

Friday, August 26 13:00–15:00 | Hilton Hotel "Amboseli"

Africa's Transformation through Industrial Policies and Implementing the Agenda 2063

Cohosted by the Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD), Columbia University, United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP), and the African Development Bank (AfDB)

1. Background

The Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD), Columbia University, and the JICA Research Institute (JICA-RI) have been conducting a joint research project to promote policy research on industrial policy in Africa. In parallel, JICA has also been supporting industrial development for the transformation of Africa. This event is co-organized by JICA, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the African Development Bank (AfDB), and IPD/Columbia University. The theme of the event is on Africa's Transformation through industrial policies. The discussion will be held based on the research results by JICA-IPD and ongoing project efforts on the ground.

2. Objectives

- To deepen thoughts on the strategy for industrial development and Africa's economic transformation, as emphasized in Africa's Agenda 2063.
- To launch "Industrial Policy and Economic Transformation in Africa," a publication from the joint research by the JICA Research Institute and Columbia University, published last September from Columbia University Press.
- To introduce "Efficiency, Finance and Varieties of Industrial Policy," a publication from the joint research by the JICA Research Institute and Columbia University to be published this coming November from Columbia University Press.

3. Key Questions

- What are the roles of the state to respond to the development challenges that Africa faces today, such as inequality and unemployment?
- Is GDP enough to measure the economic transformation of Africa? What are the possible alternatives for measurement?
- What are the potential future challenges of Africa in the process of economic transformation?

4. Speakers

- Dr. Shinichi Kitaoka, President, JICA
- Prof. Joseph Stiglitz, Professor/Nobel Laureate, Columbia University
- Miss. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP
- TBD, Dr. Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina, President, AfDB
- Dr. Go Shimada, Associate Professor, University of Shizuoka, Japan/JICA Research Institute
- Dr. Célestin Monga, Vice-President Appointed, AfDB
- Prof. Akbar Noman, Professor, Columbia University
- Dr. Yaw Ansu, Chief Economist, African Center for Economic Transformation
- Mr. Kenichi Tomiyoshi, Vice-President, JICA
- Dr. Naohiro Kitano, Director, JICA Research Institute