



TRAINING AND DIALOGUE PROGRAMS



This information pertains to one of the Training and Dialogue Programs of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which shall be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.

I. Concept

Background

According to the third assessment report (TAR) of IPCC (Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change), average temperature of the earth rose approximately by 0.6% in the 20th century and ten (ten) years from 1990 were the hottest in the last 1000 years. Scientists warned that, without any countermeasures, temperature would rise by 1.4 to 5.8 degrees and sea level rise by 9 to 88 centimeters by the end of 21st century. And the fourth assessment report (AR4) further notes that continued greenhouse gas emission at or above current rates would cause further warming and induce many changes in the global climate system during the 21st century that would very likely be larger than those observed in the 20th century.

Developing countries, in general, are highly vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change and their technological, economic, and institutional capacity to cope with them should be strengthened.

With the ultimate objective, "to achieve stabilization of atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gasses at levels that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with climate system",

Under these circumstances, the Government of Japan decided to assist developing countries in taking countermeasures against climate change. The Government, at first, developed cool earth partnership. Mr. Yasuo Fukuda, then prime minister of Japan, announced in Davos, Switzerland in January 2008, "The other pillar of International Environment Cooperation is assistance to developing countries that are aiming to achieve both emissions reductions and economic growth and working to contribute to climate stability. As one measure, Japan will establish a new financial mechanism, Cool Earth Partnership." Through this mechanism, Japan will cooperate actively with developing countries' efforts to reduce emissions, such as efforts to enhance energy efficiency.

In this regard, JICA in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan is pleased to offer "the Cool Earth Partnership Seminar" to some selected partner countries in order to provide opportunities to help understanding climate change through lectures on good practices and sharing views with Japanese officials of relevant organizations.

For what?

This course aims to assist participants in understanding phenomena of climate change, its impacts and countermeasures against it.

For whom?

This program is offered to

- 1) Focal point for the UNFCCC (or an officer in charge of climate

- change at the central government)
- 2) Focal point for the Official Development Assistance at the central government.

How?

The seminar will offer lectures on (1) phenomena of climate change and its impacts, (2) Japanese policy for countermeasure against climate change and (3) good practices of projects for climate change in developing countries assisted by JICA. In addition to lectures, participants will also have opportunity to visit some sites where countermeasures against climate change are taken as well as meeting with Japanese officials of ministries and agencies in charge of the climate change in order to share views.

II. Description

1. Title (J0921692): Cool Earth Partner Seminar

2. Period of program

Core Phase in Japan:

April 9, 2009 to April 24, 2009

3. Target Regions or Countries

8 countries (Uruguay, Peru, Bolivia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, and Colombia)

4. Eligible / Target Organization

5. This program is designed for (1) Focal point for the UNFCCC (or an officer in charge of climate change at the central government) and (2) Focal point for the Official Development Assistance at the central government.

6. Total Number of Participants

16 participants

The number of participants from each eligible country shall be two (2).

7. **Language to be used in this program:** Spanish (Spanish translated from Japanese/English through interpreters)

8. Program Objective:

The participants will understand general phenomena of climate change, its impacts and countermeasures against it.

9. Overall Goal

Countermeasures against climate change will be facilitated.

10. Expected Module Output and Contents:

This program consists of the following components. Details on each component are given below:

(1) Preparatory Phase in participant's home country (~April 2009) <i>Participating organizations make required preparation for the Program in the respective country.</i>	
Expected Module Output	Activities
A country report is prepared.	Preparation and submission of a country report according to the instructions in ANNEX 1..

(2) Core Phase in Japan (April 9, 2009 to April 24, 2009) <i>Participants dispatched by the organizations attend the Program implemented in Japan.</i>		
Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
Country reports presentation	Country reports will be presented by participants and they will have discussion on the reports.	Presentation and discussion
To develop understanding of climate change	(1) phenomena of climate change and its impacts (2) Japanese policy for countermeasure against climate change (3) good practices of projects for climate change in developing countries assisted by JICA (4) sites visits where countermeasures against climate change are taken	Lectures, sites visits and discussions
Final Report formulation and presentation	Final Report will be formulated, presented and discussed.	Presentation, and discussion

III. Conditions and Procedures for Application

1. Nominee Qualifications:

The recipient countries are requested to recommend two nominees who meet the following qualifications.

(1) Essential Qualifications

1) Present Position:

- 1-1) Focal point for the UNFCCC (or an officer in charge of climate change at the central government)
- 1-2) Focal Point for Official Development Assistance at the central government.

2) Educational Background: be a graduate of university

3) Language: be proficient in spoken and written Spanish (The seminar will be conducted in Spanish)

4) Health: must be in good health, both physically and mentally, to participate in the Program in Japan, and

5) Must not be serving in any form of military service.

(2) Recommendable Qualifications

- 1) Age: be between the ages of thirty-five (35) and fifty (50) years, both inclusive

2. Required Documents for Application

(1) Application Form: The Application Form is attached to this General Information.

(2) Country Report: See *ANNEX 1*.

3. Procedure for Application and Selection:

(1) Submitting the Application Documents:

Closing date for application to the JICA Center in JAPAN: **February 27, 2009**

Note: Please confirm the closing date set by the respective country's JICA office or Embassy of Japan of your country to meet the final date in Japan.

(2) Selection:

After receiving the document(s) through due administrative procedures in the respective government, the respective country's JICA office (or Japanese Embassy) shall conduct screenings, and send the documents to the JICA Center in charge in Japan, which organizes this project. Selection shall be made by the JICA Center in consultation with the organizations concerned in

Japan based on submitted documents according to qualifications. *The organization with intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection.*

(3) Notice of Acceptance

Notification of results shall be made by the respective country's JICA office (or Embassy of Japan) to the respective Government by **not later than (March 13 2009).**

4. Conditions for Attendance:

- (1) to observe the schedule of the program,
- (2) not to change the program subjects or extend the period of stay in Japan,
- (3) not to bring any family members,
- (4) to return to home country at the end of the program in Japan according to the travel schedule designated by JICA,
- (5) to refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain,
- (6) to observe the rules and regulations of place of accommodation and not to change the accommodation designated by JICA, and
- (7) To participate in the whole program.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer:

- (1) **Name:** JICA Osaka (Japan International Cooperation Agency, Osaka International Center: JICA/OSIC)
- (2) **Contact:** Ms. KAMEI NAOKO, Training Program Division I
(jicaosic@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner:

Name: Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC)

- ① **Contact:** Ms. Sonoko MIYATAKE
- ② **URL:** <http://gec.jp/>
- ③ **Remark:** GEC was established in 1992, with the purpose of supporting to UNEP DTIE IETC's activities and promoting partnership between developing countries and Japan for global environmental conservation.
- ④ Participants will be able to become a member of JICA-GEC Network and share and exchange information.

3. Travel to Japan:

- (1) **Air Ticket:** The cost of a round-trip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan will be borne by JICA.
- (2) **Travel Insurance:** Term of Insurance: From arrival to departure in Japan. The traveling time outside Japan shall not be covered.

4. Accommodation in Japan:

JICA will arrange the following accommodations for the participants in Japan:

JICA Osaka International Center (JICA OSAKA)

Address: 25-1 Nishi-Toyokawa-cho, Ibaraki-shi, Osaka 567-0058, Japan

TEL: +81-72-641-6900 FAX: +81-72-641-6910

(where "81" is the country code for Japan, and "72" is the local area code)

If there is no vacancy at JICA OSAKA, JICA will arrange alternative accommodations for the participants.

5. Expenses:

The following expenses will be provided for the participants by JICA:

- (1) Allowances for accommodation, living expenses, outfit, and shipping
 - (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets).
 - (3) Free medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are not included)
 - (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials
- For more details, please see p. 9-16 of the brochure for participants titled "KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK," which will be given to the selected participants before (or at the time of) the pre-departure orientation.

6. Pre-departure Orientation:

A pre-departure orientation will be held at the respective country's JICA office (or Japanese Embassy), to provide participants with details on travel to Japan, conditions of the workshop, and other matters.

7. Others:

The Participants are recommended to bring their own laptop/notebook computers to prepare the action plans, presentation slides, and to communicate by e-mail although JICA will provide computers.

ANNEX1. Instruction for the Preparation of Country Report

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Country REPORT
JICA Seminar on
Cool Earth Partnership
FY 2009
Prepared by
Your Name
Title and Affiliation
Country

Main body

- (1) Brief information of the country
- (2) Focal point and other key institutions related to climate change in your country
- (3) Key points of national reports to the UNFCCC, such as your country's National Communications and NAPA if any, which include among others national GHG inventories, measures of adaptation and mitigation, constraints and gaps, and related financial, technical and capacity needs
- (4) Brief information of the organization to which you belong
- (5) Brief information of your task and your expectation for the training course

Note:

1. The report should be typewritten using MS Word on A4 size papers in single spacing from five (3) to ten (5) pages including tables and figures.
2. Participants will be required to make a presentation and discuss on their report in a group discussion session in the training program.
3. It is recommended to prepare visual aids such as transparencies or computer-aided presentation format (Microsoft Power Point etc.) before departure from their respective countries.



CORRESPONDENCE

For enquiries and further information, please contact the JICA office or the Embassy of Japan. Further, address correspondence to:

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