

### LBI Report on Africa Development Seminar “Issues of Sustainable Development in Kenya from Peace and Environment Perspective” with Prof. Mungai and Mr. Kobayashi at UNU

LBI hosted the seminar by inviting Prof. Mungai from WMI and Mr. Kobayashi from Keio University supported by Global Environment fund of Japan, the ministry of environment, and the embassy of the republic of Kenya at UNU on 29<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015. In addition, LBI honorably welcomed Ms. Lucy, Counsellor, as a special guest from the embassy of Kenya. LBI deeply appreciated its relevant people for their participation, cooperation and collaboration.

Prof. Mungai focuses on comprehensive issues of Kenya on sustainable development and on holistic approach and analysis on them with clear words and expressions. He emphasized the importance of the shared value of sustainable environment in the community and it would have the potential to lead to drastic change of the nation with positive social impact through allocating social resources more equity and fair to reach a higher level of democratic, peaceful and sustainable governance of society.

Mr. Kobayashi brought a unique perspective of conflict resolution on sustainable issues of dry land into his presentation. Dry land is facing more urgent and hyper tension situation in vulnerability. His scope based on his research at WMI of University of Nairobi shed the spotlight on inexperienced theme and topic in the context of sustainable development.

Total 24 participants from mutli-sectors such as NGO, Academics, Journalists, private and public, joined the lecturers and discussion. All of the participants were so impressed and showed deep satisfaction as following comments.

#### Comments from a questionnaire

- It was very fruitful and meaningful discussion.
- I could learn a lot on African Development issues from the comprehensive and unique perspective.
- This seminar inspire me to learn more on children education issues on slum.
- I would like to listen their lectures more and learn more on African issues.
- I also visited slums in other countries and it is always interesting to me for supporting them.
- I learned sustainable development issues from Macro and local perspectives.
- I learned a lot because the lecturers consisted of details statistics number and information to cover various fields.
- I enjoyed sharing holistic approach to sustainable development with intelligent people.
- I am very interested in the harmony between human behaviors and natural environment. From these perspectives, this seminar was very practical and tangible.
- Thanks for good interpretation into Japanese, which helped me to listen to the lecturers much easier.

Many thanks for all of your collaboration.

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