

## **Keiko TAKEI**

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**Keiko TAKEI** is a Chief Education Analyst, at the Education, and Skills Development at the African Development Bank and a Visiting Associate Professor at University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP). She has over 19 years' experience in international education and development finance. In recent years, the focus of her work has been specifically on international cooperation in the education sector and human development, policy formulation and implementation of projects covering Higher Education, Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Science Technology Innovation, Information Communication Technology, Research & Development, Teacher Training etc. She has a significant work experience with international financial development institutions including the World Bank (Headquarter, Washington DC, USA) and the African Development Bank/AfDB (Headquarter, both in Tunis, Tunisia and Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire). Keiko has lead teams and developed a significant portfolio of projects and initiatives in the education sector that are at the forefront of international best practices and promote skills development and entrepreneurship on the continent.

Currently, Keiko is a Task Manager for the *Pan African University (PAU) Phase 2 project (around 103 million USD)* and the Sudan education emergency projects including *Sudan Integrated Social Sector Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project: Health, Education, Drinking Water and Sanitation (around 63 million USD)*. Keiko is also leading AfDB's Education division's partnership programmes, coordinating with 54 African Regional Member States and fund raising and establishing a new special fund with the African Union. This initiative includes the African Education Science Technology Innovation Fund (AESTIF) and implementation of Skills for Employment and Productivity in Africa (SEPA) Action Plan and Japan Africa Dream Scholarship (JADS), within the framework of Transforming Education Summit (TES), Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and Agenda 2063, entitled "The Africa We Want".

Keiko has received a Professional Doctorate in International Education from the University of Sussex (UK). During her doctoral studies, she has produced her doctoral thesis in 2016 titled "The Production of Skills for the Agricultural Sector in Tanzania: The Alignment of the Provision of Technical, Vocational Education and Training with the Demand for Workforce Skills and Knowledge for Rice Production" from University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. She has a Master's degree in Political Science from the Western Michigan University (US) in 2005. She also obtained a Bachelor's degree in Education from Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Japan. She became a certified Elementary School Teacher by receiving the Elementary School Teacher First Class License from the Government of Japan, Ministry of Education in 2003 and simultaneously, received the BA with honours.