

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

Promotion of WTO-trade related Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

Expected date of initiation: November 2002

Expected date of completion: September 2003

Partners Involved:

Governments: Japan, Egypt

Intergovernmental organizations: WTO

Major groups:

Other:

Leading Partner: Japan

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

International trade plays an important role in the promotion of economic development and poverty reduction. From this perspective, we have to make efforts in providing technical assistance and promoting capacity building in order that developing countries may benefit from the multilateral trading system.

Especially, we confirmed the important role of technical assistance and capacity building in the Doha Declaration. In this regard, we will work actively to ensure the success of the Fifth Ministerial Conference in addition to the above-mentioned strategy.

Expected results:

To deepen knowledge and understanding of developing countries (especially countries in Africa) related to WTO negotiation in the new issues (investment, competition, trade facilitation, transparency in government procurement), which are supposed to be one of the focuses at the new round.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

Government officials in developing countries in charge of WTO negotiation. It is expected

that projects based on this initiative will be done by the 5th WTO Ministerial Conference, which will be held in September 2003.

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

This initiative is implemented in bilateral technical cooperation program and south-south cooperation program of the government of Japan in close cooperation with other partners. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the partners are in charge of implementation and coordination.

Arrangements for funding

JICA, WTO, Government of Egypt

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

- JICA and WTO will hold several joint seminars in Geneva.
- JICA and the government of Egypt will hold a joint seminar in Egypt.

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

- Financial contribution to the Doha Global Trust Fund (the amount of 1.5million CHF)
- Integrated Framework (Japan pledged 0.5 million US\$ to the IF Trust Fund)
- Strategic APEC Plan (Japan contributed to the TILF Fund)

Monitoring Arrangements

An evaluation will be conducted by each seminar following the evaluation procedure of JICA.

Other relevant information:

Web-site (if available): JICA Web Site <http://www.jica.go.jp/>

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