



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Japan-Africa Public-Private Economic Forum Day: 1: 7 December 2021

### Session 1: Innovation in AFRICA with Japan

The African innovation sector is growing rapidly. This session's key goals include sharing information about African technology businesses, and Japanese innovation businesses operating in Africa; and seeing the significant investment and business potential between Japan and Africa, by leveraging innovative ideas, entrepreneurship, skills and market potential from Africa with access to technologies, investment, international experience and value chains from Japanese companies.

## Panel Session 1: Innovation in AFRICA with Japan

- Moderator: Mr. Binoy R. V. MEGHRAJ, Chairman of Meghraj Capital
- Mr. Hiroki ISHIDA, Director of AAIC Kenya
- Mr. Simon BRANSFIELD-GARTH, CEO of Azuri Technologies
- Ms. Andreata MUFORO, Partner of TLcom Capital



### Session 2: Integration in AFRICA

This session covered an assessment of Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Africa, and how they are providing tangible benefits to businesses operating in Africa. Various business people shared their positive experiences of the RECs, how they are driving investment decisions, and how this provides an opportunity for Japanese companies to invest further in Africa.

#### Panel Discussion: Integration in AFRICA

- Moderator: Mr. Binoy R. V. MEGHRAJ, Chairman of Meghraj Capital
- Mr. Takahiro KUMAMOTO, Vice President of International Affairs, Corporate and Scientific Regulatory Affairs Division of Japan Tobacco Inc.
- Mr. Vijay GIDOOMAL, CEO of Car & General
- Mr. Anish JAIN, Chief Treasury Officer of ETG Group

