

THE 2nd JAPAN – AFRICA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTERS' MEETING

Chairs' Summary

3 October, 2010, Sunday

Kyoto International Conference Center, Kyoto, Japan

1. Ministers responsible for Science and Technology policy of Japan and Africa met in Kyoto, Japan on 3 October, 2010, together with the representatives from the African Union Commission (AUC), NEPAD Agency, the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank. Ministers and heads of delegations exchanged views on various matters pertaining to cooperation in the field of science, technology and innovation (STI) between Japan and Africa.
2. The Japan and Africa Science and Technology Ministerial Meeting (JASTMM) welcomed the efforts done by each party to expand science and technology cooperation after the 1st Japan-Africa Science and Technology Ministers' Meeting of October 2008 and called for further development of the cooperative partnership.
3. Japan and Africa jointly proposed an initiative to promote cooperation in the area of STI between Japan and Africa. This initiative aims at building the research and innovation network to promote continuous research cooperation which leads to innovation and contributes to resolving regional and global challenges.
4. The African Ministerial Council on Science and Technology (AMCOST) Bureau Senior Officials and officials of the Cabinet Office of Japan met on the 23-24 September in Cairo, Egypt and considered the Japan Africa Initiative on STI.
5. JASTMM welcomed the initiative and reached a consensus on the following basic principles :
 - Japan and Africa to develop a Strategic Framework of Cooperation on STI by May 2011.
 - Research institution(s) in each of the five regions will be identified and utilized as “Regional Centers of STI Cooperation”, which will function as hubs of research and innovation networks between Japan and Africa.
 - Thematic areas of cooperation will be jointly identified on the basis of mutual benefit such as those related to green innovation, life innovations, in line with Japan's national strategy and in accordance with Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action.

- To promote the dialogue and implementation of the initiative to:
 - Continue the Policy Dialogue through the bi-annual meeting of JASTMM.
 - Set up a Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of the AMCOST Bureau’s senior officials, and representatives of the Cabinet Office of Japan.
 - Set up a Joint Task Force (JTF) which will consist of representatives from: AUC/Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST); NEPAD Agency/ Office of Science and Technology (OST); the Cabinet Office of Japan; and African Science and Technology Representatives in Japan.
 - Ensure that the AUC/HRST has adequate resources to implement the cooperation.
6. JASTMM urged the SOM to develop the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the initiative to set up Regional Centers which will contribute to strengthen human networks between science communities in Japan and Africa through promoting research, development and innovation.
 7. JASTMM welcomed that the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank expressed their willingness to participate in and support the initiative. Furthermore, JASTMM shared the view that active participation of other international organizations is also important for implementing the initiative.
 8. It was noted that Japan will consider dispatching a technical expert to the AUC/HRST for the period of the cooperation.
 9. JASTMM confirmed that their next meeting will be held in 2012 in Africa.

The Initiative for Promoting STI Cooperation between Japan and Africa

- Build a network between Japan and Africa for joint continuous research cooperation that leads to innovation and sustainable development.
- Research institution(s) in each of the five regions will be identified and utilized as “Regional Centers of STI Cooperation”, which will function as hubs of research and innovation networks between Japan and Africa.
- Possible themes of the cooperation will be jointly identified on the basis of mutual benefit such as those related to green and life innovation in line with Japan’s national strategy and Africa’s CPA.
- Strengthen human networks between science communities in Japan and Africa through promoting research, development and innovation



Structure to Promote the Initiative

