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
  ✓ 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.
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

1. National implementation framework to ensure a whole-of-government approach

2. Guiding principles to ensure consistency and inclusiveness of various measures

3. Engagement of multiple stakeholders

4. 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.
(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
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
  ✓ Disaster risk reduction

● Actively utilizing Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)
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, anti-corruption, climate change, energy
TICADVI (Tokyo International Conference on African Development)

✓ Economic Diversification and Industrialization
✓ Resilient Health Systems
✓ Social Stability
3 Discussion points

1. Prioritize and contextualize diverse policies relating to the Agenda

2. Raise broader public awareness

3. Pursue both domestic implementation and international cooperation