

【Concept Note】

Co-Creating with Africa to End NTDs: Industry, Academia, Government Collaboration and the Power of Youth

Purpose:

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) remain a serious public health challenge, particularly in African countries. Overcoming these diseases requires not only advances in medicine and science, but also a comprehensive and sustainable approach rooted in local needs.

This event aims to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders—including academic institutions, pharmaceutical companies, policymakers, and the younger generation—to promote co-creation with Africa through cross-sector and cross-generational collaboration. Experts and practitioners from Japan and abroad will present practical cases and engage in in-depth discussions on current challenges and future prospects related to NTDs.

Within the broader framework of TICAD9, this event seeks to reaffirm Japan's role and approach to international cooperation, serving as a platform to open new avenues for collaboration toward the elimination of NTDs.

1. Title

Co-Creating with Africa to End NTDs: Industry, Academia, Government Collaboration and the Power of Youth

2. Date & Venue

- Date and Time: Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 12:40 PM – 2:10 PM
- Venue: Pacifico Yokohama, Exhibition Hall D (Capacity: approx. 250 people)

3. Host

The TICAD9 NTD Symposium Organizing Committee, jointly established by Nagasaki University, the Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, DNDi Japan, NTDs Youth Organization, the GHIT Fund, and JAGntd (Secretariat: Nagasaki University).

4. Scheduled Speakers

- Experts and public health officials from various African countries specializing in NTDs
- Representatives from international organizations (e.g., WHO, DNDi, UNITAID)
- Representatives from Japanese pharmaceutical companies
- Young researchers and student representatives
- Representatives from government agencies and NGOs

5. Format

- In-person event (recorded session to be made publicly available)
- Language: English
- Program Structure: Opening remarks, presentations, panel discussion, and Q&A session

6. Objectives and Expected Outcomes

- Clarify Japan's international contributions to NTD control efforts in Africa
- Present a model for advancing global health that actively involves the younger generation
- Strengthen public-private partnership frameworks in conjunction with TICAD9
- Promote networking among speakers and participants to lay the groundwork for future collaboration

7. Call for Sponsorship

We are actively seeking sponsorship from organizations and companies that support the mission of this event. This will be a valuable opportunity to contribute to the global effort to eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and to showcase your commitment to global health both in Japan and internationally.

Sponsors will receive the following benefits:

- Placement of your organization's logo on event materials, including printed programs and the official website
- Inclusion of promotional materials (up to one A4 page) in attendee handouts
- Access to a booth space within the venue (upon request)
- Invitation to a networking event for stakeholders
- Opportunities for additional joint promotional activities

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