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وزارة التجهيز والإسكان  
MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉQUIPEMENT ET DE L'HABITAT  
MINISTRY OF EQUIPMENT AND HOUSING



## Conceptual Note

### Side Events Program TICAD 8

#### The 3rd Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for Quality Infrastructure

“Investing in quality infrastructure for long-term prosperity in Africa”

Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

From 14H to 17H 50

(**Tunis**, City of Culture, Room Omar Khelifi)

## General context:

As part of the activities of the eighth session of Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD 8), scheduled for August 27 and 28, 2022 in Tunisia, the Ministry of Equipment and Housing is organizing a side event under the theme: "Investing in quality infrastructure for long-term prosperity in Africa"

The Ministry of Equipment and Housing is organizing this event in partnership with the Tunisian Ministry of Transport, the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, the Japan-Africa Association for Infrastructure Development (JAIDA), the National Federation of Building and Public Works Contractors (FNEBTP) and the Tunisian African Business Council (TABC).

Considering the importance of tripartite cooperation to contribute to an overall vision of sustainable development in Africa, the presence of the Ministry of Equipment and Housing at the national, regional and international levels, in addition to the participation of private sector representatives from of the Federation of Building and Public Works Contractors in Tunisia, will make this event a new opportunity to present the experience and know-how of Tunisian consulting offices and private enterprises and to renew the Ministry's determination to strengthen tripartite cooperation between Tunisia, Japan and other African countries, particularly through the implementation of joint programs and projects by Tunisian skills in public and private partnerships.

The international conference "TICAD 8" is an important event for the triggering of tripartite partnerships between Tunisia, Japan and other African countries in the field of infrastructure, with the support and financial contribution of many international financial institutions such as the African Development Bank. These partnerships will contribute to sustainable growth in Africa given the important role of infrastructure as an engine of growth and development.

## History of a privileged relationship of Tunisian Japanese cooperation

The construction of Radès - La Goulette Bridge is considered one of the high-level achievements of the existing privileged cooperation between Tunisia and Japan. This project, which was implemented with joint funding between Tunisia and Japan, amounting to 141 million dinars, is the result of a fruitful exchange of

experience and know-how and a symbol of successful cooperation between specialized companies and consulting offices in Tunisia and Japan.

In addition to the Radès - La Goulette bridge, 42 other development projects have been implemented for a total cost of approximately 3.1 billion dollars through financing agreements concluded between Tunisia and Japan.

Among the most important projects implemented in Tunisia with funding from the Japanese government, we can cite, without limitation, the construction of the Radès power plant, the construction of the seawater desalination station of the city of Sfax (Project in progress), the construction of the Gabès-Médenine highway (Project in progress), the construction of the El Jem-Sfax highway section forming part of the M'saken-Sfax highway, the flood protection of the city of Ariana, the city of Kairouan and the major flood protection project of Tunis West.

On TICAD 8, the Ministry of Equipment and Housing is seeking to double the volume of Japanese investments in Tunisia in the field of infrastructure and renews its determination to make this event a major step for further strengthening this cooperation and explore new broader horizons for partnership between the two countries and other African countries mainly for the realization of infrastructure projects in public-private partnerships.

### **Overall objective:**

This event aims to pave the way for strengthening tripartite cooperation between Tunisia, Japan and Africa.

In this context, the Ministry of Equipment and Housing propose the construction and management of a Tunisian-Japanese-African academy, in Tunisia, which will be dedicated to the training of technicians from all African countries in the field of quality infrastructure.

It proposes evenly to establish partnerships between the public and private sectors for the implementation of large-scale infrastructure projects with the contribution of Tunisian expertise

It aims, specially, to explore means for setting up public-private partnerships for the financing and implementation of the following two strategic projects:

1. The construction of the Bridge linking the island of Djerba to the mainland.
2. The highway construction project linking Bousalem to the Algerian border.

## **Expected results :**

- Consolidate cooperation and tripartite partnership relations between Tunisia, Japan and other African countries to implement quality infrastructure projects.
- Promote Tunisian expertise, strengthen its position and highlight its ability to implement major infrastructure projects within the framework of tripartite cooperation and public-private partnerships.
- Revitalize tripartite cooperation with Japan for the benefit of Africa with the contribution of Tunisian expertise and know-how.
- Develop and raise the level of partnership and tripartite cooperation between economic actors in the field of quality infrastructure in Tunisia and Japan for the benefit of several other African countries.

## **Organization and form:**

**Date: August 26, 2022**

**Time: 14:00 to 17:50.**

**Location: City of Culture - Tunis (Omar Khelifi Room)**

## **Speakers:**

- Ms. Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri, Minister of Equipment and Housing
- Mr. Rabie Majidi, Minister of Transport, Tunisia
- Dr. Mori Masafumi, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan (by videoconference)
- Mr. Amano Yusuke, Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan
- Mr. Miyamoto Yoichi, Chairman of the Japan-Africa Association for Infrastructure Development (JAIDA)
- Mr. ABASS Awolu Mohammed, Secretary General of the Ministry of Roads and Highways of the Republic of Ghana
- Mr. Khaled AMRI, international PPP expert

- Mr. Yoshihisa OTA, Director of International Strategies for the Construction Industry at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan
- Mr. Slah Zouari, Director General of Roads and Bridges at the Ministry of Equipment and Housing (Tunisia)
- Mr. Abdelkader Kemali, in charge of the General Directorate of Strategy and Public Establishments and Enterprises at the Ministry of Transport (Tunisia)
- Mr. Eliès ben AMEUR, Chief Executive Officer of the Tunisian Trade Office at the Ministry of Trade and Export Development (Tunisia)
- Mr. Sami ABECH, representative of the Libyan Ministry of Equipment
- 9 CEOs of Japanese groups and members of "JAIDA"
- Mr. Jamel Ksibi, President of the National Federation of Building and Public Works Contractors "FNEBTP" (Tunisia)
- Mr. Anis Mahmoud, manager of the company "AMA Groupe"
- Mr. Mahdi Attia, representative of the construction company "ETEP"
- Mr. Karim Gharbi, Deputy Director General of the International Consulting Office "SCET-TUNISIA".
- Mr. Sadri BEN YOUSSEF, representative of the "STUDI International" consulting office
- Mr. Anis Jaziri, President of the Tunisian African Business Council "TABC" (Tunisia)
- Mr. Issam Ben Youssef, Tunisian African Business Council "TABC" (Tunisia)

Link to follow the event remotely:

Seminar moderator:

- Mrs. Manana Zaddem Hafnaoui, Director General of Planning, Cooperation and Training, Ministry of Equipment and Housing (Tunisia).

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<b>14:00 -14:05</b> (05 mn)	<b>Welcoming note by Mr. AMANO Yusuke, Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan</b>
<b>14:05 - 14:15</b> (10 mn)	<b>Opening Speech: Quality Infrastructure for Africa</b> - Dr Masafumi MORI, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan (by videoconference) - Mr Yoichi MIYAMOTO, President of JAIDA (Japan)
<b>14:15 - 14:20</b> (05 mn)	<b>Speech of ABASS Awolu Mohammed, Secretary General of the Ministry of Roads and Highways of the Republic of Ghana, representing</b> <b>HE KWASI AMOAKO ATTAH, Minister of roads and Highways (Ghana)</b>
<b>14:20 - 14:30</b> (10 mn)	<b>Welcoming Speech of HE Minister of Equipment and Housing Sarra ZAAFRANI ZENZRI (Tunisia)</b>
<b>14:30- 14:45</b> (15 mn)	<b>Financing Infrastructure in Africa</b> - M. Khaled AMRI, international PPP expert
<b>14:45- 15:00</b> (15 mn)	<b>Investing in Quality Infrastructure</b> - M. Yoshihisa OTA, Director of International Strategies for the Construction Industry at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan

<b>15:00 -15:20</b> (20 mn)	<b>Can PPP develop infrastructure in Africa?</b> - M. Sadri BEN YOUSSEF, expert at the consulting office« STUDI International » - M. Slah ZOUARI, Director General of Roads and Bridges at the Ministry of Equipment and Housing (Tunisia)
<b>15:20 -15:40</b> (20 mn)	<b>Transportation Infrastructure Projects</b> - M. Abdelkader Kemali, in charge of the General Directorate of Strategy and Public Establishments and Enterprises at the Ministry of Transport (Tunisia)
<b>15:40 - 15:55</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15:55 - 16:45</b> (50 mn)	<b>Infrastructure Projects implemented in Africa: Success stories</b> - JAIDA Members (9 different speakers), - M. Sadri BEN YOUSSEF, representing the consulting firm « STUDI International », - M. Jamel KSIBI, President of the National Federation of Building and Public Works Contractors "FNEBTP" (Tunisia) - M. Anis MAHMOUD manager of « AMA-Group » - M. Mehdi ATTAIA, representing the construction company « ETEP »
<b>16:45-17:00</b> (15 mn)	<b>Reconstruction of Libya, What role and place for Japan?</b> - M. Issam ben Youssef, Tunisian African Business Council « TABC » (Tunisia) - M. Sami ABECH, representing the Libyan Ministry of infrastructure (Libya)
<b>17:00-17:15</b> (15 mn)	<b>The Free Zone of Ben Guerdane</b> - Mr Eliès ben AMEUR, Chief Executive Officer of the Tunisian Trade Office at the Ministry of Trade and Export Development (Tunisia)
<b>17:15-17:35</b> (20 mn)	<b>Some flagship infrastructure projects in high-potential African countries (Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal):</b> - M. Anis Jaziri, president « TABC » (Tunisia) - Mr Karim Gharbi, Deputy Director General of the consulting firm « SCET-Tunisie »
<b>17 :35-17 :45</b> (10 mn)	<b>Closing By HE Rabie MAJIDI, Minister of Transport (Tunisia)</b>
<b>17 :45-17 :50</b> (05 mn)	<b>Photo Session</b>

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