

Signing Ceremony for the Project Agreement with UNESCO-IICBA

On 26 February 2021, a signing ceremony was held for the project titled “Prevention of extremism and its resurgence amid the COVID-19 pandemic through education in Africa, aligned with the spirit of TICAD7 and NAPSA” jointly in Addis Ababa by the UNESCO-IICBA and Embassy of Japan. This project agreement amounts to over USD 1 million provided to UNESCO-IICBA to support African member states' efforts to use education to prevent violent extremism (PVE) and its resurgence amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The project will strengthen human resources to curb extremism and its resurgence through tertiary education and advocacy, and amplify voices of the youth on advocacy in PVE, by targeting teachers involved in the education of young people in Africa.

At the signing ceremony, Ambassador Ito Takako stated that “Japan has been engaged in ‘proactive contributions to peace’ and taking various measures for peacemaking/peacebuilding” adding that “Japan is eager to promote Japan’s New Approach for Peace and Stability in Africa (NAPSA) introduced at TICAD 7, in collaboration with the African Union and regional economic communities around the continent focusing on conflict prevention and mediation”. Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of UNECA, and Dr. Yokozeki, UNESCO-IICBA, expressed their appreciation for Japan’s support.



Dr. Yokozeki's (UNESCO-IICBA) Speech



Ambassador's Speech



Exchange of Signed Documents
from Left: Ambassador Ito, Dr. Songwe,
Executive Secretary of UNECA and Dr.
Yokozeki, UNESCO-IICBA



After the Exchange of Signed Documents
from Left: Ambassador Ito, Dr. Songwe,
Executive Secretary of UNECA and Dr.
Yokozeki, UNESCO-IICBA/CO-IICBA