Facilitating Trade and Investment for African Countries through Regional Economic Cooperation

Objective/Outcome

**Objective**
To understand the importance and effective use of regional economic cooperation in regards to the comparative strength of his/her country within the region, and present policies and measures to facilitate trade and investment necessary for industrial development.

**Outcome**
1. Comparative advantage (strength) of each country's industry is analyzed and necessary policies and measures for promotion of foreign trade and investment are explained.
2. From consideration of various aspects (from the theory and trends of international trade/investment to the case of Indonesia, ASEAN, and Japan), importance of regional economic cooperation/integration linked to international division of labor is explained.
3. With above analysis of comparative advantage and understanding the importance of REC through case studies, the action plan for each country to promote its trade and investment are formulated.
4. In regards to the implementation of above action plan, the scope is not limited to the his/her organization, but collaborates with other ministries and international organizations.

Target Organization / Group

**Target Organization**
Ministry (or organization) of national government in charge of industrial, trade, and investment policies.

**Target Group**
Executive officer (Person in charge or involved in designing/making of industrial policy). Director level is preferable.

Contents

<Before the Program in Japan>
- Submission of Inception Report (Analysis of current situation, challenges,)

<During the Program in Japan>
- LECTURE: Concept and theories on foreign trade and investment and current trends, Theories of Regional Economic Integration and International Division of Labor (Specialization), Global Supply Chain and logistics
- SITE VISIT: Kobe City Government, Kobe Port Facility
- DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION: Opinion exchange session with Japanese enterprises

<During the Supplemental Program in Indonesia>
- LECTURE: Investment and trade relations within ASEAN, Potential trade and investment relations between Indonesia and Africa
- SITE VISIT: ASEAN Secretariat, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, BKPM, Indonesia Export Training Center (IETC), Ministry of Industry, TOYOTA Sunter, Indesso Aroma, etc.
- DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION: Submission/Presentation of Final Report

<After the Program in respective country>
- Sharing of Final report within the respective ministry (or organization)

Implementing Partner

Under Planning

Remarks and Website

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