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TICAD in the Evolving Development Landscape

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Abstract

This intervention is geared towards answering the question of how Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Africa, in general, and the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) in particular, position with respect to key emergent tendencies in Africa's political economy and newer trends in the field of international development. The backdrop to the discussion is the change in economic trajectories witnessed on the African continent in recent years as well as the shifts that have characterised the international development cooperation arena. Drawing on cases from the southern and central African regions, the discussion takes stock of how Japan's Africa ODA sits alongside the development and aid relationships that are unfolding between the continent and other newer donors (particularly those from Asia) and reflects on TICAD's place in the evolving donor landscape.