

North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum 2016:

Development cooperation for Sustainable Development Goals

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Provisional Programme

28 October (Fri)	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:45	Opening session Welcome remarks China International Development Research Network (CIDRN) Li Xiaoyun , Chairman ESCAP-East and North East Asia Office Kilaparti RAMAKRISHNA , Director Development Research Center JIANG Xiheng , Deputy Director General
9:45 – 11:15	Session 1 China Roundtable – China's Belt and Road Initiative and its contribution to sustainable development Moderator: Kilaparti RAMAKRISHNA , Director, ESCAP-ENEA Panelists: MAO Xiaojing , Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) Song NAN , Director, Research Department of Silk Road Fund TIAN He , Advisor, New Development Bank ZHANG Chun (Deputy director of Institute of Foreign Policy, SIIS)

	<p>Naohiro KITANO, Director, JICA Research Institute Heejin LEE, Professor, Yonsei University; KAIDEC president-elect (2017-2018) Andrey Vladimirovich SHELEPOV, Researcher, Center for International Institutions Research (CIIR) CHHET Kieth Rethy, Executive Director, Cambodia Development Resource Institute</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i> GONG Ting, Assistant Research Fellow, China Institute of International Studies</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 2 Infrastructure development for SDG implementation</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Hyuk-Sang SOHN, Professor, Kyunghee University; KAIDEC president</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> ZHANG Haibing, Director, World Economic Research Institute Shanghai Institutes for International Studies Yasutami SHIMOMURA, Professor Emeritus, Hosei University Andrey Vladimirovich SHELEPOV, Researcher, Center for International Institutions Research (CIIR)</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Kyungyon MOON, Associate Professor, Chonbuk National University Nazneen AHMED, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i> YANG Yunjeong, Associate Professor, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3 Partnership of state actors for SDGs implementation</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Motoki TAKAHASHI, Professor, Kyoto University; President of JASID</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> LI Xiaoyun, Professor, Chairman of CIDRN Taekyoon KIM, Associate Dean, Graduate School of International Studies Seoul National University CHHET Kieth Rethy, Executive Director, Cambodia Development Resource Institute</p>

	<p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <p>Masumi OWA, Assistant Professor, Nagoya College Denis DEGTEREV, Executive Director of Russian Association of Experts in International Development Assistance</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i></p> <p>Shoko YAMADA, Professor, Nagoya University CHENG Cheng, Associate Research Fellow, Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 4 Partnership of non-state actors for SDGs implementation</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Denis DEGTEREV, Executive Director of Russian Association of Experts in International Development Assistance</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Shoko YAMADA, Professor, Nagoya University Jae Kwang HAN, Chair, ODA Watch Anna ABRAMOVA, Associate Professor, MGIMO-University</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <p>ZHANG Xiaomin, Associate Professor of Beijing Foreign Studies University Chinghis Mirbekovich BEKSULTANOV, Director, PA “Forum on Official Development Assistance”</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i></p>
	Reception

29 October (Sat)	
9:30 – 12:15	<p>Session 5 Panel discussion - Government policy on development assistance for SDGs</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <p>Hyuk-Sang SOHN, KAIDEC president Yasushi KATSUMA, Professor, Waseda University ZHOU Taidong, Project Officer, DRC Anastasia MAXIMOVA, Higher School for Economics</p>
12:15 – 12:30	Closing
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch

Annotated programme

Session 1 China Roundtable

[Format: Panel discussion with panelists from each NEA country and one from developing countries participants.]

China has increasingly become a key player in development cooperation, with emphasis on South-South cooperation and mutual benefits. In particular, China has made various initiatives to support developing countries in financing, technology and capacity building, for instance, through Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), establishment of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), and the New Development Bank (NDB). In light of stated commitment to sustainable development and these recent initiatives to support developing countries, in particular such areas as infrastructure development, this session will exchange views on China's scope to align their initiatives with sustainable development goals (for instance SDG Goal 9 - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation).

Session 2 Infrastructure development for SDG implementation in light of inclusiveness, resilience and sustainability (of infrastructure)

Quality and resilient infrastructure is a foundation for inclusive and sustainable development, as reflected in the Goal 9 of Sustainable Development Goals. Infrastructure contributes to a broad range of sustainable development goals, beyond economic development. For instance, rural infrastructure to enhance agricultural productivity, would contribute towards to the goal of ending hunger (Goal 2), and energy infrastructure for ensuring access to clean and energy (Goal 7).

NEA countries are actively engaged in supporting infrastructure development in other developing countries, via official channel of development cooperation, private sector, and/or combination of both, in various modalities, particularly in finance and technology. This session will highlight how NEA countries' development cooperation in the area of infrastructure development contributes to achievement of sustainable development, in particular, building inclusive, resilient and sustainable infrastructure. The session invites views from both NEA countries and developing countries on the receiving end.

Session 3 and 4 Partnership for SDGs implementation

The Sustainable Development Goals include targets which spell out how to support implementation of each Goal. In addition, the Goal 17 specifically focuses on how to strengthen the implementation through global partnership.

While development cooperation is aimed to support national efforts of developing countries to achieve SDGs, the scope of development cooperation for SDG is significantly broader than narrowly defined development assistance for implementation of MDGs, given various modalities, principles, sectors, and the wider scope of development partners, etc.

Development cooperation for implementation of SDGs takes various modalities including financial and non-financial cooperation, knowledge sharing, technology and capacity building, trade, etc. For instance, emphasis of development cooperation could be on ownership and priorities of recipient countries, or on mutual benefits of development partners, as often reiterated in South-South Cooperation context. SDGs also suggest development cooperation in wide range of areas, from poverty reduction, health, education to trade, technology,

infrastructure development, etc. Furthermore, development cooperation could involve state and/or non-state actors from donor and recipient countries, international organizations, etc.

This session will thus highlight partnership for implementation of SDGs from two perspective; State actors (session 3) and non-state sectors (session 4), particularly in the context of North-East Asian countries. Session 3 could highlight development cooperation led by state actors of North-East Asian countries and partner countries; varying approaches and sectoral focus of development cooperation in North-East Asian countries and views of partner countries, etc., and discuss potential for partnership among NEA countries for the benefit of partners.

Session 4 could highlight partnership of non-state actors such as NGOs, academia, and private sector in North East Asian countries. For instance, with broader scope of SDGs and associated global partnership, even private sectors' involvement of infrastructure investment may be defined as development cooperation. Potential or existing partnership of non-state actors for development cooperation both within North East Asian countries and with developing partners may be highlighted.

Session 5 Government policy on development assistance and achievement of SDG

[Format: Open discussion facilitated by a moderator and representatives of the partner networks. Each representative may be asked to introduce participants from its network and direct specific questions to its members in light of their experiences and research interest.]

The session is intended to be open discussion following the discussion of previous sessions, highlighting on government policies and strategies related to the themes of the sessions. It could discuss how recent government policies on development cooperation are aligned with Sustainable Development Goals, for instance in such areas as infrastructure investment, bilateral or multilateral partnership for development cooperation, public private partnership, south-south and triangular cooperation, etc.

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.

Association of International Development Assistance Experts (AIDAE) is association of researchers and practitioners of development cooperation in Russia, which was formally established in 2016. The establishment of association was initiated by the researchers who participated in the first North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum in Seoul in 2014.