





Toward G20 Osaka Summit Think 20 Japan: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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Japan in 2019





- 2019 is a highly important year for Japan.
 - ➤ G20 Osaka Summit June
 - > TICAD 7 in Yokohama August
 - ➤ HLPF on Sustainable Development (so called "UN SDG Summit") Sept.
- As the current G20 president, Japan is actively engaged in the Think 20 (T20) 2019 process.
- In view of significance of providing policy inputs to the progress of the SDGs, the Task Force on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has been established within T20 Japan.

Outline



1. The SDGs and Japan

How is Japan implementing the SDGs?

2. Toward G20 Osaka Summit and beyond:

- Discussions on the 2030 Agenda at recent G20 Summits
- Japanese government's priorities
- Key features of T20 Japan Task Force on the 2030 Agenda

The SDGs and Japan

How is Japan Implementing the SDGs?

- Pursuing a Japan SDGs Model
 - Tackling country-specific challenges
 - Active engagement in international cooperation
 - > Efforts to link domestic policy and international cooperation
- National implementation framework and guiding principles
 - Whole-of-the Government approach led by PMO (SDGs Promotion HQ (May 2016)) + multi-stakeholder RT meetings
 - Implementation Guiding Principles (Dec. 2016)
 - > SDGs Action Plan (Dec. 2017- , annually updated)
 - SDGs Award (annually)
- Eight priority areas

The SDGs Promotion Headquarters

Chief of HQ: Prime Minister

Deputy Chief: Chief Cabinet Secretary & Minister for Foreign Affairs

Members of HQ: All other Ministers of State

Administrative Meetings

Chairperson: Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary (foreign affairs)

Acting Chair: Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary (domestic affairs)

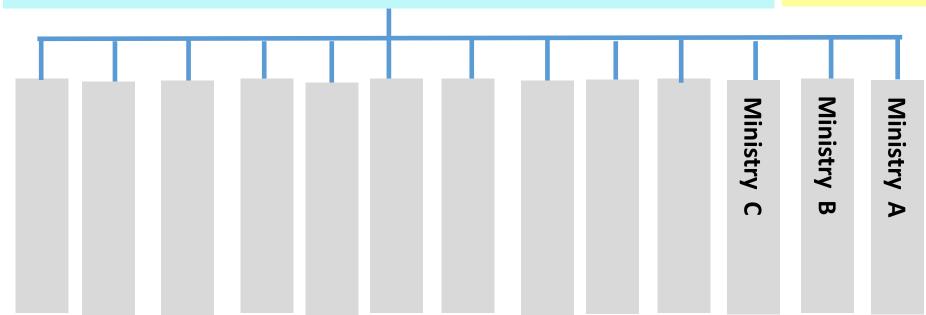
Deputy Chairperson: Assistant Vice-Minister for Global Issues/

DG for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Members: Representatives of other relevant government agencies

The SDGs
Promotion
Roundtable
Meetings

NGOs/NPOs Academia Int'l org. Various org.



Source: Elaborated by the author, based on the SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles (Dec. 22, 2016, PMO)

The Outline of the SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles

[Vision] Set out a vision for Japan to be the champion of sustainable and resilient society in which "no one is left behind." Japan intends to be a leader in creating a better future, in which the three dimensions of sustainable development, i.e., economic, social, and environmental are improved in an integrated manner.

[Implementation Principles] (1) Universality, (2) Inclusiveness, (3) Participatory, (4) Integration, (5) Transparency and Accountability
[Follow-up] 1st follow-up expected in 2019

[Eight Priority Areas]

- (1) Empowerment of All People
- (3) Creating Growth Market, Revitalization of Rural Areas, and Promoting Technological Innovation
- (5) Energy Conservation, Renewable Energy,
 Climate Change Measures, and Sound
 Material-Cycle Society
 - (7) Achieving Peaceful, Safe and Secure Societies

- (2) Achievement of Good Health and Longevity
- (4) Sustainable and Resilient Land Use, Promoting Quality Infrastructure
- (6) Conservation of Environment, Including Biodiversity, Forests and Oceans
 - (8) Strengthening the Means and Frameworks of the Implementation of the SDGs

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Japan's Eight Priority Areas

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(1) Empowerment of All People

(2) Achievement of Good Health and Longevity

Prosperity

(3) Creating Growth Market, Revitalization of Rural Areas, and Promoting Technological Innovation

(4) Sustainable and Resilient Land Use, Promoting Quality Infrastructure

Planet

(5) Energy Conservation, Renewable Energy, Climate Change Measures, and Sound Material-Cycle Society

(6) Conservation of Environment, Including Biodiversity, Forests and Oceans

Peace

(7) Achieving Peaceful, Safe and Secure Societies

Partnership

(8) Strengthening the Means and Frameworks of the Implementation of the SDGs

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The Role of JICA

Linking Domestic Policy and Int'l Cooperation



- As Japan's bilateral development cooperation agency, JICA assumes a key role in promoting the SDGs by:
 - Assisting developing countries to implement the SDGs
 - Sharing Japan's own experiences in socio-economic development and in international cooperation
 - > Sharing our experience with tackling frontier-challenges
- Facilitator's role in linking global & domestic challenges and connecting relevant stakeholders in Japan & abroad.
- JICA Position Paper on SDGs (Sept. 2016)

Toward G20 Osaka Summit

Discussions on the 2030 Agenda at Recent G20 Summits

2015 Antalya G20 Summit (Turkey)

- Low-Income Developing Countries Framework
- Antalya Development Roadmap

2016 Hangzhou Summit (China)

G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda and High-Level Principles

2017 Hamburg Summit (Germany)

- > Hamburg Update of the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda
- Voluntary peer learning mechanism (complementary to the UN-led process, HLPF)

2018 Buenos Aires Summit (Argentine)

Buenos Aires Update of the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda









Toward G20 Osaka Summit

PM Abe's Remarks at SDGs Promotion HQ (Dec. 21, 2018)

- Through G20 and TICAD 7, we will lead initiatives on the creation of high quality infrastructure, disaster prevention, measures against plastic waste in the oceans, climate change, and other issues.
- We will prioritize <u>women</u>, <u>health</u>, and <u>education</u> as the foundation for human security and development of human resources.
- As the G20 President, we will communicate the outcome of these efforts to the international community at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development that is set to be held during the UN General Assembly in September 2019.

Source: Prime Minister's Office, SDG Promotion HQ website

Note: Underline by the author

About T20 Japan



- Think 20 (T20) is the research and policy advice network for the G20 (Group of Twenty)—as one of the engagement groups, independent from governments.
 - ➤ Other engagement groups include: business community (B20), civil society (C20), labor unions (L20), scientists (S20), urban cities (U20), women (W20), and youth (Y20).
- During the Japanese G20 presidency, T20 will develop policy recommendations through 10 Task Forces, coordinated by the following thinktanks.
 - > ADBI (overall secretariat) & chair by Dean Naoyuki Yoshino
 - > IIMA, JIIA, JICA-RI, IGES, KDI, MRI, RIETI, AfDB

T20 Japan Task Forces

JICA RI is coordinating with two TFs:

TF1: 2030 Agenda (SDGs) & TF5: Cooperation with Africa

TF1	2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	JICA RI
TF2	An International Financial Architecture for Stability and Development/Cryptocurrency and Fintech	IIMA
TF3	Climate Change and Environment	IGES & MRI
TF4	Economic Effects of Infrastructure and its Financing	ADBI
TF5	Cooperation with Africa	AfDB & JICA RI
TF6	Social Cohesion, Global Governance and the Future of Politics	JIIA
TF7	The Future of Work and Education for the Digital Age	ADBI
TF8	Trade, Investment and Globalization	RIETI
TF9	SME Policy faced with Development of Financial Technology	RIETI
TF10	Aging Population and its Economic Impact + Immigration	ADBI & KDI

Photos: T20 Inception Conference

(Tokyo, Dec.4-5, 2019)

https://t20japan.org/









Remarks at T20 Inception Conference (Dec. 4, 2018)

Foreign Minister Taro Kono:

 In order to achieve the SDGs and human security, Japan will accelerate its efforts in areas such as health and education through next year's G20 Osaka Summit and TICAD 7 which will be held in August in Yokohama.

Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kenji Yamada:

- Looking ahead to the G20 Osaka summit next June, Japan will make every effort to realize a vision of <u>"human-centered future society"</u> <u>that is free, open, inclusive and sustainable</u>.
- We will contribute to achieving economic growth and reducing disparity at the same time, as well as addressing global issues with a focus on the SDGs.

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs website

Note: Underline by the author

Key Features of the 2030 Agenda / SDGs Task Force (TF1)

- No One is Left Behind—perfectly fits with our philosophy of development cooperation "Human Security," which Japan (& JICA) has embraced and practiced for long.
- We have chosen <u>six topics</u> for Policy Briefs.
 - Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
 - Education in development
 - Sustainable finance for development
 - Private sector's role for achieving the SDGs
 - Technology cooperation; and
 - Gender

Key Features of the 2030 Agenda / SDGs Task Force (TF1)

- These topics are chosen, with due consideration to:
 - Alignment with the Japanese government's priorities
 - Combining sector-specific topics with cross-cutting topics
 - Maintaining continuity of the past T20 discussions, while addressing new topics
 - Ensuring complementarities with the other Task Forces (e.g., Climate change and Environment, Future of Work and Education for the Digital Age)

The 2030 Agenda (TF1): Overview of Policy Briefs

Universal Health Coverage

Giving due consideration to the discussions at the Health Working Group (Sherpa Track) and the Finance Track.

 G20's role in achieving Universal Health Coverage for all.

Education

Focusing on education in development as an enabler of SDGs

 Quality education, socio-emotional skills, Early childhood development, STEM, girls education, professionals development, etc.

Finance & Governance

• Driving capital at scale towards sustainable development; ensuring more equitable access to financed exploit; building standards for transparency and impact.

The Role of the Private Sector

New

 Converting SDG awareness into concrete actions; redesigning the economic system toward a common purpose; creating sustainable ecosystem; upgrading enterprise
 & policy capabilities of developing countries.

Technology Cooperation

New

Leveraging STI for SDG advancement; emerging new modalities.

Gender

Closely working with W20 & C20 (and other engagement groups).

- Labor equity, Finance equity, Digital equity
- Governance (private sector, public sector, measuring progress)

The 2030 Agenda (TF1): Title of Policy Briefs

Areas	Topics of Policy Briefs (Tentative)
Universal Health Coverage	Deliberate Next Steps toward a New Globalism for UHC
Education	 Education as an Enabler to Achieve the SDGs Early Childhood Development Competent System Gender Equality in Education How to Leapfrog Progress in Education Teacher Professional Skills
Finance & Governance	Sustainable Finance for Development
Private sector	Scaling up Business Impact on the SDGs
Technology Cooperation	Leveraging STI for Advancing the SDGs
Gender	 A Gendered Perspective on Changing Demographics: Implications for Labour, Financial and Digital Equity Women's Economic Empowerment: Strengthening Public and Private Sector Accountability, Measurement and Impact

Key Milestones

Dates	Meetings & Schedule for Policy Brief Preparation
Sept. 16-18, 2018	T20 Summit in Buenos Aires
Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2018	G20 Buenos Aires Summit (handover of G20 presidency to Japan)
Dec. 4-5, 2018	T20 Inception Conference in Tokyo
Feb. 14, 2019	SDGs Asia Consultation Conference in Seoul 🛑
Mar. 15, 2019	Deadline for submission of final draft PBs to T20 P&R Team (Mar. 13: JICA RI to receive final draft PBs, <u>after peer review</u>)
Mar. 18-19, 2019	Global Solutions Summit in Berlin
Mar. 31, 2019	Deadline for submission of completed PBs to T20 P&R Team
Late May 2019	T20 Summit in Tokyo
June 28-29, 2019	G20 Osaka Summit

T20 P&R Team: T20 Policy & Research

Team

S20: March 6, 2019	C20: April 21-23, 2019
B20: March 14-15, 2019	U20: May 20-22, 2019
W20 & WAW: March 23-24, 2019	L20: Aug. 29-30, 2019





Thank You Very Much.

We Welcome Your Feedbacks!

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Please visit T20 website of JICA Research Institute (The 2030 Agenda & Cooperation with Africa)

https://www.jica.go.jp/jica-ri/news/topics/20181205 01.html