

FY2020 Inter-University Exchange Project Kyoto University and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

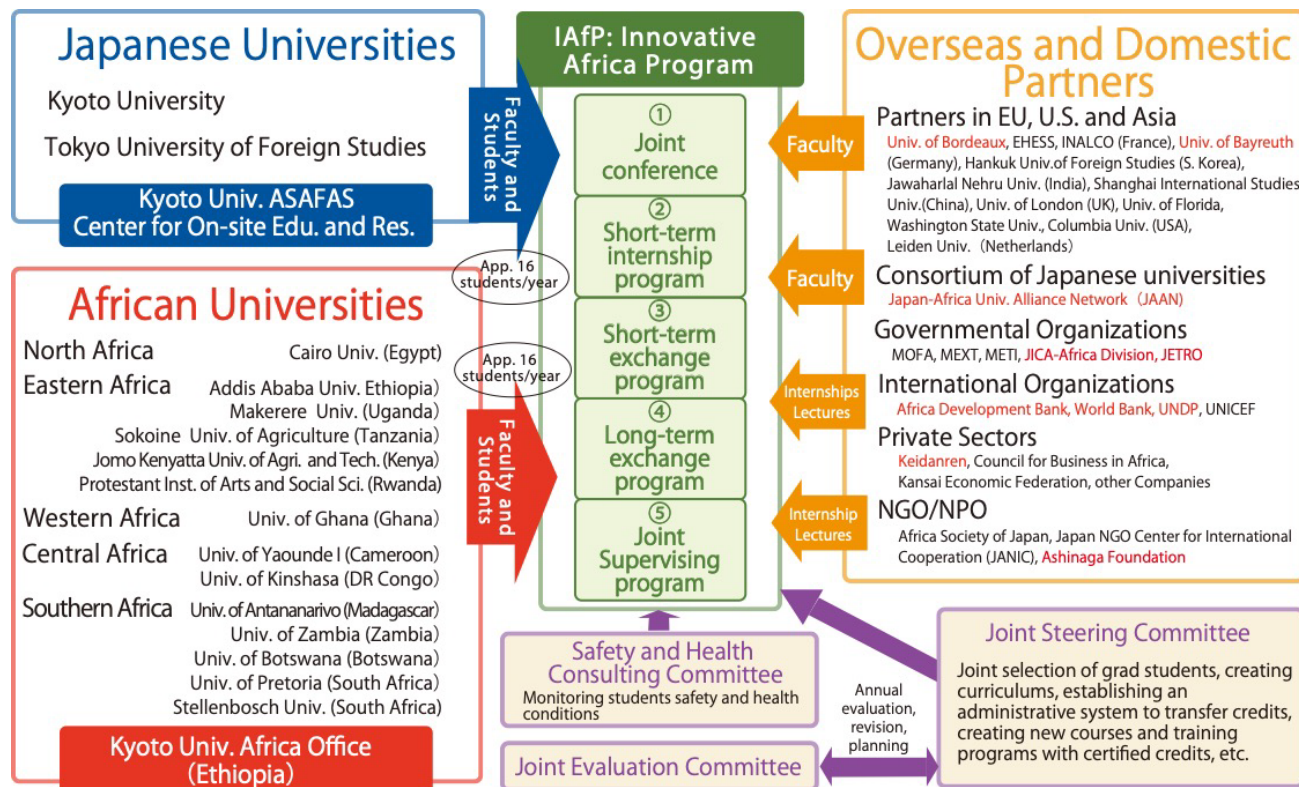
Support for the Formation of Collaborative Programs with African Universities

【Name of project】 (Adopted year: FY2020, (Type B))

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

【Summary of Inter-University Exchange Projects】

To provide interdisciplinary curricula and create an academic and social platform where Japanese and African students can acquire training and create social innovations through fieldwork in Africa and internships in Japan and Africa.



【Summary of Exchange program】

- (1) Joint conference for students and junior faculty in collaboration with partners in North America, Europe, and Asia
- (2) Short-term internship program mainly for bachelor's and master's degree students
- (3) Bilateral short-term and (4) long-term exchange programs for students
- (5) Joint Supervising program, mainly for doctoral students

【Global Human Resource on the project】

Under the SDGs, in order to achieve high quality growth that is inclusive of people and overcomes crises and disasters, this programme aims to foster "trans-disciplinary" 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.

【Feature on the project】

Kyoto University and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, which have an excellent track record of education and research in Africa, will implement an international education program in cooperation with 14 partner universities in Africa, with a particular focus on three of the partner universities.

【Exchange number】

		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Out bound	Students studying abroad	0	6	8	8	8
	Students taking online international education and exchange programs in their home countries	0	6	8	8	8
In bound	Students studying abroad	0	5	8	8	8
	Students taking online international education and exchange programs in their home countries	2	5	8	8	8

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

【Summary of Platform Projects】

To promote far-reaching innovation in various areas to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa, we will build collaborative and interactive networks between universities in Japan and Africa, and between universities and practical institutions engaged in Africa.

5 Programs

① **A network of Japanese Universities Collaborating with their African Counterparts**

② **A network between Japanese and African Universities**

③ **A collaborative Framework between Universities and Practical Institutions in Japan**

④ **A platform to Disseminate Information on Education and Students' Exchange Programs for African Universities**

⑤ **A platform to Disseminate Information on Health, Safety, Crisis Management, and Livelihoods in Japan and Africa**

Accelerate Japan–Africa Educational collaboration

- Strengthen relations with African countries
- promote mutual understanding among peoples

Foster and utilize human resources through Industry–University cooperation

- Cultivate highly specialized human resources
- Contribute to SDGs
- Contribute to Japan–Africa cooperation

Encourage more students who wish to work in international cooperation



【Plan】

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

• **National Committee for Japanese Universities' International Exchange Program with Africa**

- organize with other universities selected for FY 2020 Inter-University Exchange Project

- create and disseminate model cases for educational exchange between Japanese and African universities

• **Network of Japanese Universities for Promoting Transdisciplinary Human Resources for Africa's Sustainable Development**

- organize with universities committed to educational exchange

- advise and assist exchange

2. Building **a Network between Japanese and African Universities**

- promote educational exchange between Japanese and African universities

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

• **Committee for Supporting Skilled Human Resources for Africa's Sustainable Development**

- consists of government ministries, African embassies, private enterprises, international cooperation institutions, and NGOs

• **Annual Meeting between Practical Institutions Engaged with Africa and Universities in Japan**

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**

【Feature on the project】

The University Educational Exchange between Japan and Africa is underdeveloped. There are several reasons for this: collaborations among Japanese universities are far from satisfactory; Japanese and African universities' information is not mutually accessible; it is very difficult for university students and teachers on both sides to obtain useful information for studies in either Japan or Africa, and students' expected career design. We will overcome these problems through the following actions: networking between Japanese and African universities, both domestically and internationally; networking among Japanese universities and practical stakeholders; creating information platforms on university education, safety, and livelihoods in Africa.

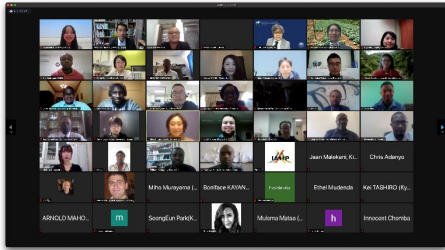
1. FY2020 Progress

【Kyoto University-Tokyo University of Foreign Studies】

【Name of project】(Adopted year: FY2020, (Type A)

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

■ Exchange Programs



◀ “1st International Joint Conference”, March 19, 2021 ▶

- Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) accepted two exchange students who were sent from the Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences (PIASS) in the Republic of Rwanda through a related program.
- On March 19, 2021, the International Joint Conference held by Kyoto University (KU) was attended by 79 participants from 14 universities in 13 countries.
- On March 25, 2021, more than 70 participants from Japan and Africa attended the International Joint Conference held by TUFS.

Student-Mobility

○ Outbound

- Three Japanese students conducted presentations and led a discussion about their studies at the International Joint Conference held by KU.

○ Inbound

- TUFS accepted two exchange students who were sent from PIASS through a related program and provided them with online Japanese classes at a Beginner and Intermediate level. Three online tours were conducted with the aim of deepening their understanding of Japan.

	2020	
	Plan	Results
Outbound	0	0
Inbound	2	2

■ Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

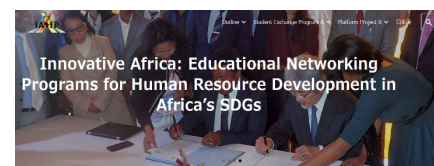
- Meetings with representatives from 13 African universities were hosted by KU and TUFS for the conclusion of Student Exchange Agreement (SEA). The importance of a credit transfer system based on SEA and Inter-University Agreements was also reconfirmed.
- KU and TUFS hosted working-level meetings with five African universities to ensure the smooth implementation of exchange programs.
- TUFS entered into the International Academic Exchange Agreement with Stellenbosch University in South Africa.

■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

- KU hired three part-time researchers and an administrative staff member to help strengthen the function of the secretariat. To this end, TUFS also hired a specially appointed assistant professor and a specialist administrative staff member.
- KU and TUFS established a support network for students and faculty to facilitate remote education and program management..

■ Internationalization of the university, Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

- KU and TUFS created websites to disseminate practical information relating to the exchange programs for the benefit of all stakeholders.
- KU and TUFS hired staff members with research experience in Africa and high-level language skills in English, French, and other local African languages to help draft the information disclosure.
- The Africa Office of KU in Ethiopia, Global Japan Office of TUFS in South Africa, and Global Japan Desk of TUFS in Rwanda worked in collaboration and cooperation with each other on these programs.



About the Project

The Inter-University Exchange Project is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). The project was launched in 2011 to foster human resources that are capable of being globally active and assure the quality of mechanisms responsible for the mutual recognition of credits and grade management via an international

◀ Website in Japanese and English to assemble and disseminate information on this project ▶

■ Good Practices

- Almost 150 participants from 13 Universities in 14 African countries joined the two International Joint Conferences
- Two African students were accepted and conferred credits by participation of online classes.

1. FY2020 Progress

【Kyoto University-Tokyo University of Foreign Studies】

【Name of the Project】(Selected in FY2020 as the Type B program)

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

■ Project's Scope

To develop innovative human resources who can contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa, the Project aims at building collaborative and interactive networks between universities, governmental organizations, private sectors, international organizations, and NGOs in Japan and Africa.

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Contribute to innovation in technology and society

- Progresses of ① and ② : Kyoto University organized “The 1st Conference for Japanese Universities’ International Exchange Program with Africa” on March 16, 2021, by inviting the nine other Japanese universities selected for the Inter-University Exchange Program and representatives from the Japanese ministry of education (MEXT) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
- Progress of ③: Kyoto University organized online meetings and agreed to collaborate with eight non-academic organizations, including JICA, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Committee on Overseas Development Cooperation of KEIDANREN (Japan Business Federation), Toyota Tsusho Corporation, Ashinaga Foundation, World Bank, African Development Bank, and United Nations Development Programme.
- Progresses of ④ and ⑤: As the first step to build an online platform, Kyoto University created a website (<https://iafp.africa.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>) dedicated for the Project. The next step is to collect and organize the information on African universities offering educational and exchange programs, as well as information on the issues of health, safety and crisis management useful for both African and Japanese students. Nine universities in Africa agreed to collaborate and collect the information. Kyoto University is also making online versions of the five booklets on safety and travel issues in five African countries, which will be available on the same website.

■ Major Output of the FY2020

“The 1st Committee for Japanese Universities’ International Exchange Program with Africa,” held on March 16, 2021, became an inclusive and major platform as more than 100 participants joined the meeting from 15 universities, including those not officially selected in the Inter-University Exchange Program but interested in educational exchange in Africa.



〈 The 1st Committee for Japanese Universities’ International Exchange Program with Africa” on March 16, 2021 〉

2. FY2021 Progress

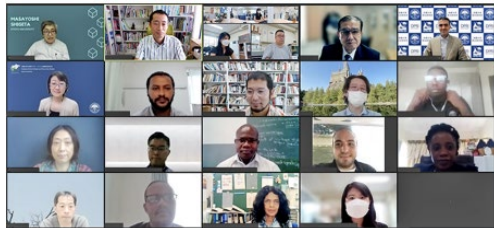
【 Kyoto University - Tokyo University of Foreign Studies 】

【 Name of project 】 (Adopted year: FY2020, Type A)

Innovative Africa: Educational Networking Programs

for Human Resource Development in Africa's SDGs

Exchange Programs



〈 Opening Ceremony for "Kyoto-Africa IAFIP Short-term Online Course", Sep. 21, 2021 〉

- Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) accepted two African students from the African university.
- Kyoto University (KU) conducted an online short-term program for African university students, with 10 students from 7 countries participating.
- Two International Joint Conferences were held: six sessions were held over two days with 66 participants each at the TUFS in November 2021. Thirty-one participants from 12 universities in 11 countries presented their research at KU in December 2021.

Student-Mobility

○ Outbound

- A total of **10** Japanese students participated in an online short course in collaboration with Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia) and KU. KU sent two Japanese students to Africa.
- TUFS issued credits to 5 Japanese students and certificates to 13 Japanese students (without credit) for online lectures with the Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences (PIASS) (Rwanda). TUFS issued certificates to **7** Japanese students for online lectures with Stellenbosch University (SA). TUFS sent one Japanese student to PIASS.

○ Inbound

- KU conducted a short-term online course for African university students, with 9 students from six countries participating and receiving certificates.
- TUFS accepted two African students from the PIASS.

	FY2021	
	Plan	Results
Outbound	12	38
Inbound	10	11

Forming the University Network with Quality Assurance

- By holding the three meetings online, we were able to deepen future cooperation among the universities and organizations in this project and establish a system to expand institutional aspects such as grading systems and credit recognition.
- We concluded student exchange agreements with seven African universities.

Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

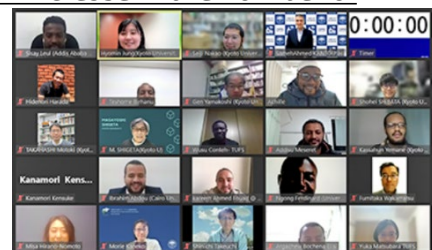
- For strengthening the function of the secretariat, KU hired three part-time researchers and an administrative staff member, and TUFS hired a specially-appointed assistant professor and a specialist administrative staff member.
- In March 2022, a database site with advanced search functions for information on studying abroad at Japanese and African universities was established. This enables students who wish to study abroad to easily search for detailed information on what they want to study as well as the acceptance and support system of each university.

Internationalization of the university, Information disclosure and Publication of outcome

- Interdepartmental student exchange agreements were concluded between seven African universities and KU. In addition, agreements between four African universities and related departments of KU have been reached, and the number of target universities will be further expanded by the conclusion of such agreements in the next fiscal year.
- TUFS conducted faculty member business trips to Rwanda and Zambia. As a result, TUFS received a record number of applications from the PIASS for three students for the fall 2022 program, and from the University of Zambia for two students for the first time, leading to an increase in the number of students accepted.

Good Practices

- The two international joint conferences (online), with participants from African universities, helped to deepen understanding of the diversity of the African SDGs.
- Two African students participated in the online winter intensive program and were awarded credits.



〈 "2nd International Joint Conference", Dec. 13, 2021 〉

2. FY2021 Progress

【 Kyoto University - Tokyo University of Foreign Studies 】

【 Name of project 】 (Adopted year: FY2020, Type B)

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

■ Programs



〈 IAFP's 1st Joint Steering Committee and Japan-Africa University Education Exchange Meeting (March 11, 2022) 〉

1: Building a network of Japanese Universities Collaborating with their African Counterparts

- Held four online meetings to promote collaboration among domestic universities interested in educational exchange with African universities. Divided the meetings into two formats: one limited to the 10 implementing universities, and the other held jointly with other events and open to other universities, enabling effective information sharing and network expansion. The former event was attended by a total of 46 faculty members and staff in charge of the “Inter-University

Exchange Project” from the 10 implementing universities. The latter functioned as a forum for network expansion, as universities that are independently developing educational exchange programs (Kyoto Seika University and Ehime University) with African universities were invited to give a talk. We were able to build an all-Japan structure that brings together domestic universities conducting educational exchange in Africa.

2 & 3: Building a Network between Japanese and African Universities and a Collaborative Framework between Universities and Practical Institutions in Japan

- Organized “The 1st Meeting of the Committee for Japanese Universities”, which was attended by 79 participants from 15 Japanese universities, 11 African universities (Steinbosch University, Addis Ababa University, and others), and 5 from other organizations involved in educational projects (Ashinaga Scholarship Society, Toyota Tsusho, and others). This meeting greatly contributed to the formation of a network of domestic universities for advanced human resources development.
- Discussed with companies (such as Toyota Tsusho) and government agencies (such as JICA) participating in the “Advisory Committee for Developing Human Resources for Africa” and obtained their consent to support the acceptance of African students as interns.

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

- Launched a database site with advanced search functions for information on study abroad programs at Japanese and African universities, including information on majors, support systems, past results, and faculty members who have accepted students.

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

- A newly created webpage provides information on major African universities and on safety, health, lifestyle, and crisis management in 13 African countries. Additionally, a system was established to automatically retrieve and view the latest information.
- Developed a system to create a safety and health management chart for each student, which can be used to manage information such as vaccination status, pre-existing conditions and diseases, and insurance coverage, and can be operationalized after commencing travel for study abroad.

■ Notices

- Institutions such as UNDP, World Bank, JETRO, and Japan Business Federation agreed to participate in the Advisory Committee for Developing Human Resources for Africa, thereby laying the groundwork for the creation of innovative human resources that are also meaningful from a practical perspective.
- Published a book about the COVID-19 response and social conditions in five African countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Cameroon, and Madagascar).
- Through the Japan-Africa Academic Network (JAAN), we began to collect information on the acceptance of foreign students from Africa.



〈 Advisory Committee for Developing Human Resources for Africa

(October 5, 2021) 〉