

**Learning Mutually and Acting Jointly to build resilient society
Leveraging South-South and Triangular Partnership**

1. Background and objectives of the seminar

African leaders have made enormous efforts in macroeconomic reforms, political stability and peace. Accordingly Africa has been recognized as the world's new growth center. However, there are still many to be tackled to ensure the growth in Africa is sustainable. Agricultural productivity and profitability needs to be strengthened to underpin the living of many African nationals. Provision of social services, e.g. health service, education as well as social safety-net, is indispensable for accumulation of human capital as a cornerstone of growth., On top of these enduring development works, African countries are requested to address downside risks that may jeopardize development efforts and investment made in the past. It is, therefore, called upon that concerted efforts from broad development actors, including traditional and non-traditional development actors as well as non-state actors, to help solve complex challenges ahead of the future of Africa.

This seminar will look into the areas of focus and clear-cut actions to lay foundation for resilient and consistent development in African countries, learning from on-going endeavors of African countries and experiences of other developing countries. Knowing South-South Cooperation (SSC) as well as Triangular Cooperation (TrC) is playing increasingly important role, the participants are encouraged to further deliberate how to effectively mobilize southern knowledge and how SSC and TrC can bring about a change in Africa.

2. The objectives of this event are:

- To identify the focused areas and actions to lay foundation for resilient and consistent development for African countries
- To deliberate how to effectively mobilize southern knowledge and how South-South Cooperation (SSC) as well as Triangular Cooperation (TrC) can bring about a change in Africa

3. Key questions to be addressed will include:

- What are critical challenges for African countries to continually advance development process?
- What experience and knowledge are relevant to address the above challenges? (How much experience in non-African countries is applicable to African countries?)
- How such experience and knowledge can be translated into actionable solutions in other countries?
- What is necessary for SSC and TrC to bring about a change and to make sure it brings development results?

(How can SSC and TrC go beyond a simple transfer of a success model of one country to another?)

4. Speakers

- Representatives of African countries
- Mr. Yiping ZHOU, Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation
- Representatives of South-South and Triangular partners of non-African countries
- Mr. Masato WATANABE, Vice President, JICA

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