



**North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum 2021:**

## ***Development Cooperation of North-East Asian Countries in Strengthening post-COVID-19 Risk Resilience***

**26-27 August 2021 (Virtual meeting)**

**9:00 am (Moscow) / 2:00 pm (Beijing) / 3:00 pm (Seoul / Tokyo)**

**Organized by**

ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office,  
China International Development Research Network (CIDRN),  
Japan Society for International Development (JASID),  
Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC), and  
Russian Association of International Development Assistance Experts (RAIDAE)

### **Concept note**

#### ***Overall theme of the Forum 2021***

It is increasingly evident that the climate crisis is an actual and imminent threat. Thus, the announcements of the three countries in North-East Asia in 2020 to commit to carbon neutrality (China by 2060; Japan and ROK by 2050) were perceived as a major step by the international community<sup>1</sup>. Russian Federation is also considering to scale up its effort to reduce the Green House Gas emission<sup>2</sup>.

How such momentum and commitment are reflected in their strategies to support developing countries through development cooperation will have a significant implication for sustainable economic recovery path and GHG emissions of the development cooperation partner countries. At the same time, countries around the world are still in the middle of responding to and recovering from the current health emergency.

Thus, the Forum will highlight how development cooperation of North-East Asian countries contributes to strengthening the risk resilience of partner countries in post-COVID-19, embracing a broad spectrum of the risk resilience, including mitigation of GHG emission, strengthening the health system, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/japan-republic-of-korea-pledge-to-go-carbon-neutral-by-2050/>  
<https://asia.nikkei.com/Opinion/China-Japan-and-South-Korea-have-good-news-for-planet-Earth>

<sup>2</sup> [Russia's Far East in Race to Net Zero Emissions | UNFCCC](#)

### *Description of the sessions*

Session 1: (led by JASID)

#### **Title: Changing face of development cooperation in post-COVID19 era**

COVID19 pandemic revealed a panoply of “inconvenient truths” in advanced countries – abysmal inequality, a lack of social cohesion, government’s inability to employ scientific expertise, and a distrust between the government and the people, to list a few. This may fundamentally change the face of development cooperation predominantly informed by the “mainstream” development thoughts that has long touted the advanced economies as the political and socio-economic model for the developing world.

Session 2: (led by KAIDEC)

#### **Title: The SDGs in the post-COVID19 era for regional development cooperation**

The session will share what Republic of Korea (ROK) government would do for achieving SDGs after COVID 19, especially in Northeast Asian context. The speaker will introduce ROK policy toward NEA -New Northern Policy- and discuss how to coordinate this policy for SDGs in this region after COVID 19.

Session 3 (led by CIDRN/CIDGA)

#### **Title: East Asia Poverty Alleviation Experience and its Implications for other developing countries**

The session will share China’s poverty alleviation experiences and explain what China has learned from other Asian countries and explore the implications of these experiences for other developing countries in the post-COVID-19 era.

Session 4 (led by RAEDAE)

#### **Title: Russia’s Role in Achieving the SDGs in the Post-Covid-19 Context**

The session aims to highlight the actions Russia has undertaken nationally and internationally to advance sustainable development in the post-COVID era. How do the Russian government’s anti-crisis measures contribute to attainment of the SDGs? How does Russia support developing countries and strengthen their resilience as they face the intertwined health, economic, and social effects of COVID-19? What efforts have been made to ensure affordable and equitable access to vaccines ? What is the actual scope and composition of Russia’s contribution to sustainable development? What factors will likely determine its policies over the Decade of Action?

### Format of the Forum

Each session is expected to have one presentation, followed by interactive discussion by the participants. The presentation may be followed by a limited number of discussants (panellists) to set the tone of discussion and stimulate interaction with the rest of the participants.

### Proposed participants

- Members of partner networks (CIDRN, JASID, KAEDEC, RAEDAE)
- Interested officials from the member countries, development cooperation agencies, and international organizations
- Researchers from North-East Asian countries and development cooperation partner countries

## Tentative Programme

### Thursday, 26 August 2021

10 min	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Head, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office</i></li> </ul>
15 min Presentation (by the key speaker)	<p>Session 1: [organized by JASID] Title: <b>Changing face of development cooperation in post-COVID19 era</b></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Hiroaki Shiga, Executive Senior Research Fellow, JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development</i></li> </ul>
20 min Panel members discussion/Q&A	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Soyeun Kim, Associate Professor, Sogang University</i></li> </ul>
20 min Open discussion	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Anne Juepner, Director a.i., UNDP Seoul Policy Center</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Mao Xiaojing, Director of West Asia and Africa Studies, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), Ministry of Commerce</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr. Jiyoun Park, Assistant Professor, The School of International Studies, Jeonbuk National University</i></li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
15 min Presentation (by the key speaker)	<p>Session 2: [organized by KAIDEC] Title: <b>The SDGs in the Post COVID 19 for Regional Development Cooperation</b></p>

20 min Panel members discussion/Q&A	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Yuri Yoon, Researcher, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) ODA Research &amp; Information Center</i></li> </ul>
20 min Open discussion	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Heejin Lee, Professor, Yonsei University</i></li> </ul>
	Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Zhang Chun, Professor of Institute of International Relations, Yunnan University</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr. Yuto Kitamura, Professor, Graduate School of Education, The University of Tokyo</i></li> <li>• <i>Prof. K. Demberel, Institute of International Relations, Mongolian Academy of Sciences</i></li> </ul>
	Open discussion
Total: 2 hours	

### Friday, 27 August 2021

10 min	Opening
15 min Presentation (by the key speaker)	Session 3: [organized by CIDRN] Title: <b>East Asia Poverty Alleviation Experience and its Implications for other developing countries</b>
20 min Panel members discussion/Q&A	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prof. Xiaoyun Li, Chair Professor of CAU, Honorary Dean of CIDGA</i></li> </ul>
20 min Open discussion	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Chuanhong Zhang, associate professor at CIDGA, CAU</i></li> </ul>
	Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Suwon Kim, Assistant Professor, Department of International Studies, Hankok University of Foreign Studies</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr. Jing Liu, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education, Tohoku University</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr. Anastasia Alexandrovna Zabella, Associate Professor, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University, Moscow</i></li> </ul>
	Open discussion
15 min Presentation (by the key speaker)	Session 4: [organized by RAIDAE] Title: <b>Russia's Role in Achieving the SDGs in the Post-Covid-19 Context</b>
20 min Panel members discussion/Q&A	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Vladimir Bartenev, Director of Center for Security and Development Studies, School of World Politics, Lomonosov Moscow State University; Chair of the Commission on International Development Cooperation of the Public Council under ROSSOTRUDNICHESTVO; Board Member, RAEDAE</i></li> </ul>
20 min Open discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Andrey Sakharov, Research Fellow, Center for International</i></li> </ul>

	<i>Institutions Research, the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)</i>
	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Denis Degterev, Head of IR Department, RUDN University / Executive Director, RAEDAE</i></li> </ul>
	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Li Li, Associate Professor of College of International Development and Global Agriculture (CIDGA), China agricultural University (CAU)</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Sanya Nurdavletova (Al Farabi National University of Kazakhstan)</i></li> <li>• <b>Rosstrudnichestvo (tbc)</b></li> </ul>
	Open discussion
	Closing
Total: 2 hours	

### *About the North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum*

The Forum was initiated by ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office to facilitate analytical discussions on policies and practices of development cooperation in North-East Asia as well as potential areas of collaboration among North-East Asian countries.

Since the first Forum in November 2014 in Seoul, the Forums have been organized as joint endeavour of partners in the North-East Asia, namely China International Development Research Network (CIDRN), Japan Society for International Development (JASID), Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC), as well as a group of Russian researchers that became Russian Association of International Development Assistance Experts (RAEDAE) since its formal establishment in 2016.

The Forums brought together researchers and practitioners of development cooperation from the four countries as well as recipient countries in Asia.

The past Forums were jointly organized by ENEA Office and the partner networks taking turns in hosting the Forums most often with other local partners<sup>3</sup>.

- **Republic of Korea** - Seoul in 2014 and 2018, in collaboration with KAIDEC
- **Japan** - Tokyo in 2015 and 2019, jointly hosted by JASID and JICA Research Institute
- **China** – Suzhou in 2016 jointly hosted by CIDRN and Department of International Cooperation in Development Research Center (DRC) of the State Council of China
- **Russian Federation** - Moscow in 2017, Russian Association of International Development Assistance Experts (RAIDAE) and the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)

### *Partners profile*

**ESCAP ENEA Office** is a subregional office of ESCAP, covering 6 member states (China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, and Russian Federation) and 2 associate members (Hong Kong, China and Macao, China).

**China International Development Research Network (CIDRN)** is a network of Chinese scholars interested in international development from different disciplinary backgrounds such as international relations, development studies, economics and other related fields have formed an informal network to share their research both amongst themselves and with policymakers in China, and beyond.

**Japan Society for International Development (JASID)** is an academic society that tries to bring together knowledge and experience about international development and cooperation from multiple disciplines, ranging from economics and management to politics, sociology, anthropology, agriculture, technology, medicine, and so forth.

**Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC)** is an academic association of scholars from academic institutes in multidisciplinary subjects, government personnel working in development cooperation, private sector business personnel in charge of overseas investment, and field workers of NGOs.

**Russian Association of International Development Assistance Experts (RAIDAE)** is association of researchers and practitioners of development cooperation in Russian Federation officially established in 2016. The association was initiated by the researchers who participated in the first North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum in Seoul in 2014.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.unescap.org/events/north-east-asia-development-cooperation-forum>