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On October 31, JICA, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) jointly hosted a High-level Forum of Directors-General for Development Cooperation entitled “South-South and Triangular Partnerships and the Post-2015 Development Agenda.” JICA-RI Director [Hiroshi Kato](#) (JICA Vice President) and Research Fellow [Shunichiro Honda](#) who have engaged in the study on South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation (SSC and TrC) attended the forum.

In his opening remarks, Director Kato stressed that TrC should be further promoted. He explained that knowledge and experience useful for development are possessed not only by developed countries and the middle-income countries, but small and poor nations also have them in abundance. He pointed out that TrC, therefore, can play a significant role in facilitating the sharing of these valuable resources among developing countries. Lastly Kato introduced two booklets: “[Tackling Global Challenges Through Triangular Cooperation](#),” a report compiled by JICA-RI on TrC of “green economy,” the theme of the Expo 2013; and



[Director Kato](#)
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“[Enhancing Management Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation](#),” a report on case studies of capacity building for SSC and TrC jointly conducted by JICA, UNOSSC, and the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC).

On the same day, a partnership forum titled “South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Impact at Scale: Towards a Community of Practice and Learning Alliance” was convened, which the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) hosted with JICA, UNDP and other international agencies.

Director Kato, taking the rostrum, explained that JICA’s organizational merger in 2008 enabled new JICA to pursue the synergy of the three modalities—loans, grant aid and technical cooperation. He continued to say that while scaling up has been increasingly mainstreamed into its operation, JICA has further strived to tackle the remaining challenges.

JICA, through the GSSD Expo, demonstrated Japan’s presence in SSC and TrC as the effective approach to be incorporated into the post-2015 development agenda, while making an intellectual contribution towards the implementation of better SSC and TrC for the future.



[Honda Research Fellow](#) (left in the first row)

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The booklet is divided into Part 1 and Part 2; it has compiled the findings of joint case studies carried out by an international team composed of researchers and practitioners from development assistance agencies including both bilateral and multilateral institutions such as JICA and UN agencies and also from government organizations and NGOs in developing countries.

Part 1 titled “Concepts and Practice of Triangular Cooperation,” presents the latest approaches and implementation mechanisms of South-South Cooperation (SSC) and Triangular Cooperation (TrC) to tackle global issues including the environment-friendly green economy as well as sustainable development. Part 2 showcases seven good practices of TrC broadly in the field of “green economy” such as climate change mitigation measures, disaster preventions and the biodiversity conservation. Each case illustrates success factors and lessons learned for better TrC.

The booklet was disseminated during the UN Global South-South Development Expo 2013 held in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, from October 28 to November 1, 2013.



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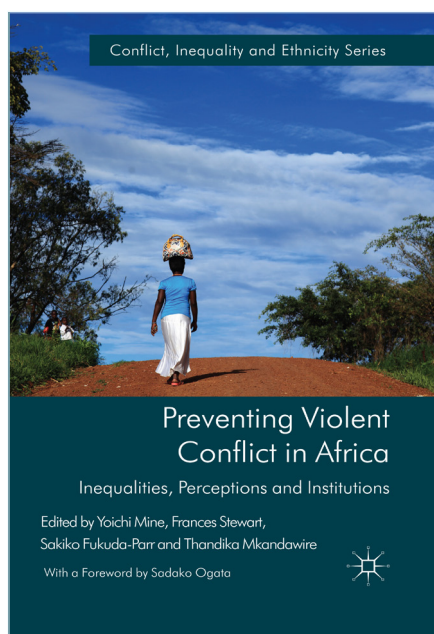
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Combining quantitative analysis with qualitative anatomy, the study examines the interrelation among three factors—horizontal inequalities (HIs), people's perceptions, and political institutions—, analyzes the impact of the three factors on the stability of the state and the risk of conflicts, and gives policy recommendations to development practitioners and policy makers.

The study finds: HIs can be a major root cause of violent conflict, especially when they encompass political, economic, social, and cultural spheres; people's subjective

perceptions don't necessarily coincide with objective HIs; and a politically excluded group is likely to perceive its status as being lower than its objective status. It further points out that inclusive political institutions, both formal and informal, contributes to stable governance.

The publication is co-edited by the four editors: JICA-RI Visiting Fellow **Yoichi Mine** (Professor of Doshisha University); Emeritus Professor Frances Stewart (the University of Oxford); Professor Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (the New School); and Professor Thandika Mkandawire (the London School of Economics: LSE). Contributors from JICA-RI include Visiting Fellow Mine, former Senior Research Fellow Mari Katayanagi, and Senior Research Fellow **Satoru Mikami**. Former Visiting Fellow Shinichi Takeuchi and former Senior Research Fellow Yuichi Sasaoka also contribute to the chapters.



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