

Innovative Africa: Educational Networking Programs for Human Resource Development in Africa's SDGs (IAFP)

Formation of Platforms for Promoting Transdisciplinary Human Resources for SDGs-Oriented Innovation in Africa

—Fostering human resources to engage in advanced innovation in various fields in order to facilitate the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals

To achieve sustainable development in Africa, there is a need to address existing problems and promote technological and social innovation; simultaneously, there is a need to learn about the initiatives taken in Africa, as well as the old and new knowledge resources already present. As Japan's industrial sectors and private bodies actively engage with Africa, capable people from both Japan and Africa are required—individuals who can lead businesses and create and implement policies and social activities with high academic specialization and a thorough knowledge of the individual societies, cultures, and economies of both Japan and Africa. This project encompasses two programs: the "Innovative Africa: Educational Networking Programs for Human Resource Development in Africa's SDGs", and the "Formation of Platforms for Promoting Transdisciplinary Human Resources for SDGs-Oriented Innovation in Africa."

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IAFP—as a part of the SDGs—provides interdisciplinary curricula where Japanese and African students can acquire training and come up with social innovations via fieldwork in Africa and internships in both Japan and Africa. Kyoto University and the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, both of which have excellent track records for education and research in Africa, will implement an international education program in cooperation with 14 partner universities across Africa.

IAFP aims to foster "transdisciplinary" human resources familiar with the uniqueness and local knowledge of African communities, and who can lead the realization of technological and social innovation, thereby transcending the boundaries between humanities and sciences, and between researchers and practitioners.



5 Educational Networking Programs

1 International Joint Conferences
Conferences will be held on common themes in cooperation with partner universities in Japan, Africa, Europe, and the US. They will provide opportunities for students to present their educational achievements and will strengthen exchange and cooperation with African universities.

2 Internship programs with training courses
Internship programs for bachelor's and master's students with training courses at one of the participating African universities and on-the-job training at private companies, NPOs, and international organizations.

3 Short-term exchange programs
Intended for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students. Programs of approximately three months' duration, comprising fieldwork and internship.

4 Long-term exchange programs
Intended for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students. Courses lasting six months, or other longer-duration courses, were selected from area studies, education, literature, agricultural sciences, energy research, or environmental studies.

5 Joint supervising programs for doctoral students
Joint supervising programs for doctoral students organized by groups of teachers from participating universities in Japan and Africa. This allows for the introduction of triangulation in the fields of education, research, and guidance via collaborations with partner universities in Europe and the US.



For Students

> More information about the program
<https://iafp.africa.kyoto-u.ac.jp/student-exchange-program-a/>

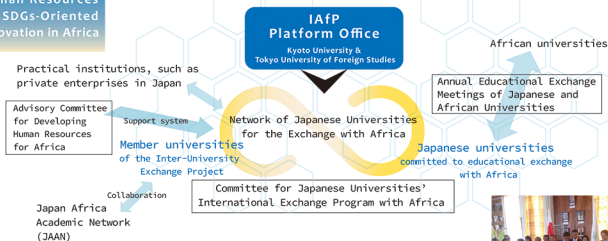


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In order to foster human resources that will engage in advanced innovation in various fields—which will aid in the realization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across Africa—Kyoto University and the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies will build collaborative and interactive networks between universities in Japan and Africa, along with a platform to promote extensive educational collaboration between both the academic and practical institutions engaged in Africa.



5 Programs for Platform Formation

1 Building a Network of Japanese Universities Collaborating with their African Counterparts

Committee for Japanese Universities' International Exchange Program with Africa ...organize with member universities of the Inter-University Exchange Project FY2020-2024.

→Create and disseminate model cases for educational exchange

Network of Japanese Universities for the Exchange with Africa ...organize with member universities of the Inter-University Exchange Project FY2020-2024 and universities committed to educational exchange.

→Advise on and assist exchange programs

2 Building a Network of Japanese and African Universities

Annual Educational Exchange Meetings of Japanese and African Universities ...organize with African universities and the Network of Japanese Universities for the Exchange with Africa.

→Promote educational exchange

3 Building a Collaborative Framework between Universities and Practical Institutions in Japan

Advisory Committee for Developing Human Resources for Africa ...consist of government ministries, African embassies, economic organizations/private enterprises, international cooperation institutions, NGOs, and external experts.

→Advise on and assist exchange and internship programs

Annual Joint Meeting for Stakeholders and Universities for Africa ...organize with practical institutions, such as private enterprises, NGOs, etc.

→Engaging in Africa and the Japanese Universities Network

4 Building a Platform to Disseminate Info on Education and Students' Exchange Programs for African Universities

5 Building a Platform to Disseminate Info on Health, Safety, Crisis Management, and Livelihoods in Japan and Africa



For Universities, Private enterprises, Institutions



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