

Towards Institutional and Human Capacity Building of Development Financing Institutions (DFIs) in Sub-Saharan African Countries based on Experiences in Japan and Asian Countries

1. Background and objectives of seminar

Facing severe shortages of infrastructure for economic and industrial development as well as job creation, African countries are starting to recognize the importance of development financing. However, regrettably, institutional and human capacity of development financing institutions (DFIs) in these countries are very limited as these DFIs were diminished or even destroyed. On the contrary, DFIs in Asian countries have played vital and important roles to attain infrastructure development during these periods.

2. The Objectives of seminar

- In the first session of this seminar, infrastructure needs and reasonable roles of DFIs in these countries would be presented. In the second session, required human and institutional capacity building of DFIs in these countries would be discussed through a panel discussion by introducing experiences in Japan and Asian countries.

- Target audiences for this seminar include Japanese private companies (trade and investment firms, banks, manufacturers and so on), business organizations, governmental organizations such as line ministries. In addition, representation from embassies of African and Asian countries in Japan could be expected.

3. Key questions to be addressed will include:

- What would be the most appropriate institutional and human capacity building(s) for DFIs in Sub-Saharan African countries to attain infrastructure development?
- What would be the best knowledge sharing and technical cooperation between African and Asian countries?

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