

JICA's Approach to Industrial Development in Africa

1. Background and objectives of the seminar/workshop/forum

Today, Africa is growing at a remarkable speed. However, there are challenges to sustain this growth. First, Africa's young population is growing rapidly. Therefore, massive amounts of productive jobs are needed. Second, in order to sustain growth, Africa needs to transform its commodity-driven economy to a more value-added one.

JICA has developed a comprehensive strategy that can help transform the African economy. It has four main pillars; (1) industrial policy dialogue, (2) infrastructure development, (3) enabling business environment, and (4) human resource development.

The session will briefly describe this approach and to exchange views with representatives from two African countries.

2. The objectives of the seminar/workshop/forum are:

- Present JICA's approach to economic transformation and industrial development in Africa.
- Share with country representatives on their views of this approach based on respective country background and their policies

3. Speakers

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