Japan's initial steps to mainstream the 2030 Agenda in national context

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1 Background: Japan's previous efforts

Ex.1 Environmental Issues

- The Basic Environment Law and Plan
- ✓ Enacted in 1993-1994 based on the outcome of the Rio Summit in 1992.
- ✓ The 4th Basic Environment Plan(2012);
 - enhances environmental, economic and social aspects of sustainable development in an integrated manner.
 - sets 9 priority areas including domestic and international initiatives.

1 Background: Japan's previous efforts(cont'd)

Ex.2 International Cooperation

- Promoting Human Security Concept
- ✓ Protection and empowerment of individuals in vulnerable situations
- Development Cooperation to assist developing countries to achieve MDGs
- ✓ MDG7: ensure environmental sustainability





2 Ongoing efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda

- National implementation framework to ensure a whole-of-government approach
- Guiding principles to ensure consistency and inclusiveness of various measures
- 3 Engagement of multiple stakeholders
- International Cooperation to support global implementation of the Agenda

2-1 National implementation framework

(Before adoption of the Agenda)

Liaison meeting among relevant Ministries



(After adoption)

SDGs Promotion Headquarters

- ✓ Established in the Cabinet on May 20th
- ✓ Headed by Prime Minster
- ✓ Attended by all Ministers
- ✓ Senior official level steering committee



2-2 Guiding principles

- SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles (Currently under discussion)
- ✓ define Vision, Priority issues, Specific measures, Indicators, Follow-up mechanism etc.
- ✓ ensure coherence and inclusiveness of various measures by different Ministries.
- ✓ Each ministry is now mapping out its specific measures.

2-3 Engagement of multiple stakeholders

(Before adoption of the Agenda)

 Regular consultations with civil society (2012-)



(After adoption)

- Enhanced activities by broader stakeholders
 - ex. Launch of **SDGs Civil Society Network**
- National-level stakeholders' meeting by Ministry of the Environment

2-3 Raising public awareness and support

- Internet: government's website, internet TV
- ODA White Paper: the latest 2015 edition featured the Agenda as a special topic for over 20 pages at the beginning.
- Workshops in various occasions





2-3 Raising public awareness and support (cont'd)

- Close collaboration with UN organizations in Tokyo
- ✓ United Nations Information Center (UNIC)
 - Public Advertisement
- ✓ United Nations University (UNU)
 - Series of symposiums on 2030 Agenda





2-4 Supporting global implementation

- Development Cooperation Charter (cabinet decision in Feb, 2015)
- Promoting a wide range of initiatives under the principle of human security
 - ✓ Education
 - ✓ Quality Infrastructure Investment
 - ✓ Health
 - ✓ Gender
 - ✓ Disaster risk reduction
- Actively utilizing Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)

2-4 Supporting global implementation (cont'd)

G7 Ise-Shima Summit

✓ The first G7 Summit
after the adoption of
the 2030 Agenda





- ✓ Committed to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, domestically and internationally, in a people-centered and planet-sensitive manner.
- ✓ **Developed a wide range of commitments**; health, women, Africa, Quality Infrastructure, immigrants and refugees, trade, cyber, unticorruption, climate change, energy

2-4 Supporting global implementation (cont'd)

TICADVI (Tokyo International Conference on African Development)

- ✓ Economic Diversification and Industrialization
- ✓ Resilient Health Systems
- ✓ Social Stability







3 Discussion points

- Prioritize and contextualize diverse policies relating to the Agenda
- 2 Raise broader public awareness
- Pursue both domestic implementation and international cooperation