

Date and hours: Tuesday 27th August from 16:00 to 18:00

Location: La Vela at the InterContinental Hotel Yokohama Grand



Co-organizers :The Sustainable Development Goals Center for Africa (SDGC/A) / National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

High Skilled Human Resources Development and Inter-university Collaboration for STI Promotion in Africa

Background

As Agenda 2063 of the African Union (AU) and the report of the recommendations from the Science and Technology Advisor to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs towards TICAD VII point out, the necessity to promote science, technology and innovation (STI) and to strengthen higher education are strongly arising in Africa. While the competition among universities is getting harder than ever, we can see more cases of international collaborative efforts for human resources development and knowledge co-creation among universities across borders such as the Pan Africa University, which is initiated by AU as an inter-university collaboration for STI among African leading universities.

Objectives

To share lessons learnt from efforts for human resources development and joint research, and discuss how Africa needs STI for its development, and what roles universities in Africa and Japan should play in the coming years

Key Questions

- ▶ What are experiences and lessons from bilateral and multilateral collaborative efforts for human resources development and research for STI promotion in Africa?
- ▶ To achieve the Agenda 2063 and Kigali Initiative adopted by SDG Center for Africa, how can Africa use STI, and what are the roles of universities in Africa and Japan in the coming years?

Speakers

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Prof. Belay Kassa, Acting Rector, Pan African University

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