

**JAPANESE-GERMAN CENTER BERLIN [JDZB]**  
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**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

for the symposium

**Global Africa**

**Spheres of Interaction: Africa – Japan – Europe**

on Monday, March 6, 2017

at the JDZB, Saargemuender Str. 2, 14195 Berlin

Language: English

9:00 *Registration*

9:15

**Opening**

Dr. Friederike BOSSE (JDZB)

H.E. Ambassador YAGI Takeshi (Embassy of Japan), *tbc*

Prof. Dr. Günther MAIHOLD (SWP)

**9:30**

**Panel 1: Topics of concern – a look at priorities and perceptions**

**Security and development cooperation**

The first panel will give an overview of topics and challenges that Africa is facing and present perceptions from both inside and outside the African continent.

Chair: Prof. Dr. Julian DIERKES (The University of British Columbia)

Georg SCHMIDT (Federal Foreign Office)

H.E. Yoshifumi OKAMURA (Japanese Representation to the UN)

Dr. Floribert NGARUKO (African Development Bank)

**Discussion**

11:00

*Coffee break*

**11:30**

**Panel 2: Engagement in aspects of development, trade and economy in Africa**

The second panel will touch on the partners' engagement in in the sub-Saharan area. It will focus on ideas and strategies of the G20 process and investigate strategies in order to promote development, trade, as well as economic and infrastructure development.

Chair: Dr. Bettina RUDLOFF (SWP)

Yiannis NEOPHYTOU (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development), *tbc*

Prof. Sadaharu KATAOKA (Waseda University)

Tuesday REITANO (The Global Initiative against transnational organized crime),

*tbc*

Dr. Melanie MÜLLER (SWP)

**Discussion**

13:00

*Lunch*

- 14:00**      **Panel 3: The specifics – Horn of Africa  
Engagement in aspects of security**  
The third panel will address Africa's development and security, and especially the situation at the Horn of Africa, a region of interest and interaction for actors such as Japan, Europe and the AU. During this particular panel, questions of security, religious extremism, the safety of trade through the Red Sea as well repressive regimes, and weak and collapsed states will be discussed.  
Chair: Dr. Judith VORRATH (SWP)
- Colonel Fritz URBACH (Federal Ministry of Defence)  
Dr. Annette WEBER (SWP)  
Tomonori YOSHIZAKI (NIDS)  
Dr. iur. Mehari Taddele MARU (AU High Level Advisor Group)
- Discussion**
- 15:30      *Coffee Break*
- 16:00**      **Panel 4: Approaches, potentials, common ground and diverging views**  
The final session is the rap-up of this seminar which will identify future potentials, opportunities and challenges for spheres of interactions and the engagement of external actors.  
Chair: Prof. Dr. Verena BLECHINGER-TALCOTT (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Sebastian GROTH (Federal Foreign Office)  
Keiichi SHIRATO (Mitsui Global Strategic Studies Institute)  
Dr. Kwaku AMPIAH (University of Leeds)
- Discussion**
- 17:30      *Reception*

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