

WEBINAR INVITATION

THE ASIAN ASPIRATION

What Africa Wants to Learn from Asia's Experience

The Brenthurst Foundation, a Johannesburg-based foundation established in 2004 to strengthen Africa's economic performance, has a new publication that links Africa and Asia from the African perspective. *The Asian Aspiration* was co-authored by the Foundation's two researchers and two Advisory Board members, Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo (former President of Nigeria) and Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn (former Prime Minister of Ethiopia). To produce this book, the research team visited Asia to interview many key persons and organizations including GRIPS Development Forum (GDF), JICA and Japanese carmakers, especially Mazda. The book looks at concrete leaders, events and companies in East Asian economies. Singapore is featured as the most remarkable Asian development story. The Foundation regularly advises African policymakers.

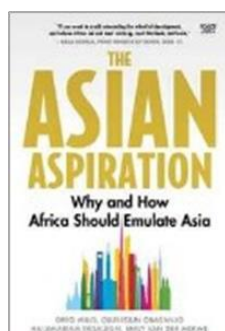
Dr. Greg Mills, director of the Foundation and the lead author of the book, will explain why and how Africa—its leaders, officials and researchers—are currently interested in Asia's development experience, and why this book was written. Understanding the current policy needs and challenges on the African side will surely benefit Japanese development officials and experts to effectively transmit Asian knowledge to Africa.

Date & time	Friday, 20 November, 2020 16:00 - 17:30 (Japan time)
Speaker	Dr. Greg Mills, Director, the Brenthurst Foundation, South Africa
Language	English
Program	16:00 Opening remark by GRIPS Development Forum 16:05 - 16:45 Presentation by Dr. Greg Mills on The Asian Aspiration and where Africa is headed 16:45 - 17:00 Comments by Kenichi Ohno (GRIPS) 17:00 - 17:30 Discussion
How to join	Send email to Ms. Tsuruda (s-tsuruda@grips.ac.jp) stating your name, title and organization by Nov. 19. An invitation email will be sent to you in advance. Questions and comments will be taken via Chat or Raise Hand during the webinar.

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A 30-minute movie introducing this book is available at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nlv5z3oefrztz0/AA%20Doc%20Final%20Version.m4v?dl=0>



Greg Mills, Olusegun Obasanjo, Hailemariam Desalegn & Emily van der Merwe, **The Asian Aspiration: Why and How Africa Should Emulate Asia**, Picador Africa, 2020. It contains studies of 10 Asian nations and five lessons from Asia.



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