

# Policy Workshop on Japan-Kenya Relations 2016

## List of Guest Speaker and Panelists

### GUEST SPEAKER

- **Mr. Akihiko Koenuma**, General Manager, Marubeni Corporation Abidjan Office

Mr. Koenuma started out in the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) which then became the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and later merged to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). His last assignment at JICA was Director General of the Department of Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Europe. For most of his career, he has dealt with issues related to Africa. He was involved in TICADI to TICADV and is considered to be an expert of TICAD.



### PANELISTS *(Panelists in an Alphabetical order)*

- **Mr. Igathe Polycarp**, Managing Director, VIVO Energy Kenya

Mr. Igathe is the Managing Director of Vivo Energy Kenya. He is also the current Chairman of the Petroleum Institute of East Africa and serves as a Director of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA).

Previously, Mr. Igathe was the Managing Director of Haco Tiger Brands and the immediate past Chairman of Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM). He has also held senior commercial management positions at East Africa Breweries (Diageo), Coca-Cola Nairobi Bottlers (SABCO), and Africa Online, where he played key roles in sales, distribution, branding and marketing. Polycarp is a graduate of IESE Business School Advanced Management Program (AMP) and holds a B.A. Economics degree from University of Nairobi.



- **Mr. Kennedy Manyala**, Chief Operating Officer, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)

Mr. Manyala is an accomplished economist and quantitative risk management specialist who has participated in the execution of national investment plans ranging from infrastructure projects to resource mobilization options public private partnership (PPP) at the local and regional level.

Before joining KEPSA, he was a consultant working on the IFC-EAC Investment Climate Program at the East Africa Community (EAC) Secretariat and has organized several high-level business roundtables to promote public-private relationships. He has also served at senior management positions at the Kenya Tourist Board and KenInvest.



- **Mr. Mikio Mori**, Minister and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan

Mr. Mori joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) in 1985. He has taken up his position as Deputy Head of the Japanese Embassy in Kenya since arriving in Nairobi in September 2013.

He has served overseas at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations, the Consulate General in New York, and the Embassies in Australia, Singapore, and Germany. He has also served as Director in charge of Africa including Kenya and was responsible for the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) at the Ministry in Tokyo.



■ **Mr. Wainaina Gituro**, Acting Director General, Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat

(Prof.) Mr. Wainaina has been a core member of the Vision 2030 delivery secretariat since 2004, currently as acting director general and Director of the Social and Political Pillars. He previously served at the World Bank, CARE International in Kenya, University of Nairobi, and the Capital Markets Authority.

In addition, (Prof.) Mr. Wainaina sits on the boards of various bodies including the Lamu Port, South Sudan and Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor Project, Management University of Africa (MUA), Institutional Review Board under African Population & Health Research Center (APHRC) and the Uwezo Kenya National Advisory Committee. He is also the alternate board member for Africa Group B Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century under Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Prof. Wainaina holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics, Master in Business Administration (MBA), Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) and is an Associate Professor in School of Business University of Nairobi. He is also widely published and has over 30 years teaching experience in local and regional universities.



## MODERATER

■ **Prof. Peter Kagwanja**, Chief Executive, Africa Policy Institute

Prof. Kagwanja is the founding President and Chief Executive of the Africa Policy Institute, a Pan-African think-tank specializing in policy research on security, governance and strategic issues in Africa.

He worked with numerous universities, intellectual networks, and international think tanks, including the International Crisis Group, where he served as a Pretoria-based regional director in Africa. He also served as an adviser to the former President Kibaki's government between 2007 and 2013.

