

10. Broadening the Partnership

Actions to be taken in the next 5 years under the TICAD Process (Yokohama Action Plan)

The TICAD process will strengthen efforts to:

- (1) Promote South-South Cooperation, in particular Asia-Africa Cooperation
- (2) Deepen Regional Integration
- (3) Broaden Partnership

Principal measures taken under the TICAD Process up to February 2009

- **Promote Asia-Africa Cooperation**

An expert meeting and three training courses were organized for the purpose of disseminating the Asian productivity movement in Africa. A project on the transfer of technology in respect of the production of anti-malarial drugs was started. Model villages were set up to promote the concept of sustainable agriculture in an African environment and to enable the exchange of best-practices.

- **Deepen Regional Integration**

Three One Stop Border Posts (OSBP) were introduced under the TICAD Process in order to facilitate enhanced regional trade and migration.

- **Broadening the Partnership**

A needs-assessment study and strategy planning for Asia- Africa University Network are being implemented, led by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation/UNDP in collaboration with UNESCO and UNU.

Twenty Sub-Sahara African countries participated in the third country training programmes conducted in Kenya in the late 2008, with the aim to develop the capacity of teacher trainers with utilization of acquired expertise through technical cooperation project in the field of mathematics and science.

Broadening of such partnership through triangular corporation between African countries has also been experienced in various development projects, including in agriculture, food processing and fishery, etc.

Future Challenges

- A Broad-based partnership and a participatory approach involving the private sector, civil society and academia are crucial to the effective promotion of sustainable African development African countries are encouraged, as an element of reinforcing their “ownership” of the development agenda, to make efforts to engage as many actors as possible in the process of development.
- Further emphasis needs to be placed on the promotion of Japan-Africa-Africa triangular cooperation, and to build upon progress already made in this important sector. In making a progress on Japan-Africa-Africa triangular cooperation, capacity development on the provider’s side is necessary for successful promotion of demand-driven cooperation in the long run. Further ownership of African countries for triangular cooperation is also needed.

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