

# Africa-Japan Ministerial Dialogue Meeting on STI for SDGs

## Agenda

Hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan  
Co-organized by JST, JSPS, AMED, and JICA

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
InterContinental Yokohama Grand, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room Silk

9:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
<b>Welcome &amp; Intro</b> (10:00 – 10:15)	
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Opening and welcome remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mr. SHIBAYAMA Masahiko, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan</li><li>• H.E. Prof. Sarah Anyang AGBOR, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission</li><li>• Prof. KISHI Teruo, Science and Technology Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan</li></ul>
<b>SESSION ONE: Policy Brief</b> (10:15 – 11:05)	
<i>This session will share recent trends and efforts on STI for SDG as well as policy measures for further cooperation between Japan and the African continent.</i>	
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Session 1A: STI for SDGs (recent trends and efforts)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">International discussion on accelerating STI for SDGs</a> <u>Presenter</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. NAKAMURA Michiharu, Member of the United Nations 10-Member Group supporting the Technology Facilitation Mechanism for STI for SDGs</li></ul></li><li>- <a href="#">Japanese government's efforts on "STI for SDGs"</a> <u>Presenter</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. MATSUO Hiroki, Director General for Science, Technology and Innovation Atomic Energy Policy, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan</li></ul></li><li>- <a href="#">Kenyan National STI Roadmaps</a> <u>Presenter</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. George Albert Omore MAGOHA, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kenya</li></ul></li><li>- Q&amp;A</li></ul>

**SESSION ONE: Policy Brief** (continued)

10:30 – 10:47	<p><b>Session 1B: STI for SDGs (policy measures)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">International cooperation in research and higher education with African countries</a></li></ul> <p><u>Co-presenters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mr. YAMAWAKI Yoshio, Senior Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan</li><li>● Dr. SATOMI Susumu, President, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">Reaching beyond Sustainable Development with Africa-Japan STI cooperation: New innovative joint-funding scheme “AJ-CORE”</a></li></ul> <p><u>Co-presenters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Dr. Molapo QHOBELA, CEO, National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa</li><li>● Dr. HAMAGUCHI Michinari, President, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Q&amp;A</li></ul>
10:47 – 11:06	<p><b>Session 1C: Human resource development and capacity building</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">Collaboration between Africa and Japan for high skilled human resources development and STI Promotion in Africa</a></li></ul> <p><u>Co-presenters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ms. SUZUKI Noriko, Senior Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)</li><li>● H.E. Prof. Dr. Khaled ABD EL-GHAFFAR, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Arab Republic of Egypt</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">Cooperation between MSJ and AIMS in fostering young human resources in Africa</a></li></ul> <p><u>Co-presenters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Prof. Dr. Barry GREEN, Director, African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) in South Africa</li><li>● Prof. Dr. KOTANI Motoko, Director, WPI-AIMR, Tohoku University; Former President, The Mathematical Society of Japan (MSJ)</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Q&amp;A</li></ul>
11:06 – 11:10	<p><b>Session 1D: Policy topics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">Egypt AI National Strategy</a></li></ul> <p><u>Presenter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● H.E. Prof. Dr. Khaled ABD EL-GHAFFAR, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Arab Republic of Egypt</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Q&amp;A</li></ul>
11:10 – 11:20	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Group photo</i> (Only for ministers or relevant representatives)</p>

11:20 – 11:35	<i>Coffee break</i> <i>(Lunch served at the table)</i>
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**SESSION TWO: Good Practices on Japan-Africa S&T Cooperation (11:35 – 12:05)**

*This session will share recent efforts and research outputs of Japan-Africa S&T cooperation, which could contribute to the achievement of SDGs in Africa.*

11:35 – 11:50	<p><b>Session 2A: Striga Issue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Combatting Striga: Return the pink field back to green by molecules and solve the food crisis in Africa</a></li> </ul> <p><u>Co-presenters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Eliud KIREGER, Director General, Kenya Agricultural &amp; Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)</li> <li>● Dr. ITAMI Kenichiro, Professor and Director, Institute of Transformative Bio-Molecules (ITbM), Nagoya University</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
11:50 – 12:05	<p><b>Session 2B: Malaria Issue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Fighting against climate change: early-warning systems to prevent health disasters in Africa</a></li> </ul> <p><u>Co-presenters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Neville SWEIJD, Acting Director, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Applied Center for Climate and Earth Systems Science (ACCESS)</li> <li>● Dr. Francisco MBOFANA, Executive Secretary, National AIDS Council, Mozambique</li> <li>● Prof. MINAKAWA Noboru, Professor, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>

**SESSION THREE: Dialogue** (12:05 – 12:55)

*This session will have dialogue based on the information shared in SESSION ONE and SESSION TWO. Dialogue is expected to lead to further Japan-Africa collaborations at various levels including researcher level and research institution level.*

12:05 – 12:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Interactive discussion</li><li>➤ At least, one person from each of the five regions of the African continent will be invited to share comment and opinion with the other participants.</li><li>➤ Such comment and opinion are supposed to reflect and represent the situation of their region, not their country.</li><li>➤ For the remaining of the session, other participants are also welcome to make remarks.</li></ul>
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**Closing** (12:55 – 13:00)

12:55 – 13:00	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● H.E. Mr. SHIBAYAMA Masahiko, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan</li></ul>
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