North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum 2022
Virtual / 24-25 August 2022
9:00 am (Moscow) / 2:00 pm (Beijing) / 3:00 pm (Seoul / Tokyo)

Organized by
ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office,
China International Development Research Network (CIDRN),
Japan Society for International Development (JASID),
Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC), and
Russian Association of International Development Assistance Experts (RAIDAE)

Concept Note

Overall theme of the Forum 2022: Agile and risk-informed development cooperation towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Target participants
- Members of partner networks (CIDRN, JASID, KAIDEC, RAIDAE)
- Policymakers, development cooperation agencies, and international organizations
- Experts, practitioners, stakeholders working on development cooperation from the East and North-East Asia subregion and development cooperation partner countries

Provisional Programme

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The multi-folded global risks like climate change, infectious disease and financial crisis, etc. are affecting both developing and developed countries. How to manage these global risks demands global efforts in providing Global Public Goods (GPGs) that can benefit people in both rich and poor countries. As a subregion with very diverse economies, what the governments of ENEA member countries have done on GPGs provision and what can be done to reduce the impacts of the risks are relevant areas for knowledge exchange.
This session will highlight the efforts from countries in the subregion on GPGs provision for development and expound its guiding principles. The dilemma and future trends of GPGs provision in the region and beyond will also be explored.

- **Keynote speech/presentation** Prof. Xu Xiuli (Dean, CIDGA, CAU) [20 mins]

- **Discussants:** [10 mins]
  - Prof. Kyung Ryul Park (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology)
  - Dr. Yuji Utsumi (Associate Professor, Nagoya University)
  - Prof. Evgeniy N. Grachikov (RUDN University)

Q&A [10 minutes]

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**25 August (Thursday): Day 2**

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The UN adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 to address economic, social, and environmental issues in a comprehensive way. Major actors in the international development cooperation areas have adopted SDGs as a national agenda and used them for policy formulation and evaluation for the sustainable development of their countries.

The Korean government set the strengthening of sustainable development as the national agenda in 2018 and established the Korean SDGs (K-SDGs). K-SDGs are closely connected to international SDGs, and the process of goal establishment should be promoted through partnerships globally and locally.

This session will explore the characteristics of K-SDGs in terms of its partnership. Also, on the way to 2030, we would evaluate partnership-based outcomes of K-SDGs.

- **Keynote speech/presentation** Prof. Jooyoung Kwak (Yonsei University) [20 mins]

- **Discussants:** [10 mins each]
  - Ms. Zhou Yu (Associate Researcher, China Center for International Knowledge on Development)
  - Dr. Jing Liu (Associate Professor, Tohoku University)
  - Mr. Andrey Sakharov (RANEP)

Q&A [10 minutes]

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**Session 3: Exploring a New Discourse for International Cooperation**  
*Moderator: Dr. Yuto Kitamura (The University of Tokyo)*

The basic structure of international cooperation created in the 1950s has evolved dramatically over the decades. Since the turning of the 21st century, this conventional infrastructure has reached its limits in many dimensions. For example, OECD-centric and Western world-centric organizations have reached their limit. Also, financially (increasing financial power of emerging donors and aid fatigue of traditional donors), and ideologically (post-colonial movements, contradiction between modern industrialism and environmental sustainability) we are facing limitations of conventional aid structures. However, the trend to create a new international cooperation paradigm has yet to manifest itself. Donors from East Asian subregion have yet to focus their efforts on creating a new international cooperation paradigm common to East Asia.
This session will discuss on how to explore a more horizontal and sustainable international cooperation paradigm.

- Keynote speech/presentation (*Dr. Kan Hiroshi Sato, Institute of Developing Economies*) [20 mins]

- Discussants: [10 mins]
  *Dr. Chuanhong Zhang* (Associate Professor/Director of Development Aid Studies at COHD/CIDGA, CAU)
  *Prof. Kyungyon Moon* (Jeonbuk National University)
  *Prof. Denis Degterev*

Q&A [10 minutes]

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**Session 4: Boosting cooperation: How to incorporate academic expertise into the work on the ground**  
*Moderator: Prof. Denis Degterev*

Uncertainties that the future brings, and new challenges of unprecedented scale, such as COVID-19, pose a threat to the Sustainable Development Goals. At the same time, the gap between the academia and the experts directly involved into the implementation of development projects undermines our efforts to address global issues.

Do we react to the yesterday’s challenges and try to solve problems with outdated approaches?

Cooperation and free flow of information among scholars and research institutions, as well as joint efforts for high-quality expertise could result into more effective development projects and programs carried out by both governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations.

This session will discuss possible ways to put theory into practice. Could there be real cooperation for development?

- Keynote speech/presentation  [20 mins]

- Discussants: [10 mins]
  *Prof. Zheng Yu* (Fudan University)
  *Dr. Akemi Ashida* (Associate Professor, Nagoya University)
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About the North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum

The Forum was initiated by ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office to facilitate analytical discussions on policies and practices of development cooperation in North-East Asia as well as potential areas of collaboration among North-East Asian countries.

Since the first Forum in November 2014 in Seoul, the Forums have been organized as joint endeavour of partners in the North-East Asia, namely China International Development Research Network (CIDRN), Japan Society for International Development (JASID), Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC), as well as a group of Russian researchers that became Russian Association of International Development Assistance Experts (RAIDAE) since its formal establishment in 2016.

The Forums brought together researchers and practitioners of development cooperation from the four countries as well as recipient countries in Asia.

The past Forums were jointly organized by ENEA Office and the partner networks taking turns in hosting the Forums most often with other local partners.

- **Republic of Korea** - Seoul in 2014 and 2018, in collaboration with KAIDEC
- **Japan** - Tokyo in 2015 and 2019, jointly hosted by JASID and JICA Research Institute
- **China** – Suzhou in 2016 jointly hosted by CIDRN and Department of International Cooperation in Development Research Center (DRC) of the State Council of China
- **Russian Federation** - Moscow in 2017, Russian Association of International Development Assistance Experts (RAIDAE) and the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)

Partners profile

**ESCAP ENEA Office** is a subregional office of ESCAP, covering 6 member states (China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, and Russian Federation) and 2 associate members (Hong Kong, China and Macao, China).

**China International Development Research Network (CIDRN)** is a network of Chinese scholars interested in international development from different disciplinary backgrounds such as international relations, development studies, economics and other related fields have formed an informal network to share their research both amongst themselves and with policymakers in China, and beyond.

**Japan Society for International Development (JASID)** is an academic society that tries to bring together knowledge and experience about international development and cooperation from multiple disciplines, ranging from economics and management to politics, sociology, anthropology, agriculture, technology, medicine, and so forth.

**Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC)** is an academic association of scholars from academic institutes in multidisciplinary subjects, government personnel working in development cooperation, private sector business personnel in charge of overseas investment, and field workers of NGOs.

**Russian Association of International Development Assistance Experts (RAIDAE)** is association of researchers and practitioners of development cooperation in Russian Federation officially established in 2016. The association was initiated by the researchers who participated in the first North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum in Seoul in 2014.

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