

Intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda  
Third meeting on Goals and Targets  
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[Themes of interactive dialogue]

Thank you for suggesting themes for the interactive dialogue.

Japan believes that the six themes should be broad and comprehensive enough to cover all the 17 goals of the SDGs and to allow our leaders to address any issue they feel important with regard to the post-2015 development agenda.

I would like to share Japan's preliminary comments and suggestions on the six themes proposed. I have two.

First, since the follow-up of the international effort to achieve the MDGs remains among the uncontested priorities, I would prefer to have an independent theme to address issue related to social development such as health, education, gender equality, empowerment of women and children. According to the co-facilitator's proposal, these issues will have to be addressed under the first theme, "Eradicating poverty in all its dimensions and addressing inequality". Japan believes that "poverty and inequality" and "social sector issues" both merit independent theme for interactive dialogue.

Second, the sixth theme proposed, namely "reviewing progress on SDG commitments; universality and differentiations" is somewhat ambiguous and difficult to address in a focused manner. This theme could be merged with the fifth theme proposed, "A renewed global partnership and adequate means of implementation". In our view, universality, global partnership and mobilization of adequate means of implementation are all significant features of the world in the post 2015 era.

Lastly, Japan is open to other ideas, including those that have been expressed and that will be proposed later.

Thank you very much.