

【Side event of TICAD7】

Towards Promotion of Partnership among Government, Industry and Academia to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) --- The Tangible Approaches through Collaboration with Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) ---

On Aug. 27, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) conducted a side event at JICA Yokohama on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for infrastructure development under the theme of strengthening collaboration between Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) and stakeholders such as the Government aid agency, Japanese private sector, and Academia sector. The participants were almost 130 people.

As it is difficult to finance necessary infrastructure development in African countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by public funds alone, PPP becomes increasingly prominent, therefore making the role played by DFIs increase accordingly. Many Japanese companies participated in this seminar, contributing to discussion of topics that included: (1) issues with promoting infrastructure development, (2) role of DFIs in infrastructure development, and (3) expected actions from each stakeholder toward promotion of infrastructure development.

Followings are summary of specific initiatives raised by stakeholders.

- Based on the result of “Development Strategy for Urban Sustainability in Africa on the Basis of SDGs Interlinkage Analysis” (The University of Tokyo Institutes for Advanced Study), science-based knowledge to maximize cross-cutting synergies across SDGs and to minimize trade-offs between SDGs should be practically applied in tangible projects.
- Promotion of approach to explore some projects/programs recently implemented by each DFI. Tangible projects should be closely examined for exploring infrastructure development mainly by PPP by Japanese private companies.
- Strengthening of partnerships with DFIs by responding to needs of new development finances. DFIs can explore blending finance together with financial institutions and private banks to reduce cost and risk of the tangible projects to be promoted.

- Collecting information of tangible projects among African regions through partnerships between JICA local offices and DFIs and sharing the information with Japanese private companies.
- Promotion of “Tripartite” training programs for outside the SADC regions through SADC-DFRC can share knowledge and experiences to among SADC countries.
- Promotion to visualize the future project pipelines.
- Partnerships among academia such as science academy or engineering academy between Japan and African countries can promote longer terms of relationships toward the future tangible projects.

■ Participants

[Opening Remarks] Hiroshi Kato, senior vice president, JICA

[Keynote Speeches]

- (1) Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Project Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI), The University of Tokyo
- (2) Patrick Dlamini, Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank of Southern Africa
- (3) Admassu Tadesse, President and Chief Executive, Trade and Development Bank
- (4) Haruo Takeda, Corporate Chief Engineer, Research & Development Group, Hitachi, Ltd.

[Panelists]

- (1) Osamu Saito, Academic Director, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, United Nations University (UNU-IAS)
- (2) Mohan Vivekanandan, Group Executive, Client Coverage, DBSA
- (3) Stuart Kufeni, Chief Executive Officer, SADC-DFRC
- (4) Takashi Yao, Regional CEO for Africa, General Manager of Johannesburg Branch and Special Envoy for TICAD Public-Private Partnership, Marubeni Corporation
- (5) Hitoshi Miyake, Executive Officer, General Manager of Structured Finance Department, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
- (6) Masanori Kurisu, Director, Africa Division 3, Africa Department, JICA

[Closing Remarks]

Stuart Kufeni, Chief Executive Officer, SADC-DFRC

[Moderator]

Tetsuya Fukunaga, JICA Advisor (Development Finance), SADC-DFRC

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