

Minutes of Meeting on the Triangular Cooperation for Tropical Savannah Agricultural Development in Mozambique

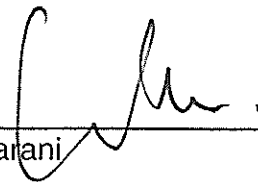
Kenzo Oshima, Senior Vice-President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Marco Farani, Director of Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC), and Soares B. Nhaca, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Mozambique, have discussed the present situation and challenges of the Triangular Cooperation for Tropical Savannah Agricultural Development in Mozambique (hereinafter referred to as the "ProSAVANA") when the International Symposium on the programme was organized in Tokyo, Japan, on 17th March 2010 which was based on the Minutes of Meeting agreed on September 2009. The three parties have agreed on the following points.

1. The three parties take notice with satisfaction of the close cooperation among the parties since September 2009 that led to success of the International Symposium of the ProSAVANA on 17th March 2010 in Tokyo.
2. The three parties have confirmed a significant progress through the preparation survey, the first project of the ProSAVANA, which started in September 2009 until March 2010, by collecting and confirming essential information of the ProSAVANA's targeted area.
3. The survey conducted by the Brazilian researchers has confirmed the existence of the 6.4 million hectares of tropical savannah area, that is suitable to the mechanized agriculture, and which has similar natural conditions to the Brazilian Cerrado, in the north-western part of the Nacala corridor area in Mozambique. This area would be included as ProSAVANA targeted area along with the twelve districts studied by the JICA survey team. The Working Group of the three countries will conduct a necessary survey on studying the feasibility as well as development method of the area as agricultural land.
4. The three parties note that the 'Implementation Schedule' proposed by Brazil on February 2010 includes a constructive vision that would support smooth implementation of the ProSAVANA. Feasibility and the method of implementation of this proposal will be discussed by the Working Group of the three countries.
5. The three parties will continue joint actions for smooth implementation of the ProSAVANA programme.


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