

Economic Transformation of Africa

1. Background and objectives of the seminar

The Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD), Columbia University and the JICA Research Institute (JICA-RI) have been conducting a joint research project in order to produce evidence-based policy implications on African development. In the collaboration, world leading scholars and practitioners discussed the future direction of African development from a wide range of policy perspectives such as industrial development, economic growth, employment, equity and finance.

Inviting five distinguish researchers from the project, this seminar will attempt to share the research findings for policy makers. Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz will set the basis of discussion in his keynote speech. Thereafter, the panelists will extend the debates from different views of development approaches before opening the discussion with the floor.

2. The objectives of the seminar are:

- To discuss what kind of effective and feasible approaches on industrial development in Africa should be considered, based on the findings of the IPD- JICA-RI joint research.
- To promote further discussion among the participants and panelists on the roles of African governments, private sectors and development partners.

3. Key questions to be addressed will include:

- What are those effective and feasible approaches for industrial development in Africa?
- What are those roles of African governments, private sectors and development partners?

4. Speakers

- Joseph STIGLITZ, Professor, Columbia University
- Akbar NOMAN, Professor, Columbia University
- Yaw ANSU, Chief Economist, African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET)
- Sakiko FUKUDA-PARR, Professor, New School
- Hiroshi KATO, Director, JICA Research Institute
- Akio HOSONO, Senior Research Advisor, JICA RI

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