



# **【Online】**

# **Knowledge Co-Creation Program**

## **(Group & Region Focus)**

**General information on  
POLICY PLANNING SKILLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF  
REDD+(FOR GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVES)**  
**課題別研修「REDD+実施に向けた政策立案（行政幹部職員向け）」**  
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**Course No.: 202003229J001**  
**Online Program Period: From September 27, 2021 to October 8, 2021**

This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (Group & Region Focus) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in February 2015, which stated, *“In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field-oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together.”* JICA believes that this ‘Knowledge Co-Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

# I. Concept

## Background

Recently, the role of forests in terms of climate change has been highlighted worldwide. The forestry sector including deforestation accounts for 17.4 percent of total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, which is more than the share of total emissions from the transport sector. According to FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) statistics, there was a 178 million hectares forest net loss between 1990 and 2020, and to tackle this global deforestation issue, international communities have been concentrating every effort. Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation-plus (REDD+) is one of such efforts. For instance, the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) to UNFCCC embraced the Paris Agreement referring to promotion of REDD+, and many countries submitted Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) which include the forest and land sector as one of the key components for the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission. In accordance with the increase of the global concern about REDD+, both developing countries and international partners strengthen their efforts for REDD+, and the situations surrounding REDD+ are rapidly changing. It has become significantly important for developing countries to understand international discussions of readiness, implementation, result-based payment stages of REDD+ as well as its progress in their own countries to grasp the gap between its situation and requirements of international frameworks, and make effective strategies for REDD+.

## For what?

In order to promote “Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)” in developing countries, this program aims at enhancing the capacity of government executives or mid-level officials to plan and implement policies based on their own countries’ situations by taking the international framework and requirements into consideration.

## For whom?

Executive officers or mid-level officials of national / local governments who are engaged in policymaking, institutional arrangement and implementation of REDD+.

## How?

Programs of this course are divided into 3 modules as below. Participants will learn how they can promote REDD+ implementation in their countries through various lectures, discussions among participants and individual consultation with Japanese experts etc.

**【 Module Output1 】 Understanding the international frameworks, trends and requirements regarding REDD+**

**【Module Output 2】 Understanding mechanisms of international climate funds**

**【Module Output 3】 Analyzing the current situation of participants’ countries**

\*See II -9 for details

## II. Description

### 1. Title (Course No.)

**POLICY PLANNING SKILLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF REDD+ (FOR GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVES)**  
(202003229J001)

### 2. Course Duration

September 27 to October 8, 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> week; September 27, 28, 29, 30 and October 1 (from Monday to Friday)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> week; October 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (from Monday to Friday)**

### 3. Target Regions or Countries

Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Lao PDR, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

Time differences between Japan and each country

Country	Time difference(JST)	Start at	End at *
Japan	0	16:00	19:00
Brazil (BRT)	-12	4:00	7:00
Cambodia	-2	14:00	17:00
Cameroon	-8	8:00	11:00
Democratic Republic of Congo	-8	8:00	11:00
Ethiopia	-6	10:00	13:00
Lao PDR	-2	14:00	17:00
Papua New Guinea	+1	17:00	20:00
Solomon Islands	+2	18:00	21:00

\*The end time may change slightly depending on the daily program.

### 4. Eligible / Target Organization

National and local level governments related to policy making and implementation of REDD+

### 5. Capacity (Upper Limit of Participants)

12 participants

### 6. Language of Instruction

English

### 7. Objective(s)

For promoting REDD+ in participants' countries, this program aims to build the capacities of participants such as;

- To analyze the effective strategy for promoting REDD+ based on the situation of their countries, with considering the international frameworks and requirements of UNFCCC and REDD+ related funds.

- To formulate and implement REDD+ related policies based on their countries' situations.
- To access to REDD+ related funds to implement the national REDD+ strategy.

## 8. Overall Goal

The government of participant's country promotes efforts to address climate change through REDD+ based on situation of each country.

## 9. Output and Contents

This course consists of the following components.

<b>Expected Module Output</b>	<b>【Module1:Understanding the international frameworks, trends and requirements regarding REDD+】</b> To be able to understand policy, institutional and technical requirements of REDD+ and what should be done in each country.	<b>【Module2: Understanding mechanisms of international funds】</b> To be able to understand characteristics and procedures of mechanisms of international funds (Green Climate Fund, and The Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, Joint Offset Crediting Mechanism, Voluntary market etc.) for result based payment.	<b>【Module3:Analyzing the current situation of participants' countries】</b> To be able to propose effective approaches for implementation of REDD+ considering the situation of forest and society in their countries.
<b>Subjects/ Agendas</b>	<b>1.1</b> Issues related to climate change policies (NDC, IPCC reports, etc.) <b>1.2</b> National REDD+ strategies <b>1.3</b> Requirements to implement REDD+(MRV) <b>1.4</b> Requirements to implement REDD+(SG)	<b>2.1</b> Main funding mechanisms ①(GCF, FCPF, Joint Offset Crediting Mechanism etc.) <b>2.2</b> Main funding mechanisms②(Joint Crediting Mechanism(Japan) etc.) <b>2.3</b> Current status regarding funding through the private sector	<b>3.1</b> Sharing the progress of REDD+ activities in each country <b>3.2</b> Analysis of the situation of participants' countries and expounding the points of implementation for REDD+ activities <b>3.3</b> Formulating country specific measures to address issues relating to planning and implementation of REDD+ <b>3.4</b> Presentation of the country specific measures and feedbacks <b>3.5</b> Video viewing and lecture on on-site activities for climate change mitigation by a municipal government related to forest and forestry in Japan
<b>Methodology</b>	Lecture, Discussion, and Individual Consultation with Japanese experts	Lecture, Discussion and Individual Consultation with Japanese experts	Lecture, Discussion and Individual Consultation with Japanese experts



**Output**

**Formulation of measures to address REDD+ issues of each country**

## Online Program: Tentative Timetable (\*1)

Day	Date	Time (JST*2 =UTC+9)	Contents / Theme of Lecture	Related Output of Modules
1	Sep-27 Mon	16:00-18:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Outline of REDD+</li> </ul>	(1)
2	Sep-28 Tue	16:00-18:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-introduction and presentation by participants</li> <li>• Group discussion</li> </ul>	(1)
3	Sep-29 Wed	16:00-18:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Trends of REDD+</li> <li>• REDD+ Funding</li> <li>• Recent Trends of Climate Change Policies</li> </ul>	(1)
4	Sep-30 Thu	16:00-18:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REDD+ and JICA's Approach</li> <li>• Trend of Private Sector related to REDD+</li> <li>• National Strategies of REDD+</li> </ul>	(2)
5	Oct-1 Fri	7:00-18:00	Individual Consultations (Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Lao PDR, Cambodia)	(2)
6	Oct-4 Mon	15:00-19:30	Individual Consultations (Ethiopia, DRC, Cameroon)	(2)
7	Oct-5 Tue	16:00-18:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REDD+ Requirements (MRV, NFMS, FREL, Forest Inventory)</li> <li>• REDD+ Requirements (safeguards)</li> </ul>	(2)
8	Oct-6 Wed	16:00-18:30	Workshop: REDD+ Case Study (Lecture, Group discussion, Presentation by groups, Wrap-up)	(3)
9	Oct-7 Thu	16:00-18:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japanese Forestry Policy against Climate Change</li> <li>• Video viewing and lecture: On-site activities by Shimokawa City</li> </ul>	(3)
10	Oct-8 Fri	16:00-18:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by participants on country specific measures to address climate change.</li> <li>• Closing ceremony</li> </ul>	(3)

\*1 Amid COVID-19 pandemic, please note that this program may be changed shortened or cancelled.

\*2 JST: Japan Standard Time is 9 hours ahead of the Universal Time Coordinated (UTC).

## **10. Place and Time to attend**

In order to properly participate in the program, each participant needs to have certain level of internet access (please refer to 11 below). Places to attend this program (Online / On Demand) depends on the internet environment you may have. Please inform JICA overseas office the details of your internet environment by submitting the questionnaire referred to in ANNEX 2 below and which place you would like to take the program (e.g. home, office). If you can't find a proper place to take the program, please consult with JICA overseas office.

## **11. Circumstance for Internet Connection**

The program is conducted through a platform "Zoom Meeting" (tentative). It is necessary to ensure a stable and secure internet connection to access the platform. Internet speed of downloading and uploading recommended is approximately 3 to 5 Mbps. (at least 0.5 to 1.5 Mbps).

Please refer to the following URL for how to measure the internet speed.

<https://www.speedtest.net/>

**Mobile phones are not recommended.**

**【Note】**If you are not able to arrange internet connection or necessary devices, please consult with JICA overseas office in your country.

## **12. Connection Test**

Connection test will be held at 16:00-17:00 (JST) September 17(Tentative).

All participants are required to attend the connection test. After the notification of acceptance is officially issued, we will inform you of the details of this test.

## III. Eligibility and Procedures

### 1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

(1) This program is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operations. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.

(2) In this connection, applying organizations are expected to nominate the most qualified candidates to address the issues or problems, carefully referring to the qualifications described in section III-2 below.

(3) Applying organizations are also expected to be prepared to make use of knowledge acquired by the nominees for the purpose mentioned.

### 2. Nominee Qualifications

Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.

#### (1) Essential Qualifications

1) Current Duties: to achieve the output previously described, the following criteria is especially important: **be an executive or mid-level official of national or local government who is currently /will be playing a major role in REDD+ policy making and implementation.**

2) Nomination: be nominated by their government in accordance with the procedures mentioned in 4. "Procedure for Application and Selection" below.

3) Age: Preferably over 35 years and under 59 years of age.

4) Language: **have sufficient command of English.** (During the course program, participants are requested to give presentations and actively participate in discussions. Communication and presentation skills in English are essentially important.)

5) Health: be in good health, both physically and mentally, to complete the program.

#### (2) Recommended Qualifications

Gender Consideration: JICA promotes gender equality. Women are encouraged to apply for the program.

### 3. Required Documents for Application

(1) **Application Form:** The Application Form is available at **the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)**

(2) **Country Report:** Applicants should submit "Country Report" together with the Application Form. It will be used as a reference for selection of participants, individual consultation with Japanese experts, comparative studies and group discussion. The instructions of the Country Report are shown in the ANNEX 1: "Information on Country Report".

**(3) Organization Chart:** Applicants are requested to submit the Organization Chart together with the Application Form to show an agency(s) responsible for REDD+ in their country. Please clearly indicate the applicant's position on the chart. This chart is used as a reference upon selection of participants.

**(4) Questionnaire (Internet learning environment):** to be submitted with the Application Form. Please use the form, ANNEX 2.

#### **4. Procedures for Application and Selection**

##### **(1) Submission of the Application Documents**

Deadline for applications: **Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan).** All required material must arrive at **JICA Tokyo Center in Japan by August 12, 2021**

**【Note】** Please inform JICA overseas office the details of your internet environment by submitting the questionnaire referred to in 3(4) above and your preferred place to take the program (both Online and On Demand).

##### **(2) Selection**

Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA Tokyo Center will consult with concerned organizations in Japan in the process of final selection. Applying organizations with the best intentions to utilize the opportunity will be highly valued. The Government of Japan will examine applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military, taking into consideration of their duties, positions in the organization and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan.

##### **(3) Notice of Acceptance**

The JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will notify the results **August 23, 2021** at the latest.

#### **5. Conditions for Participation**

The participants of KCCP are required

- (1)** to respect intellectual property rights and rights of privacy or publicity which belong to lecturers and all the participants of the Online seminar, such as copyright and portrait rights. To refrain from recording and sharing the video material, audio material, text, images, graphics and other content available during the program except for cases with specific permission,
- (2)** to strictly observe the course schedule,
- (3)** to refrain from engaging in any political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain.



## IV. Administrative Arrangements

### 1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

(1) **Center:** JICA Tokyo Center (JICA TOKYO)

(2) **Program Officer:** Ms. IWANAGA Yumiko (tictee@jica.go.jp)

### 2. Implementing Partner

(1) **Name:** Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center (JIFPRO)

(2) **URL:** <https://jifpro.or.jp/en>

### 3. Expenses

The following expenses for this program will be provided by JICA:

(1) A round-travel expense to the place where participants take this program in case if any participant is required to travel to a place designated by JICA, which must cause payment of travel expense on the side of participant . For more details, contact JICA overseas office.

(2) Reasonable charges or expenses to improve your Internet connection to meet the technical standard required to participate in the program. For more details, contact JICA overseas office.

### 4. Others:

Amid COVID-19 pandemic, please note that this program may be changed shortened or cancelled.

# **V.ANNEX1: Information on Country Report**

## **1. Format**

**A4 size document (Microsoft Word is preferred).**

## **2. Contents**

Please cover the following items as much as possible, including tables and charts if necessary.

(0) Name of applicant(including country, organization)

(1) Brief introduction of your country including

➤ Geographical location, climate and economy

(2) Brief description of the forests in your country, including

➤ Total Area, ratio of forest cover, major forest types

➤ Deforestation rate, Main drivers of the deforestation  
Situation of forest degradation, its main driver

➤ Major challenges forest and forestry in your country

(3) Forest and forestry and climate change related national policy, including

➤ Policy and measures concerning forest and forestry

➤ Policy and measures related to Climate Change

➤ Climate adaptation related to forest (ex. disaster risk reduction)

(4) Status of REDD+ implementation

➤ National Policy and strategy regarding REDD+

➤ Implementation System and Budget for REDD+ implementation

➤ NFMS, Safeguard information system, FREL

➤ Information regarding supporting donors and source of funds supporting REDD+ activities

(5) Brief explanation of NDC and its reference (or no reference) to REDD+

(6) Challenges in promotion of REDD+ in your country

➤ What are the challenges you want to tackle or situations you want to improve?

➤ What are the backgrounds behind the challenges? What do you think are the causes of your problems, and what prevents their improvement?

(7) Organization Chart

(8) Other information related to REDD+ implementation and promotion, if any.

## **3. Submission deadline**

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> of August,2021** (with Application Form)

## **VI. ANNEX2:**

### **Questionnaire (*Internet Learning Environment*)**

\*Submit this questionnaire together with the Application Form.

Name:
Country:

Please answer the following question. If you need any assistance for preparation of the learning environment, please consult with JICA overseas office.

#### **1. Learning Place**

(1) **Online program** (From where are you going to attend *this Online* program?)

( ) Home

( ) Workplace

( ) JICA overseas office

( ) Other place ( )

(2) **On Demand Program** (From where are you going to attend *this On Demand* program?)

( ) Home

( ) Workplace

( ) JICA overseas office

( ) Other place ( )

#### **2. Device & Network** (Please describe your device and network.)

(1) Device: ex) Personal Computer, Tablet, etc.

( )

(2) Operating System: ex) Windows10, MacOS X, MacOS 10.9.X, etc.

( )

(3) Browser: ex) Internet Explorer11+, Edge12+, Chrome 30+, etc.

( )

(4) Network: ex) Wi-Fi, Wired LAN, etc.

( )

#### **3. Application** (Please let us know about the application.)

(1) You can download and sign in "Zoom" application. (Yes/No)

Download from <https://zoom.us/download>

(2) You can view "YouTube" videos. (Yes/No)

Sample: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJkyQZRmSes>

#### **4. Other information**

If you have any specific online environment, please describe in detail.

## **For Your Reference**

### **JICA and Capacity Development**

Technical cooperation is people-to-people cooperation that supports partner countries in enhancing their comprehensive capacities to address development challenges by their own efforts. Instead of applying Japanese technology per se to partner countries, JICA's technical cooperation provides solutions that best fit their needs by working with people living there. In the process, consideration is given to factors such as their regional characteristics, historical background, and languages. JICA does not limit its technical cooperation to human resources development; it offers multi-tiered assistance that also involves organizational strengthening, policy formulation, and institution building.

Implementation methods of JICA's technical cooperation can be divided into two approaches. One is overseas cooperation by dispatching experts and volunteers in various development sectors to partner countries; the other is domestic cooperation by inviting participants from developing countries to Japan. The latter method is the Knowledge Co-Creation Program, formerly called Training Program, and it is one of the core programs carried out in Japan. By inviting officials from partner countries and with cooperation from domestic partners, the Knowledge Co-Creation Program provides technical knowledge and practical solutions for development issues in participating countries.

The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized courses cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programs is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

### **Japanese Development Experience**

Japan, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving its tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

From engineering technology to production management methods, most of the know-how that has enabled Japan to become what it is today has emanated from a process of adoption and adaptation, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories.

Through Japan's progressive adaptation and application of systems, methods and technologies from the West in a way that is suited to its own circumstances, Japan has developed a storehouse of knowledge not found elsewhere from unique systems of organization, administration and personnel management to such social systems as the livelihood improvement approach and governmental organization. It is not easy to apply such experiences to other countries where the circumstances differ, but the experiences can provide ideas and clues useful when devising measures to solve problems.

JICA, therefore, would like to invite as many leaders of partner countries as possible to come and visit us, to mingle with the Japanese people, and witness the advantages as well as the disadvantages of Japanese systems, so that integration of their findings might help them reach their developmental objectives.



**Contact Information for Inquiries**

For inquiries and further information, please contact the JICA overseas office or the Embassy of Japan. Further, address correspondence to:

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