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***THE AFRICA 2030 REPORT PEER REVIEW FORUM***

***Park Inn by Radisson Hotel***

**24 August 2017**

**Kigali, Rwanda**

**KIGALI** - The Sustainable Development Goals Center for Africa (SDGC/A) is hosted the peer review forum on 24 August 2017 held at the Park Inn by Radisson Hotel in Kigali, Rwanda. The forum was organized in partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); and brought together intellectuals including monitoring and evaluation specialists, government ministry representatives, statisticians, United Nations agency representatives and researchers from Africa to encourage candid sharing, reflections and feedback on the Africa 2030 Report. The peer review forum was officiated with opening remarks from Dr. Belay Begashaw, Director General of the SDGC/A and Mr. Hiroyuki Takada, Chief Representative of JICA Rwanda.

The Africa 2030 Report was launched on 27 January 2017 during the SDGC/A conference launch: *Expediting the Implementation of Africa's 2030 Agenda*, held in Kigali, Rwanda. The report serves to provide a general overview of where Africa and African nations stand at the end of the Millennium Development Goals and to act as a guide to African governments and policy makers as countries transition to and plan for the SDGs. *Africa 2030: How Africa Can Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals* is a comprehensive and deep assessment of the performance of African countries on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, to understand the roots that hindered their complete achievement, as well as recognizing the best practices to move forward in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



The comments and contributions from the peer review forum were used to develop to the second volume of Africa 2030 (Version 2) – published by JICA in November 2017. Version 2 explores how to get started with the SDGs, as they call for planning methods that effectively incorporate multiple interests, coordinate work across ministries, support the localization of goals, and scale efforts like never before. The second volume offers tools and points of reflection for the planning, design, financing, monitoring and reporting of SDG-based strategies at the national and local level throughout Africa.

To download the Africa 2030 Report visit: <http://sdgcafrica.org/reports/>

## **About SDGC/A**

*The Sustainable Development Goals Center for Africa (SDGC/A) is an autonomous international organization, that provides technical support, and expertise as input to national governments, private sector, civil society, academic institutions to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda across Africa. The SDGC/A builds upon the existing successes of the African continent by bringing together people, ideas, and innovation from across the world to collectively build a more sustainable future.*

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