

【Side event of TICAD7】

Integrated Approach for Climate Change in Sub-Sahara Africa

On Aug. 28, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), jointly with the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, held a seminar at the InterContinental Yokohama Grand Hotel. Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Satoru Morishita, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Kenya, Ibrahim M. Mohamed, JICA Senior Vice President Yusuke Amano, and representatives from research institutions, NGOs, and the private sector were present. More than 120 participants from Japan, Africa, and other countries attended.

In the sub-Saharan region, heavy rain, flooding, and drought are simultaneously becoming increasingly severe due to the effects of climate change, which seriously affect poor people in particular in arid and semi-arid areas. Integrated water resources management, sustainable forest management, combating desertification, and improving agricultural productivity are urgent issues to address for achieving regional peace and stability as well as sustainable development.

At the event, based on the latest analysis from science on climate change, cooperation among multi-stakeholders, and the roles of finance mobilization and the private sector were discussed. In particular, a unified approach based on integrated water resource management was confirmed as a key to making adaptation actions to climate change in sub-Sahara Africa. The speakers pointed out the strategic prioritization of policies and projects related to climate change at a national level, the importance of participation in sectors such as water which has solid asset of the projects, the matching of priorities of both investors and investees, the importance of framework to reduce risk and encourage investments from private entities. The event was concluded by confirming the importance of integrated approach based on science, cooperation among stakeholders, and further efforts to strengthen the African Initiative for Combating Desertification (AI-CD)* based on such findings.

■Participants

[Opening Remarks]

Yusuke Amano, Senior Vice President, JICA

[Speakers]

Toshio Koike, Director, International Center for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM)

Ibrahim M. Mohamed, CBS, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Kenya

Zewdu Seifu, Director, Water Technology Education and Training Directorate, Ethiopian Water Technology Institute (EWTI), Ethiopia

Sameh Wahba, Global Director, Urban, Resilience and Land Global Practice, World Bank

Manaye Siyoum, Director of Technical Services, WaterAid Ethiopia

Tomonobu Kumahira, Corporate Finance Director, Komaza

[Closing Remarks]

Satoru Morishita, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan

■ Note

* African Initiative for Combating Desertification (AICD) is a framework to promote measures to combat desertification in countries located in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa, which was launched by the Governments of Kenya and Senegal, JICA and UNCCD during TICAD 6 in 2016.

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The seminar



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