

Summary of the Science and Technology Ministers' Round Table Meeting

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A Science and Technology Ministers' Roundtable Meeting was held at the Kyoto International Conference Center on October 7, with the participation of science and technology ministers and officials in similar positions from 25 countries around the world. (The list of participants is in Attachment 1.) The participants exchanged views on the future international cooperation for science and technology for the sake of the solution on the global scale issues.

Matters discussed at the Ministers' Roundtable Meeting included desirable forms of international science and technology cooperation for the resolution of issues involved i) International collaboration on preventing global warming, ii) Capacity building for science and technology in developing countries, iii) Research and development for infectious diseases. These and other such matters were approached from the perspective of what science and technology can do toward the resolution to the global scale issues. As a result of the exchanges of views on these issues, the participants reached a shared awareness of the following:

- (1) They consider it crucial that particular steps be taken to reinforce international cooperation on research in light of their awareness that science and technology will have an extremely large role to play in measures to resolve common issues faced by humankind, including infectious disease and global warming resulting from climate change.
- (2) They consider it crucial that measures be taken to augment capacity building for science and technology to promote sustainable growth in the developing countries while simultaneously engaging in cooperation among advanced and developing countries to address the global scale issues.

In addition, a view was expressed on the importance of making a plan for the future actions.

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<Participants List>

	Nationality	Name	Minister/Vice Minister/State Secretary/Expert
1	Angola	João Baptista Ngandangina	Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology
2	Brunei	HJ Mohd Said Bin Pehin Dato HJ Hashim	Permanent Secretary(Technical Professional), Ministry of Development
3	Canada	Arthur J. Carty	National Science Advisor to the Government of Canada, Government of Canada Privy Council Office
4	China	Gang Wang	Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology
5	Côte d'Ivoire	Cisse Bacongo	Minister, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
6	Egypt	Hany Mahfouz Helal	Minister, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
7	France	Gilles Bloch	Director General for Research and Innovation, Ministry of Higher Education and Research
8	Germany	Annette Schavan	Minister, Federal Ministry of Education and Research
9	Guatemala	Maria del Carmen Aceña de Fuentes	Minister, Ministry of Education
10	Japan	Fumio KISHIDA	Minister, Minister of State for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy
11	Laos	Bountiem Phissamay	Minister, Minister to the Prime Minister's Office
12	Latvia	Mareks Gruškevičs	State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science
13	Lithuania	Ms. Virginija Būdienė	Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science
14	Mozambique	Venâncio Simão Massingue	Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT)
15	Romania	Dumitru Miron	State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Research and Youth
16	Rwanda	Romain Murenzi	Minister, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Scientific Research (MINEDUC)
17	Serbia	Ana Pešikan	Minister, Ministry of Science
18	Singapore	Chuan Poh Lim	Chairman, A*STAR (Agency for Science, Technology and Research)
19	South Africa	Mosibudi Mangena	Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology
20	Sri Lanka	Tissa Vitarana	Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology
21	Sudan	Abdelrahman Saeed	Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology
22	Thailand	Yongyuth Yuthavong	Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
23	U.K	Sir David King	Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Head of the Office for Science department of Innovation, university and skills
24	Viet Nam	Le Dhin Tien	Vice Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
25	Zimbabwe	Olivia N. Muchena	Minister, Ministry of State for Science and Technology
1	U.S.A	Dr. Rita Colwell	Distinguished University Professor, University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University, US
2	Morocco	Rachid Belmokhtar	President, University of Al Akhawayn
3	U.K	Sir Richard Sykes	Rector, Imperial College London, UK