



# Co-Creating the Future of Healthcare and the Economy:

## Japan-Africa Public-Private Partnerships at the Forefront

In-Person & Online

**Date** Wednesday, August 20, 2025

**Time** Japan Time | 10:00AM - 2:10PM **Networking Session Scheduled**

**Venue** PACIFICO Yokohama, Exhibition Hall D, S-03

**Host** Cabinet Office and Cabinet Secretariat, Government of Japan

part 1

**Japan Time** 10:00-11:00 (60min)

### High-Level Session on Public-Private Collaboration for Health Solutions and Business Acceleration

#### Speakers

- Minister of State for Healthcare Policy, Japan
- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Keidanren
- Global Health Innovative Technology (GHIT) Fund
- African Health Ministers

part 2

**Japan Time** 12:30 - 14:10 (100min)

### Unlocking Business Potential Through Public-Private Initiatives Rooted in Health Challenges

#### Speakers

- Ambassador for Global Health / Executive Director for Healthcare Policy, Cabinet Office
- Japanese companies
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Association of African Economy & Development (AFRECO)
- Expert
- Health Authority Representatives from African Nations

## Networking

\*An on-site networking session will be held between Part1 and Part2 (around 11:00 to 12:00).

## Registration | Online/In-Person Registration Form

Viewing instructions will be provided via email to registrants later.  
Registration may close early if capacity is reached.

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Registration Deadline

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**  
**12:00PM**



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### Agenda

### Program Overview

**part 1** 10:00~11:00  
(60min)

### High-Level Session on Public-Private Collaboration for Health Solutions and Business Acceleration

Part 1 will feature a high-level session involving ministers from the Japanese and African governments, alongside senior representatives from the International Finance Corporation, Keidanren and GHIT Fund. The session will discuss co-creation aiming to address health issues and explore business collaborations.

#### Ceremony for Memorandums of Understanding and Collaborations in the Healthcare Sector between Japanese Companies and Africa

Announcement on memorandums of understanding and collaborations between Japanese companies and African governments, public institutions, hospitals, and private companies.

#### High-Level Session

- **Minoru Kiuchi** Minister of State for Healthcare Policy, Japan
- **Mahmoud Thabit Kombo** Minister For Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania
- **Aden Bare Duale, EGH** Cabinet Secretary for Health, Republic of Kenya
- **Elijah Julaki Muchima** Minister of Health, Republic of Zambia
- **Samuel Kaba Akoriyea** Director-General, Ghana Health Service
- **Samba Cor Sarr** Director of Cabinet, Ministry of Health and Social Action, Republic of Senegal
- **Ethiopsis Tafara** Regional Vice President, Africa, IFC
- **Jun Karube** Chair, Committee on Africa, Keidanren (Senior Executive Advisor, Toyota Tsusho Corporation)
- **Osamu Kunii** CEO and Executive Director, Global Health Innovative Technology (GHIT) Fund

**part 2** 12:30~14:10  
(100min)

### Unlocking Business Potential Through Public-Private Initiatives Rooted in Health Challenges

Part 2 will showcase public-private collaboration in business development, with the aim of generating innovative solutions and building capacity to tackle health issues in African countries.

**Opening Remarks | Hideo Suzuki** Ambassador for Global Health /  
Executive Director for Healthcare Policy, Cabinet Office

#### Introduction of initiatives by international development finance institution and Japan's private sector

- **Hendrina Chalwe Doroba** Division Manager, Education and Skills Development Division, AfDB
- **Tetsuya Fukunaga** Counselor, Association of African Economy & Development (AFRECO)

#### Business Case Study:

##### Contribution of Japanese companies to capacity development in Africa's healthcare sector

- The Ajinomoto Foundation •  
Sysmex Corporation • NEC Corporation
- Shionogi & Co., Ltd.
- MOL Logistics Co., Ltd. •  
Revital Healthcare (EPZ) Ltd.
- Sunda Technology Global Co., Ltd.
- TWINBIRD Corporation
- Terumo Corporation
- FUJIFILM Corporation

#### Comments on the Presentation

- **Mitsuo Takei** Director of Suwanomori Hospital, CEO and Founder of GRAND FOREST JAPAN HOSPITAL
- **Health Authority Representatives from African Nations**

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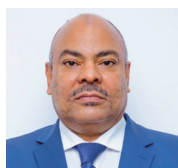
## part 1

## Speaker profile



**Minoru Kiuchi**

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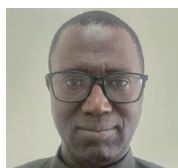
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Director-General, Ghana Health Service



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Director of Cabinet, Ministry of Health and  
Social Action, Republic of Senegal



**Ethiopis Tafara**

Regional Vice President, Africa,  
International Finance Corporation (IFC)



**Jun Karube**

Chair, Committee on Africa, Keidanren  
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**Osamu Kunii**

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Innovative Technology (GHIT) Fund

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## part 2

## Business Case Study:

Contribution of Japanese companies to capacity development in Africa's healthcare sector.



**The Ajinomoto Foundation • Sysmex Corporation •  
NEC Corporation**

**Cross-industry Collaboration Project to Improve Maternal and  
Child Health and Nutrition in the Republic of Ghana**



**Shionogi & Co., Ltd. • Nagasaki University  
(National University Corporation) • Saraya Co., Ltd. •  
Connect Afya Co., Ltd.**

**Fight against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Africa**



**Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. • MOL Logistics Co., Ltd. •  
Revital Healthcare (EPZ) Ltd.**

**Establishing an African Healthcare Supply Chain through the Logistics  
Hub in Dongo Kundu SEZ at Mombasa Port, Kenya**



**Sunda Technology Global Co., Ltd.**

**Prepaid metering solution for handpumps and public taps ;  
empowering communities through self-sustaining management of water facilities**



**TWINBIRD Corporation**

**Last-one-mile support for vaccine transportation with  
Free Piston Stirling Cooler Freezers**



**Terumo Corporation**

**Establish SCD as a public health priority in sub Saharan Africa**



**FUJIFILM Corporation**

**Providing endoscopy training programs for local doctors in Africa**

**African Development Bank (AfDB) /  
Association of African Economy & Development (AFRECO)**



**AFRECO**

### Improving Medical and Healthcare Services with Mobile Technology

This project is being carried out by the Africa Development Association (AFRECO) in collaboration with Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT). With support from the African Development Bank (AfDB), the project aims to enhance medical and healthcare services in Kenya through the utilization of mobile technology.



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## Company Profiles



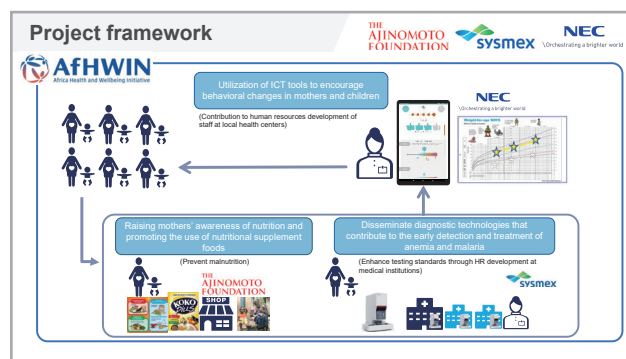
### The Ajinomoto Foundation • Sysmex Corporation • NEC Corporation

#### Company Overview

The Ajinomoto Foundation (TAF) has consistently focused on activities that solve social issues in the area of “food and nutrition” since its foundation.

Sysmex has focused on in vitro diagnostics that involve the collection and examination of blood, urine, and other samples, as its core business since our foundation in 1968, and today, it supports the health of people in over 190 countries and regions worldwide.

NEC creates the social values of safety, security, fairness and efficiency to promote a more sustainable world where everyone has the chance to reach their full potential.



#### Initiatives in Africa

Utilizing grant aid provided by the Government of Japan to WFP Ghana, cross-industry collaboration (TAF, Sysmex and NEC) to improve maternal and child health and nutrition has been conducted in the Republic of Ghana under public-private partnership. By leveraging the know-how and networks developed through GNIP, the project to improve nutrient deficiencies with an evidence-based supplement, KOKO Plus®, by TAF, this collaboration enhanced the effective use of funding and accelerates the social implementation of initiatives by NEC, ICT tools to promote behavioral change in mothers and children, and Sysmex, diagnostic technologies for early detection and treatment of anemia and malaria.



### Shionogi & Co., Ltd

#### Company Overview

Shionogi is committed to its purpose: “SHIONOGI strives constantly to supply the best possible medicine to protect the health and wellbeing of the patients we serve.” The company focuses primarily on the field of infectious diseases. Under its mid-term business plan, STS2030 Revision, Shionogi aims to grow its HIV and acute respiratory infection businesses, launch new products and initiatives, and maximize corporate value through its global expansion and strategic investments.

#### Initiatives in Africa

Shionogi has identified “Improving Access to Healthcare” as one of its key material issues. The company is working in Africa to support maternal and child health through the Mother to Mother SHIONOGI initiative. It is also striving to improve access to treatment for antimicrobial resistance (AMR), in collaboration with international partners. In this seminar, we would like to introduce an initiative aimed at contributing to the creation of an environment where antimicrobial agents can be used appropriately, through collaboration with Nagasaki University, Saraya Co., Ltd., and Connect Afya Ltd.

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**MOL** MOL Logistics


### MOL Logistics Co., Ltd. • Revital Healthcare(EPZ)Ltd.

#### Company Overview

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL) is a comprehensive transportation group centered on shipping, and operates the world's largest and most diverse fleet. In addition to shipping, we are engaged in a wide range of businesses, including real estate and logistics services. Revital Healthcare is a leading medical consumables manufacturer in Africa, headquartered and operating its factory in the Export Processing Zone (EPZ) in Mombasa. The company produces 58 types of medical and related products with a production capacity of 2.1 billion medical devices annually which include syringes, blood collection tubes, rapid diagnostic kits for COVID-19, malaria, and HIV, as well as transfusion equipment.

#### Initiatives in Africa

Sub-Saharan Africa lacks logistics centers for assembling and storing medical supplies, relying heavily on inefficient global supply chains. MOL Logistics and Revital Healthcare plan to build a logistics center in Mombasa, Kenya, launching in 2027. This initiative will significantly lower costs, shorten delivery times, and create 200-250 jobs, boosting Kenya's healthcare, regional trade, and economic development.


**SUNDA**  
Pump up Water, Pump up Africa

### Sunda Technology Global Co., Ltd.

#### Company Overview

Sunda Technology Global is a startup working to address water supply challenges in sub-Saharan Africa. Based in Uganda, we develop, sell, install, and operate a prepaid, pay-as-you-go water payment system called "SUNDA", which utilizes mobile money. The system can be installed onto existing/new hand pumps and public tap stands, helping to prevent fraud and inequity often associated with cash-based fee collection. It enables transparent and reliable revenue collection, supporting the sustainable operation and maintenance of water infrastructure. As a result, more people can gain stable access to safe water.

#### Initiatives in Africa

We primarily operate in Uganda, where our local engineer co-founders collaborate with Japanese engineering partners to develop SUNDA. This partnership enables reliable water service, even in rural communities. SUNDA have been installed on hand pumps across Uganda, and since 2025, we've expanded to public tap stands, with 20 units installed so far. We work closely with governments, international organizations, and local service providers responsible for managing water infrastructure to deploy the system in various regions, including refugee settlements. Looking ahead, we aim to expand beyond Uganda, starting with Rwanda, and continue scaling across other African countries to establish a sustainable model for water service delivery.



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### TWINBIRD Corporation

#### Company Overview

"TWINBIRD CORPORATION" was founded in 1951 as coating company and is headquartered in Tsubame-Sanjo area of Japan, known worldwide for manufacturing. Based on our management philosophy of "Developing Products Provide Excitement and Comfort," we are currently operating as lifestyle home appliance manufacturer.

#### Initiatives in Africa

TWINBIRD FPSC (Free Piston Stirling Cooler) Business develops and manufactures precise and environmentally friendly Freezer/Refrigerator. "SC-DF25WL Deep Freezer" is vaccine freezer for "Takeda Moderna vaccine" adopted by Japanese MHLW (Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare). The "SC-DF25WL Deep Freezer" shipped 12,000 units. As Global business, we took part in JICA's (Japan International Cooperation Agency) "Last One Mile Support Project". "SC-DF25 Deep Freezer" shipped to "Mozambique" and "Senegal" in the project. And "SC-DF25P Deep Freezer P" certified with "WHO PQS Certifications" in October 2024. Based on these experiences, TWINBIRD will contribute to establish "Cold Chain in Africa".



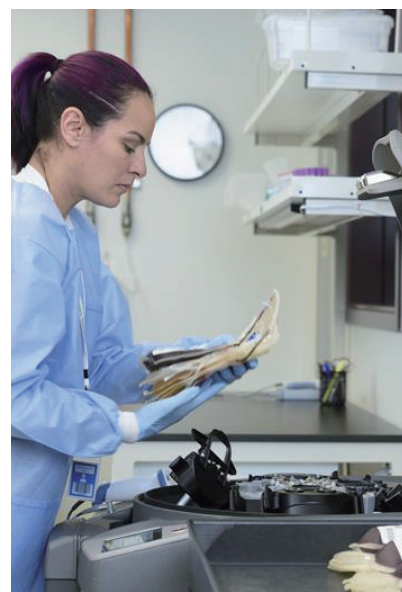
### Terumo Corporation

#### Company Overview

Terumo is a global leader in medical technology and has been committed to "Contributing to Society through Healthcare" for over 100 years. Based in Tokyo and operating globally, Terumo provides innovative medical solutions in more than 160 countries and regions. The company started as a Japanese thermometer manufacturer, and has been supporting healthcare ever since. Now, its extensive business portfolio ranges from vascular intervention and cardio-surgical solutions, blood transfusion and cell therapy technology, to medical products essential for daily clinical practice such as transfusion systems, diabetes care, and peritoneal dialysis treatments. Terumo will further strive to be of value to patients, medical professionals, and society at large.

#### Initiatives in Africa

To holistic care for SCD, through establishment of comprehensive care pathway for Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) in Kenya, Uganda, and Ivory Coast. It includes community awareness and prevention, education, screening, diagnostics, treatment, and complication management. By developing education tools, sustainable supply chains, and data systems, the initiative promotes national prioritization of SCD. The project aims to increase medical care through Disease-Modifying Therapies, including supply of adequate and safe blood. Leveraging Terumo's proven medical technologies, it enhances care delivery and strengthens local healthcare infrastructure, while creating new opportunities not only for Terumo but also for local stakeholders.





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**FUJIFILM**

### FUJIFILM Corporation

#### Company Overview

Fujifilm Group aims to contribute to the resolution of social issues and the realization of a sustainable society by developing businesses in four areas: healthcare, electronics, business innovation, and imaging. In the medical diagnostics field, we are contributing to the early detection of diseases by improving access to medical services, leveraging our strengths in AI and IT technologies and our wide range of products.

#### Initiatives in Africa

In Africa, we have established local subsidiaries in two countries and support offices in five countries, and have also established a supply and support system for products and services through distributors. Fujifilm will continue to take on new challenges to provide innovative value and bring smiles to people around the world.



#### Introduction of the brochure



### “Co-Creating the Future of Healthcare and the Economy through Japan-Africa Partnerships Unlocking the Potential of Japanese Innovation in Africa”

We have prepared the brochure highlights initiatives from Japan’s health and medical industries that contribute to innovative solutions for health challenges and support capacity development in Africa. This brochure features 33 company-specific projects and 4 collaborative projects involving multiple companies. This brochure will be distributed at the venue on the event day.