

**Brain Storming on**  
**GROWTH WITH EQUITY**  
*How Can Africa Flourish with Ethnic Diversity?*

**Date: Monday & Tuesday, July 23-24, 2012**

**Venue: International House of Japan, Tokyo**

**PROGRAM**

**Monday, July 23**

**Opening Session**

**09:00 – 09:10 Welcome**

**Dr. Akio Hosono**, Director, JICA Research Institute

**Prof. Nobuaki Hamaguchi**, Director, RIEB, Kobe University

**09:10– 09:30 Introduction by Moderators**

**Prof. John Lonsdale**, University of Cambridge

**Prof. Hiroyuki Hino**, Kobe University and JICA Research Institute

**Session 1**

**09:30 – 10:45 Ethnicity in Africa: Overview of Issues and Prospects**

Presenters: **Prof. Bruce Berman**, Queen's University

**Prof. Motoki Takahashi**, Kobe University

(Joint presentation, 20 minutes)

This session is intended to offer an overview of ethnicities in Africa as related to political, social and economic discourse in their respective countries or across borders, as a background to discussions on institutions, policies and other interventions that could mitigate any negative impact of ethnic diversity, and if possible, transform it to a positive force in achieving growth with equity in Africa.

**10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break**

**Session 2**

**11:00 – 12:15 Designing Democratic Rules to Foster Nationhood**

Presenters: **Dr. Raufu Mustapha**, University of Oxford

**Prof. Nahomi Ichino**, Harvard University

(Two presentations, 15minutes each)

Do majoritarian democracy rules yield socially optimal and stable outcomes even in a country composed of distinct ethnic communities in which individuals' preferences are mutually dependent and are bound by a social norm? If not, how should they be modified? How can the present practice of ethnicity-based political contests and

consequent ethnic polarization give way to policy-based contests and national unity? This session will address these and other related questions, and attempt to identify possible solutions.

**12:15 – 13:15 Lunch**

**13:15 – 13:45 Video Presentation: Market Experiment on Ethnicity**

Presenter: **Prof. Ken-Ichi Shimomura**, Kobe University

### Session 3

**13:45 – 15:00 Promoting Devolved Government for Equitable Sharing of Public Resources**

Presenters: **Prof. Gustav Ranis**, Yale University

**Prof. Daniel Posner**, MIT

(Two presentations, 15 minutes each)

In an ethnically diverse country, what form of horizontal and vertical devolution/ decentralization of political authority can best assure fair and efficient provision of public goods? What determines the appropriate balance between the power of the center and that of the local authorities? How can fiscal discipline and economic stability be safeguarded while devolving budget authority to local governments? This session addresses these and other related questions, and attempts to identify possible solutions.

**15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break**

### Session 4

**15:15 – 16:30 Bonding Ethnic Communities and Building National Cohesion**

Presenters: **Prof. Germano Mwabu**, University of Nairobi

**Prof. Arnim Langer**, University of Leuven

(Two presentations, 15 minutes each)

What measures of positive discrimination are there to bond ethnic communities and build national cohesion without resorting to strong central control? How effective can cultural (linguistic, educational, sporting etc) measures be? Will it be possible to achieve national cohesion without addressing poverty and consequent ethnic protectionism as well as widening regional and ethnic inequalities? What are the implications of urbanization? This session addresses these questions and attempts to identify possible solutions.

**19:00 – 20:30 Dinner**

**Tuesday, July 24**

**Session 5**

**09:00 – 10:15    Addressing Cleavages over Land**

Presenters:     **Prof. Kojo Amanor**, University of Ghana, Legon  
                  **Prof. Ciraj Rassool**, University of Western Cape  
(Two presentations, 15 minutes each)

How can the unresolved historical cleavages over land (ethnic and others) be best addressed in charting a nation's development strategy? What are examples of successful land ownership reforms in Africa, and how could they be emulated? Where and how deliberate policy of encouraging ethnic integration in local administrative units work? How could one avoid intensification of urban territory conflict in rapidly urbanizing Africa? This session addresses these questions and attempts to identify solutions.

**Session 6**

**10:15 – 11:30    Ameliorating Trade-off between Growth and Equity**

Presenters:     **Prof. Thandika Mkandawire**, London School of Economics  
                  **Prof. Frances Stewart**, University of Oxford  
(Two presentations, 15 minutes each)

Is there really a trade-off between economic growth and equity, and if so, what safeguards are possible to ensure equity – class, ethnic or regional – and at what costs? How much of the observed increase in inequity is due to market forces, and how much to state interventions? This session addresses these and other related questions, and attempts to identify possible answers.

**11:30 – 11:45    Coffee Break**

**Session 7**

**11:45 – 13:00    African Strategies for Growth with Equity**

Presenters:     **Dr. Benno Ndulu**, Bank of Tanzania  
                  **Prof. Ernest Aryeetey**, University of Ghana, Legon  
(Two presentations, 15 minutes each)

In Africa, economic growth has accelerated, and a sizable middle-income class has emerged. Yet, poverty is deeply entrenched, and there are no clear indications that vertical and horizontal inequalities are easing. The projected swelling of youth population – most of whom do not have decent jobs – and the undercurrent of ethnic and religious tensions portend political, social and economic instability. At the same time, Europe and North America, the traditional markets for African countries, are struggling while the emerging economies of Asia and Latin America are becoming the main engines of global growth. Moreover, the potential of Africa's internal market can no longer be dismissed. Should African countries adapt their development strategies to

address as a matter of priority the above social and economic challenges and also to re-align their industrial trajectories to the new world economic order? If so, how? Is the East Asian Model still a good guide for Africa? How could the diversity of its population, with each community having distinct economic strengths, be turned into a source of economic dynamism and growth for an African country? This session attempts to provide answers to these questions.

### **Closing Session**

**13:00 – 13:15    Conclusions: Summing-up**

**Prof. Hiroyuki Hino**, Kobe University and JICA Research Institute