



Concept note About the Parallel Event of the Eighth TICAD Conference

"women actors of climate resilience and inclusive development"

19 august 2022 / hotel Acropole, Les Berges du Lac

First, the general framework of the parallel event:

Tunisia and African countries share the same climate concerns, and our country looks forward to implementing its Nationally Determined Commitments (National Determined Contribution) as per updated document in 2021¹. The African group is also preparing for the upcoming international stations of climate negotiations, led by the Twenty-seventh Conference of the Contracting Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which will be held on African soil, in Sharm El Sheikh, Arab Republic of Egypt (November 2022) and one of his biggest bets will be adapting to climate change.

It will not be possible to raise the technological challenges associated with adaptation and mitigation policies in the context of confronting climate change, except by supporting initiatives and projects in the fields of scientific research, technological innovation and women's entrepreneurship in promising economic activities. These aspirations collide with a reality that is most prominently characterized by the weak rates of girls' presence in scientific, technological,

¹Nationally Determined Commitments, October 2022

<https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/ndcstaging/PublishedDocuments/Tunisia%20First/Tunisia%20Update%20NDC-french.pdf>

engineering and mathematics majors (what is known as STEM) in most countries of the African continent².

The stakes for adapting to climate change in Africa are related to integrating gender equity in climate policies through making further progress on the level of gender equality, empowering women and girls at all levels and supporting women's participation in scientific research and in technological development programs and projects to confront climate change and support elements of resilience. In front of its repercussions, according to the visions of the Enhanced Lima Action Program on Gender emanating from the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Madrid in 2019³.

The National Plan for Women and Climate Change, prepared by the Ministry of Family, Women, Childhood and the Elderly in partnership with the Ministry of Environment, is in line with the sustainable development goals, especially the fifth goal on gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, the eighth goal on promoting sustained, comprehensive and sustainable economic growth, and the ninth goal on stimulating inclusive industrialization for all and encourage innovation, and of course SDG 13 on climate action. These directions also dedicate the aspirations of the African Development Plan for the year 2063, especially with regard to the first aspiration on "a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development" and the sixth aspiration on "relying on the latent capabilities of African peoples to achieve development, especially women and youth".

This side event that the Ministry of Family, Women, Childhood, and the Elderly organizes in partnership with **UN Women**, will contribute to the objectives set for the 8th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD8), in particular:

1. Achieving sustainable and inclusive growth while reducing economic inequality
2. Achieving a stable and resilient society based on human security
3. Building sustainable peace and stability by supporting Africa's own efforts.

²The percentage of girls ranges from scientific, technological, engineering and mathematics majors (known as STEM) in Sub-Saharan Africa ranges between 17 and 20%, compared to 49% in Southern Europe and the Caribbean, 44% in Central Asia, and 37% in Arab countries. [Brookings, Foresight Africa 2022](https://www.brookings.edu/blog/africa-in-focus/2022/02/10/making-the-future-of-african-stem-female/) report Making the future of African STEM Female, <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/africa-in-focus/2022/02/10/making-the-future-of-african-stem-female/>

³? The Enhanced Lima Action Program on Gender can be found through this link: <https://unfccc.int/topics/gender/workstreams/the-enhanced-lima-work-programme-on-gender>

Second, the main themes of the parallel event:

The parallel event about "**Women actors of climate resilience and inclusive development**" revolves around the exchange of experiences among African countries regarding the implementation of the Enhanced Lima Program of Action on Gender and Climate Change, which was adopted in 2019 Within the framework of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Madrid, looking into ways to integrate the concerns of women and girls in Tunisia and African countries into climate policies, including those related in particular to supporting women's participation in scientific research and technological development, as well as pushing economic initiatives, encouraging entrepreneurship and developing leadership capabilities Women in the context of climate-related adaptation and mitigation policies.

The parallel event will also be an opportunity to discuss ways of developing cooperation and strategic partnership relations between African countries and Japan, and to adopt research-development approaches (Recherches-Développement) in its relationship to attracting Japanese investments and researching opportunities for triangular cooperation to support women's entrepreneurship in its link with technological innovation projects and the readiness of African countries to mobilize green finance aimed at supporting the goals of mitigation and adaptation in the framework of climate policies.

Participants will review the best women's initiatives aimed at valuing the results of scientific research and developing technological applications to confront climate change and projects to support women's entrepreneurship in low-carbon economic activities and encourage women's innovations in smart and green technologies that contribute, through the creation and leadership of startups, to achieving the goals set for African countries within the framework of their nationally determined commitments to implement the Paris Climate Agreement.

Third, the proposed objectives of the parallel event:

The parallel event aims to achieve the following:

- Introducing national plans, programs and projects on women and climate change in African countries within the framework of the orientations of the enhanced Lima

program on social gender and deepening consideration of the possibilities available for their implementation by linking them to policies aimed at promoting women's entrepreneurship in promising technological fields, including smart and green technologies, to advance the conditions of women and girls and reduce the risks of changes Climate and natural disasters caused by it.

- Strengthening the negotiating position of African countries at the Twenty-seventh Conference of the Contracting Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Sharm El-Sheikh, especially with regard to the implementation of the Enhanced Lima Program of Action on Gender and Climate Change Financing the transformations of African countries towards a green and circular economy within the framework of comprehensive development approaches.
- Searching for ways to support the active participation of women, girls, and social groups most affected by climate change in the various decision-making processes at the national level in African countries, and to enhance the leadership capacities of women in the framework of preparedness to confront natural disasters caused by climate change, including early warning systems and emergency plans, as well as efforts Reconstruction and consolidation of the elements of recovery and consideration of ways to increase the presence of girls in scientific, technological, engineering and mathematics majors (what is known as STEM) in African countries.
- Deepening consideration of ways to support investment policies and women's entrepreneurship in order to adapt the agricultural sector to climatic changes in a way that supports food security and provides the ingredients for a decent life for women and girls and other social groups who live in conditions of vulnerability as a result of the repercussions of climate change, thus contributing to the stability of the rural population and reducing the risks of migration The growing climate internally and internationally in the African continent, which is exacerbating its effects on the weaker social groups, including women and girls.
- Searching for ways to support scientific and technological cooperation between Japan and African countries by looking at the possibilities of funding research projects and creating opportunities for integration of African researchers and innovators in Japanese research centers in the promising technological fields related to climate policies for adaptation and mitigation, and searching for

opportunities for tripartite cooperation through Japan's support for Tunisian technological poles and their capacity To attract researchers and innovators from the African continent and to implement joint projects to localize smart technologies in African countries.

- Presenting success stories to Tunisian and African women entrepreneurs in promising technological fields, highlighting their contribution to achieving national climate goals, and highlighting the role of Tunisian and African women in innovation and devising technological solutions to confront climate change, especially with regard to women's economic initiatives to send emerging enterprises in smart technologies and green and low- Carbon economic activities in Tunisia and Africa.
- Searching for ways to support African countries in drawing up future plans for linking the policies of attracting Japanese investments and initiating new programs to value the results of scientific research and support research-development approaches to develop smart and green technologies and their localization in Africa to address climate changes and support women's research and economic initiatives through Japanese investments to maximize their economic impact Social and environmental in Tunisia and African countries.

Fourth, participate in the parallel event work

will participate in the Tokyo International Symposium on Development in Africa (TICAD 8) from Japan

- Representatives of relevant Japanese institutions and agencies,
- Investors in smart technologies and their applications,
- Representatives of Japanese companies residing in Tunisia within the framework of foreign direct investment projects,
- International experts in climate, technological development, environment and social gender,

will also participate in the Tokyo International Symposium on Development in Africa (TICAD 8) from Tunisia and African countries:

- Representatives of the Ministries of Women, Environment, Agriculture, Industry, Higher Education and Scientific Research,

- National Focal Points on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Reduction and National Focal Points on the Nexus of Gender and Climate Change,
- Representatives of scientific research institutions, technology poles and project incubators,
- Researchers, entrepreneurs, investors and start-ups.

Fifthly, the venue for the parallel event:

The parallel event will be held in a hotel in Tunis, on August 19, 2022 in the morning, hybrid format.

Sixth, the proposed parallel event program:

Moderator: Mr. Mehdi Kattou, Advisor and communication consultant
Director of twinkle consulting.



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The parallel event at the 8th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD8)

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08:30 – 09:00	Welcome and registration of participants
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Opening speeches :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Amel Belhaj Moussa, Minister of Family, Women, Childhood and the Elderly • Ms. Isadora De Moura, Head of Programmes UN Women Tunisia and Libya Cluster Office • Ms. Malado Kaba, Director of the Gender, Women and Civil Society Department of the African Development Bank (on line or registration) • Mr. Shinsuke Shimizu, Japanese Ambassador in Tunisia
09:30 – 10:30	<p>First dialogue session:</p> <p>Women's Entrepreneurship, Climate Change and Inclusive Development in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Zmerli, National Focal Point for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change • Mr. Hussein Mohamed Abadha, International Expert in Sustainable Development Policies and Green Economy, The Egyptian Arabic Republic • Mr. David Andrevon, Principal Technical Advisor – Focal point of the International Labor Organization (ILO) project office for Tunisia and Libya • Ms. Amel Ben Ali, In charge of the National Program for Women's Entrepreneurship and Gender Sensitive Investment "Ra'edat", Ministry of Family, Women, Childhood and the Elderly • Questions / answers
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Second dialogue session :</p> <p>Feminine Leadership, Smart Technologies and African Startups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kais Mejri, General Director of Innovation and Technological Development, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy • Ms. Salma BAGHDADI, Ecosystem Director for Startups at "Smart Capital" • Ms. Rym Jarou, Advisor ICT Start-ups and Innovation Ecosystems Development "Smart-Africa" Group • Ms/Mr....., representant of Japanese Tunisian Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Questions / answers
11:30 – 12:00	Third dialogue session : The word for startups from Tunisia and Africa
12:00 – 12:10	<p>Concluding observations of the parallel event</p> <p>Ms. Kholoud EI BAGHOURI, African Union Youth Ambassador for Peace</p>
12 :10	Lunch and Networking