

Africa-Japan Ministerial Dialogue Meeting on STI for SDGs

Agenda

Hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan
Co-organized by JST, JSPS, AMED, and JICA

Wednesday, 28th August 2019
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
InterContinental Yokohama Grand, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN
1st Floor, Room Silk

9:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
Welcome & Intro (10:00 – 10:15)	
10:00 – 10:15	Opening and welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. SHIBAYAMA Masahiko, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan• H.E. Prof. Sarah Anyang AGBOR, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission• Prof. KISHI Teruo, Science and Technology Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
SESSION ONE: Policy Brief (10:15 – 11:05)	
<i>This session will share recent trends and efforts on STI for SDG as well as policy measures for further cooperation between Japan and the African continent.</i>	
10:15 – 10:30	Session 1A: STI for SDGs (recent trends and efforts) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- International discussion on accelerating STI for SDGs <u>Presenter</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. NAKAMURA Michiharu, Member of the United Nations 10-Member Group supporting the Technology Facilitation Mechanism for STI for SDGs- Japanese government's efforts on "STI for SDGs" <u>Presenter</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. MATSUO Hiroki, Director General for Science, Technology and Innovation Atomic Energy Policy, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan- Kenyan National STI Roadmaps <u>Presenter</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. George Albert Omore MAGOHA, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kenya- Q&A

SESSION ONE: Policy Brief (continued)

10:30 – 10:47

Session 1B: STI for SDGs (policy measures)

- [International cooperation in research and higher education with African countries](#)

Co-presenters

- Mr. YAMAWAKI Yoshio, Senior Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan
- Dr. SATOMI Susumu, President, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

- [Reaching beyond Sustainable Development with Africa-Japan STI cooperation: New innovative joint-funding scheme “AJ-CORE”](#)

Co-presenters

- Dr. Molapo QHOBELA, CEO, National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa
- Dr. HAMAGUCHI Michinari, President, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)

- Q&A

10:47 – 11:06

Session 1C: Human resource development and capacity building

- [Collaboration between Africa and Japan for high skilled human resources development and STI Promotion in Africa](#)

Co-presenters

- Ms. SUZUKI Noriko, Senior Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- H.E. Prof. Dr. Khaled ABD EL-GHAFFAR, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Arab Republic of Egypt

- [Cooperation between MSJ and AIMS in fostering young human resources in Africa](#)

Co-presenters

- Prof. Dr. Barry GREEN, Director, African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) in South Africa
- Prof. Dr. KOTANI Motoko, Director, WPI-AIMR, Tohoku University; Former President, The Mathematical Society of Japan (MSJ)

- Q&A

11:06 – 11:10

Session 1D: Policy topics

- [Egypt AI National Strategy](#)

Presenter

- H.E. Prof. Dr. Khaled ABD EL-GHAFFAR, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Arab Republic of Egypt

- Q&A

11:10 – 11:20

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(Only for ministers or relevant representatives)

11:20 – 11:35	<i>Coffee break (Lunch served at the table)</i>

SESSION TWO: Good Practices on Japan-Africa S&T Cooperation (11:35 – 12:05)

This session will share recent efforts and research outputs of Japan-Africa S&T cooperation, which could contribute to the achievement of SDGs in Africa.

11:35 – 11:50	<p>Session 2A: Striga Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combatting Striga: Return the pink field back to green by molecules and solve the food crisis in Africa <p><u>Co-presenters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Eliud KIREGER, Director General, Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) ● Dr. ITAMI Kenichiro, Professor and Director, Institute of Transformative Bio-Molecules (ITbM), Nagoya University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q&A
11:50 – 12:05	<p>Session 2B: Malaria Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fighting against climate change: early-warning systems to prevent health disasters in Africa <p><u>Co-presenters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Neville SWEIJD, Acting Director, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Applied Center for Climate and Earth Systems Science (ACCESS) ● Dr. Francisco MBOFANA, Executive Secretary, National AIDS Council, Mozambique ● Prof. MINAKAWA Noboru, Professor, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q&A

SESSION THREE: Dialogue (12:05 – 12:55)

This session will have dialogue based on the information shared in SESSION ONE and SESSION TWO. Dialogue is expected to lead to further Japan-Africa collaborations at various levels including researcher level and research institution level.

12:05 – 12:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interactive discussion➤ At least, one person from each of the five regions of the African continent will be invited to share comment and opinion with the other participants.➤ Such comment and opinion are supposed to reflect and represent the situation of their region, not their country.➤ For the remaining of the session, other participants are also welcome to make remarks.
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Closing (12:55 – 13:00)

12:55 – 13:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● H.E. Mr. SHIBAYAMA Masahiko, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan
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- Ms. Eudy MABUZA, Acting Chief Director, International Resources, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
- Mr. NITTA Koshi, Director, International Science and Technology Affairs Division, Science and Technology Policy Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan