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# ASIA-AFRICA COOPERATION IN PRACTICE: A CASE OF UNCRD

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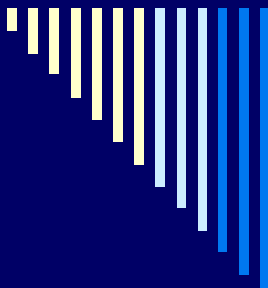
# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- ABOUT UNCRD
- TRAINING AND RESEARCH  
ACTIVITIES OF UNCRD AFRICA  
OFFICE
- AFRICA-ASIA EXCHANGE  
PROGRAMME OF UNCRD
- LESSONS LEARNED
- Q & A

# UNCRD AFRICA OFFICE WAS

- ESTABLISHED IN 1992, IN NAIROBI, KENYA, TO ASSIST AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN THEIR ENDEAVOUR TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE REGIONAL (SUB-NATIONAL) DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES.





## THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE UNCRD AFRICA OFFICE ARE

- ☐ TO SERVE AS A RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA;
- ☐ TO SEEK WAYS TO IMPROVE REGIONAL ECONOMIES AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL CAPACITY OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES; AND
- ☐ TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR EXPERIENCE-SHARING AMONG AFRICAN AS WELL AS ASIAN AND AFRICAN SCHOLARS AND POLICY-MAKERS.

# THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE

**UNCRD AFRICA OFFICE**

Research ↔ Senior Policy Seminar ↔ Training

Training ↓ In-Country Training

ATC

Network Collaboration ↔ Asia-Africa Exchange

Malaysia  
Singapore  
Thailand  
Japan

Research and Training Institutions in Africa,  
Japan International Cooperation Agency,  
African Institute for Capacity Development,  
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# I. OUR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ARE

❑ UNDERTAKEN  
NOT SIMPLY  
FOR ACADEMIC  
EXERCISE BUT  
TO SUPPORT  
OUR TRAINING  
PROGRAMMES







## THROUGH OUR RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

- WE IDENTIFY CURRENT PROBLEMS AND EMERGING ISSUES IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT; AND
- DEVELOP COUNTRY CASE STUDIES AND CASE MATERIALS WHICH WILL BE COMPILED AND PUBLISHED AS TEXTBOOKS AND TRAINING MATERIAL TO BE USED DURING OUR TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

# CASE STUDIES AND TEXTBOOKS PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY UNCRD AFRICA OFFICE

- ❑ UNCRD T/S # 6: Regional Development Policy and Practices in Africa and Asia: A Comparative Study
- ❑ UNCRD T/S # 7: Project Planning, Implementation and Evaluation: A Training Manual;
- ❑ UNCRD T/S # 8: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR HARDAP REGION, NAMIBIA
- ❑ UNCRD T/S # 9: Local Social Development Issues in Africa
- ❑ UNCRD T/S # 11: DISTRICT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NYANDARUA, KENYA
- ❑ UNCRD R/RS# 41: THE ROLE OF NGOS IN FOSTERING GOOD GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA
- ❑ UNCRD T/S# 12 : RESEARCH DESIGN AND DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS; A TRAINING MANUAL





## II. SENIOR POLICY SEMINAR IS

- ❑ ORGANIZED TO GIVE SENIOR POLICY MAKERS OF AFRICA AND ASIA A FORUM TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES IN CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT.





## THE THEME OF THE SENIOR POLICY SEMINAR CHANGES EVERY YEAR

- LAST YEAR'S SEMINAR WAS TITLED *CITIZEN-GOVERNMENT DIALOGUING FOR PRO-POOR POLICIES AND EVALUATING PUBLIC POLICIES FOR POVERTY REDUCTION: TOOLS, TECHNIQUES AND PROCESSES* and was held from *28-30 June 2005* in *Nairobi, Kenya*
- THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANIZED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNDESA; UNDP KENYA, AND GOVERNMENT OF KENYA.



# THIS YEAR AGAIN,

- UNCRD AND UNDESA, IN COLLABORATION WITH AICAD, WILL ORGANIZE A SENIOR POLICY SEMINAR ON “DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR PERFORMANCE MONITORING AT THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS” FROM *4-6 DECEMBER 2006* IN NAIROBI, KENYA

### III. UNCRD AFRICA OFFICE'S TRAINING PROGRAMMES

#### ☐ WE CONDUCT TWO TYPES OF TRAINING

- AFRICA TRAINING COURSE ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT; AND
- IN-COUNTRY TRAINING COURSES.





## **ATC ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT**

- ☐ **IS ORGANIZED EVERY YEAR FOR 5 WEEKS IN NAIROBI, KENYA AND IS MAINLY FINANCED BY UNCRD AND JICA/AICAD;**
- ☐ **ABOUT 30 MID-CAREER REGIONAL PLANNERS FROM ABOUT 12 AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE TRAINING COURSE**
- ☐ **THE FOCUS OF THE COURSE IS ON TOT**



## THIS YEAR'S TRAINING COURSE (11<sup>TH</sup> ATC)

- ❑ WAS CONDUCTED FROM *13 FEBRUARY – 18 MARCH 2006*;
- ❑ WAS ORGANIZED BY UNCRD AFRICA OFFICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH AICAD/JICA AND UNDP KENYA; AND
- ❑ 29 PARTICIPANTS FROM 12 AFRICAN COUNTRIES (Botswana, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia & Zimbabwe) ATTENDED THE TRAINING COURSE.



# Professional Planners Trained through ATC,

## 1995-2006

Year	Number Trained	Total	Men (%)	Women (%)	Countries
1995	19	19	14 (74)	5 (26)	13
1996	22	41	15 (68)	7 (32)	14
1997	31	72	24 (77)	7 (23)	16
1998	28	100	19 (68)	9 (32)	14
1999	31	131	24 (77)	7 (23)	15
2000	33	164	21 (64)	11 (36)	14
2001	28	192	25 (86)	3 (14)	14
2003	24	216	20 (83)	4 (17)	11
2004	21	237	16 (65)	5 (35)	12
2005	26	263	17 (76)	9 (24)	11
2006	29	292	19 (66)	10(34)	12

# NETWORK OF ALUMNI (ATC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION) HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED

- ❑ TO LINK FORMER PARTICIPANTS OF ATC;
- ❑ PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AND INFORMATION NETWORK;
- ❑ TOWARDS THESE GOAL SEVEN ISSUES OF ATC ALUMNI NEWSLETTER HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED;
- ❑ DATA BASE OF ALL ALUMNI HAS BEEN PREPARED.



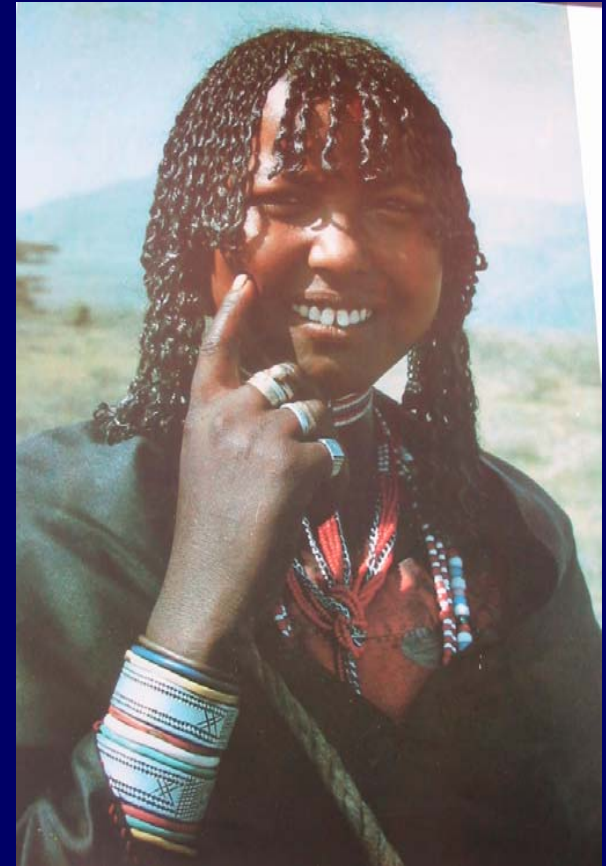
## IV. IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- ❑ OUR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE IS SUPPLEMENTED BY **IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMMES**
- ❑ THESE ARE TAILOR MADE COURSES FOR SPECIFIC COUNTRY OR REGION ON SPECIFIC TOPICS



# SO FAR WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN SUCCESSFUL IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN

- ❑ KENYA;
- ❑ ETHIOPIA; AND
- ❑ NAMIBIA.



# IN KENYA UNCRD IS INVOLVED IN CAPACITY BUILDING AND REGIONAL PLAN PREPARATION FOR

- ❑ EWASO NGI'RO  
NORTH  
DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY;
- ❑ KWALE DISTRICT  
AND MOMBASA  
MAINLAND SOUTH;
- ❑ NYANDAU  
DISTRICT; AND
- ❑ NAIROBI CITY  
COUNCIL.





# IN ETHIOPIA, UNCRD

- SUPPORTS THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF OROMIA IN TRAINING ITS PLANNERS ON PROJECT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT, PRA; AND DATA COLLECATION & ANALYSIS

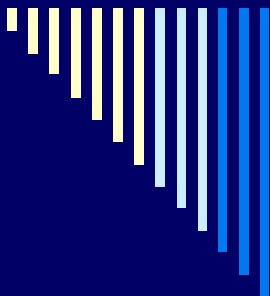




# IN-NAMBIA, UNCRD

- SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA IN ITS DECENTRALIZATION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES





**Planners Trained**  
**Through In-Country Training by Country**  
**1997-2006**

Country	Number Trained
Ethiopia	226
Kenya	719
Namibia	73
<i>Total</i>	<i>1018</i>

# WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF EXPANDING IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMMES TO

- ❑ BOTSWANA;
- ❑ UGANDA;
- ❑ GHANA
- ❑ TANZANIA; AND
- ❑ OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.





## THE ADVANTAGES OF IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- ❑ MANY REGIONAL PLANNERS CAN BE TRAINED AT THE SAME TIME;
- ❑ THE TRAINING IS SPECIFIC AND TAILOR MADE ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY/REGION;
- ❑ IN TERMS OF CAPACITY BUILDING IT HAS MAXIMUM IMPACT; AND
- ❑ IT IS ALSO COST EFFECTIVE.

## WHEN CODUCTING IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMMES, WE SELECT AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH

- ☐ HAVE EMBARKED UPON DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAMMES; AND
- ☐ ARE IMPLEMENTING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES



# WHILE CONDUCTING IN-COUNTRY TRAINING WE ALSO

□ PUT  
EMPHASIS ON  
*PARTNERSHIP*  
WITH OTHER  
UN  
AGENCIES,  
NGOS, ETC.

