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Roundtable on Building Education and Research Capacity in Africa: How to Support Young Researchers for Sustainable Development

As a side event of the Global Research Council Meeting 2015, the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability will organize, jointly with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the National Research Foundation, South Africa, a roundtable discussion on challenges and opportunities for supporting young researchers engaged in education and research for sustainable development, especially in Africa. This roundtable aims at providing an open and informal platform for exchanging views on issues of critical concern to the GRC – that is, how to promote capacity building of young researchers. Following a short video depicting sustainable development concerns in Africa, the meeting will hear issue-raising presentations by two young researchers from Africa and representatives of GRC, and then engage in an open discussion.

Date and Time: 12:45 - 15:00. May 26 (Tue), 2015

Venue: Ascot Hall I, Hotel Okura, Tokyo South Wing, B2F

Organizers: United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

National Research Foundation (NRF), South Africa

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Language: English

Programme:

12:45-13:00	Opening	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Makoto Asashima, Executive Director, JSPS • Dr. Gansen Pillay, Deputy CEO: RISA, NRF • Mr. Daan du Toit, Deputy-Director General, International Cooperation and Resources, DST (South Africa) • Dr. Kazuhiko Takemoto, Director, UNU-IAS
13:00-13:10	Part 1	Introductory Video: “Sustainability and innovation: Critical challenge for the next generation”
13:10-14:10	Part 2	Issues and challenges for building young researchers’ capacity for sustainable development <u>Presentations for issue-raising:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Devine Fuh, University of Cape Town (South Africa) 2. Dr. Orleans Mfune, University of Zambia (Zambia) 3. Dr. Eino Mvula, CEO, NCRST (Namibia) 4. Dr. Julia Tagüeña Parga, Deputy Director General for Scientific Development CONACYT (Mexico) Moderator: Prof. Masafumi Nagao (UNU-IAS)
14:10-15:00	Part 3	Opportunities for supporting capacity building of young researchers - Presentation of a review of Japan-South Africa collaborative research activities under the joint JSPS-NRF support scheme for research - Roundtable discussion Moderator: Dr. Aldo Stroebel (NRF, South Africa)

Poster Session and networking by stakeholders is scheduled for 15:00 to 17:00 in Ascot Hall III and the Foyer.

For registration, please visit the Events column of the UNU-IAS website (<http://ias.unu.edu/en/>).

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