MDG 5 on Maternal New Born and Child Health. We are further concerned that inadequate resources have been committed towards MDG 5// which has had a negative impact on Maternal, New Born and Child Health. In the opportunity of the 2010 G8 Muskoka Summit and the September 2010 MDG Summit, we expect sufficient funding to be provided for the achievement of the MDGs by 2015. We also call upon the governments of Africa to honour their pledges of increasing their budgets especially on health.

As civil society, we wish to reiterate the connection between good governance, accountability and effective delivery of services in realising the MDGs. We therefore commend those African Governments/ that have recorded improvements in governance and accountability systems at country level/ which saw good progress towards attaining the MDGs// despite the current financial crisis and

overall challenges the world is facing today. And we would like to challenge those African governments/ whose governance and accountability systems/ have shown weaknesses to an extent of negatively impacting on achieving the MDGs.

We are of the view that the current MDGs Monitoring and Reporting mechanisms/ in some cases do not reflect what we Civil Society see on the ground. We therefore urge TICAD/ to complement the monitoring of the progress of the MDGs.

We further acknowledge that/ climate change continues to undermine the achievements of the MDGs/ in many parts of Africa. And therefore call upon the government of Japan/ to take the lead to accelerate implementation of commitments on mitigation and adaptation/ that meets **the science based demands of African Governments**

In order to accelerate effort towards attaining the MDGs in the remaining 5 years to 2015, Civic Commission for Africa would like to highlight the following messages/ that TICAD should recommend to the UN MDG Summit in September

1. Urgently address Africa's food crisis
2. Ensure that women's issues are prioritized in implementation because "women are core" to the development of any country
3. Call upon the Japanese government and other donor countries/ to up-scale their contribution to the Global Fund/ to meet its resource needs from 2011 to 2013, keeping its demand driven model
4. Ensure that there is optimum funding for specifically MDG 1 on Poverty and Hunger and Decent Work/ and MDG 5 on Maternal New Born and Child Health.

5. In order to achieve the MDG in 2015, TICAD should initiate the development of the **urgently needed “new strategies”** //for achieving the MDGs in the remaining five years

I thank you ladies and gentlemen for listening to the Civil Society voice.