

Closing Remarks Made by H.E. Mr. ESTIFANOS Afeworki, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea to Japan and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC) on Joint Workshop held for ADC by UNIDO/JICA/BTMU in JICA Research Institute Tokyo on June 12, 2015

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H.E. Mr. Ahmed ARAITA ALI, Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti Vice Chair for Trade and Investment Committee in ADC,
Excellencies and Dear Colleagues present here today from ADC,
Mr. Hiroshi KATO, Vice President, JICA
Mr. Muneo KURAUCHI, Advisor, BTMU
Ms. Mari YOSHITAKA, Chief Consultant Clean Energy Finance Division, Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities,
Speakers from esteemed corporates HITACHI Metals Ltd. KOMAIHALTEC Inc., STANLEY ELECTRIC Co., Ltd., TOSHIBA Corporation, TROMOSO Co., Ltd., WELLTHY Corporation and ZEPHYR Corporation

Let me first and foremost express our thanks and gratitude to all of you for organizing this positive opportunity of bilateral and multilateral engagement and very important presentations that included both the private and public sector of Japan as well as the African Diplomatic Corps who participated in this joint workshop.

Allow me to share briefly concluding remarks on the agenda of today's workshop that mainly targeted the triangulation of Energy security downstream and upstream – Japan know how, technology and capital deployment - Ways and means on how African countries can be beneficiaries of a sustainable energy tie-ups including and not excluding clean development mechanisms (CDMs).

As we all remember a model of cooperation was suggested, called “3L” (Lighting Africa, Linking Africa and Lifting Africa) to the African Diplomatic Corps together with business leaders of Japan, JICA, JBIC and their good offices, in a meeting chaired and coordinated by METI on June 30, 2011.

This important workshop, organized by METI, was very special because it was a very encouraging announcement of a new start-up of an additional private sector cooperation supported by KEIDANREN and major conglomerates of Japan and members of the African Diplomatic Corps. The importance of putting in place new initiatives to developmental needs of energy and environment of the African countries was affirmed in this workshop by major conglomerates of Japan. Excellencies and Dear Colleagues who participated in this workshop from the ADC also suggested in this meeting their optimism, practicality and flexibility to see the success of this futuristic synergy between African countries and Japan during that time. The presentation made by H.E. Mr. Ahmed ARAITA ALI the Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti - on geothermal project in his country today – was an example presented in this workshop on the on going projects happening in the energy resourceful part of the rift valley of Africa which includes many African countries like my own country Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya,

Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda by a transnational consortium of public and private interests and efforts.

Japan's investment and building of high tech turbines in the Geothermal Plant of Kenya, wind harvesting field of turbines in Red Sea Coast of Egypt and Solar power plants in Morocco are some of the additional successful examples that can be mentioned here – These projects are lighting African countries like Kenya, Egypt and Morocco transcending the Mediterranean Sea to Europe energy and its future - of course using Japanese technology, know how and capital.

As we all know, Japan is making a significant contribution by supporting in a wide range of social and economic development efforts of African countries through the TICAD process.

We also know that African countries are a promising Greenfield Investment area to Japan because they contain abundant oil, gas, rare metals, precious metals, base metals, fertilizer, and very significant amount of chemical and construction materials. African market also offers a wide spectrum of possibilities and opportunities to Japan's know-how, science, technology and capital.

Therefore, allow me, seizing this opportunity and venue to express our deep felt appreciation and gratitude, on behalf of the members of the African Diplomatic Corps present and myself, for the continued fruitful dialogue on energy diplomacy by the organizers of UNIDO/JICA/BTMU and the concrete business tie-up proposals made by all the above-mentioned companies who made their presentation and proposal in this workshop today.

In conclusion, I would like to thank, once again, UNIDO/JICA/BTMU for arranging such an important meeting with an appropriate theme of dialogue - highlighting the cardinal issue of energy and - the esteemed corporations of Japan clean development mechanisms which can be made available to the African continent - both at a small and big scale - at household level, national or regional level before TICAD VI.

There is no development without industrialization in Africa. There is no industrialization with out deployment of energy in Africa either. Africa is a continent where the sun rises and sets every day. Solar energy shall definitely be the future all over Africa.

We the African Diplomatic Corps here are eager to follow up and peruse a successful outcome of the energy synergy both at bilateral and multilateral level with all of you.

Arigato!