

An Invitation to the International Seminar on
AFRICAN MANUFACTURING: CURRENT STATUS, FUTURE PROSPECTS
AND POLICY DIRECTION

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Africa has made some progress in economic growth, but much still depends on natural resources and/or capital inflow. Many African states look to industrialization, especially light manufacturing, as a more sustainable source of growth and structural transformation. Labor-intensive processes in East Asia are being forced to relocate as wages soar, while large- and medium-scale textile and footwear FDI from Turkey, India, China, etc. is beginning to arrive in some parts of Africa. Japan continues to assist Africa through TICAD V commitments, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)'s kaizen and other programs, promotion of Japanese FDI, GRIPS-JICA industrial policy dialogue with Ethiopia, among others.

The GRIPS Development Forum, supported by JICA, is pleased to welcome leading experts on this topic from two organizations, the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET) and the World Bank, to discuss the present and future of African manufacturing and the roles that policy and international cooperation must play.

DATE & TIME: 14:00-17:00, Friday, March 7, 2014
VENUE: National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)
Room 1A&B (first floor)
7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
MAP: www.grips.ac.jp/forum-e/access.htm

PROGRAM:

13:30 Registration
14:00 Izumi Ohno, GRIPS – Introduction to the Seminar
14:05 Toru Homma – JICA's industrial cooperation in Africa (tbc)
14:20 Joe Amoako-Tuffour, ACET – The key findings of the African Transformation Report (tbc)
14:45 Edward K. Brown, ACET – African light manufacturing (tbc)
15:10 Hinh T. Dinh, World Bank – The Light Manufacturing in Africa Project: Findings and Policy Lessons
15:35 Kenichi Ohno, GRIPS – Industrial policy dialogue with Ethiopia: interactive knowledge sharing between East Asia and Africa
16:00 Discussion
17:00 Closing remark

Participation is free but pre-registration is requested with

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Joe Amoako-Tuffour is a Senior Advisor at ACET and a Professor of Economics at St. Xavier University. He has a wealth of experience as a government advisor on tax policy for Ghana's ministry of finance and economic planning. Some of his research topics include petroleum laws, tourism, donor aid, good governance, and public debt. He obtained a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Alberta.



Hinh T. Dinh is a Lead Economist in the Office of the Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of the World Bank in Washington DC. He was the Team Leader of the Light Manufacturing in Africa Project and Lead Author of the project publications. Previously, he was a Lead Economist in the Africa Region working on 13 African countries. He also has experience in China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina as well as Middle Eastern countries. He received a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pittsburgh.



Toru Homma is a Senior Advisor on Private Sector Development at JICA. He has a long career in development assistance on industry, trade, investment and private sector development in Africa and Asia. Mr. Homma worked for the OECD Secretariat and served as the Project Manager of the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative. He has a MSc degree in Industrial Strategy and Trade Policy from University of Manchester, UK.

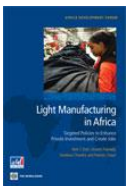


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About ACET & ATR

The African Center for Economic Transformation, founded in 2007 in Accra, Ghana, is an economic policy institute supporting Africa's long-term growth through transformation by offering analysis, advice and advocacy. It is led by Dr. K.Y. Amoako, former UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA, and staffed with about 30 African economists. ACET will soon publish the African Transformation Report (2014), its key research document, featuring drivers of economic transformation, African Transformation Index, case studies, each country's pathways, etc.

About the Light Manufacturing in Africa Project



Supported by the Japan Policy and Human Resources Development Fund, this World Bank research project was completed in 2013 with the publication of five books on the light manufacturing sector in Ethiopia (2012), Tanzania (2013), Zambia (2013), China (2013), and Vietnam (2013), and a sixth book on the performance of manufacturing firms in Africa (2012).. The project aims to find practical ways to create jobs and prosperity in sub-Saharan Africa through the development of light manufacturing.

About Learning to Industrialize



Learning to Industrialize: From Given Growth to Policy-aided Value Creation (Routledge, 2013): for countries wishing to learn the East Asian way, this study by K. Ohno advocates policy learning based on international comparison of best policy practices. A related volume: I. Ohno & K. Ohno eds, *Eastern and Western Ideas for African Growth: Diversity and Complementarity in Development Aid* (Routledge, 2013).