

### Education and skills development collaborative initiatives between the Government of Japan and the African Development Bank : JAPAN AFRICA DREAM SCHOLARSHIP



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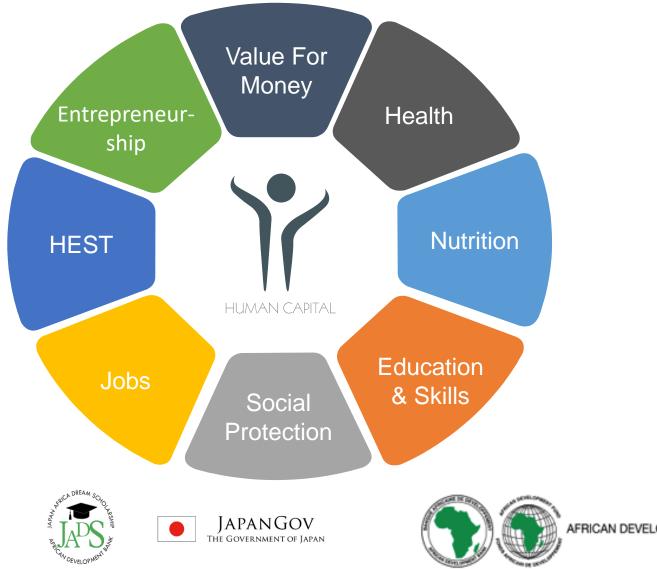








## OUR VISION - Harness the Potential of One Billion Africans



# **KEY INTERVENTIONS**

#### **O** Health and Harnessing Grey Matter Infrastructure-

- African Leaders for Nutrition (ALN)
- Nutrition : Banking on Nutrition (BON)
- Value for Money (VfM)

### **O** Education & Skills

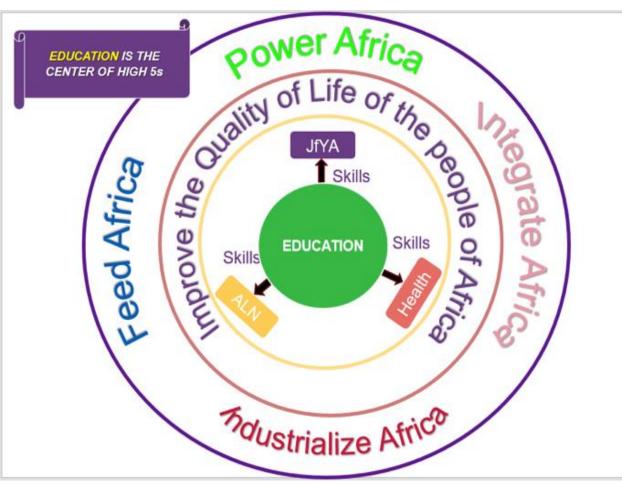
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
   i.e. Digital Skills & Coding for Employment (CfE) & ICT
- Technical & Vocational Education and Training (TVET)
- **O** Jobs for Youth in Africa
- The Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Multi- Donor Trust Fund (YEI MDTF)
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation Lab (EIL)
- The "Enabling Youth Employment" dashboard (EYE)







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## COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SKILLS DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

#### **Structural Dimension**

- Support reforms
- Improve efficiencies to maximize resources
- Innovative financing
- Stronger governance systems

#### Institutional Dimension

- Creative partnerships
- Strengthening competences
- Revitalizing TVET for entrepreneurship & jobs
- Inputs and processes infrastructural, equipment

#### **Functional Dimension**

- Redefining role of teaching, research & service
- Multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary methods
- Field-based and problemsolving oriented curricular components







### AFDB-JAPANESE GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP ON EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

**OSeveral Programs suported by the Government of Japan** 

- Japan Africa Dream Scholarship Program (JADS)
- Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (ESDA)
- African Education Fund (AEF)







# IMPACT OF BANK'S INTERVENTION IN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

#### Ms. Takunda Chitaka, ESDA Program Graduate



Ms. Chitaka who graduated from the Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (ESDA) program at the University of Cape Town did a **novel research on plastic recycling. She recently won the 2019 PETCO Excellence in Academia Award for her research in plastic marine pollution.** She is now undertaking her PhD studies in Chemical Engineering at the University of Cape Town.







# Japan Africa Dream Scholarship (JADS) Program







# **JADS Program Background**

- JADS is a capacity building program in energy sector, initially, in Africa through skills development for sustainable development
- Funded by the Government of Japan a joint initiative by the AfDB and Japan that aims at providing two-year graduate scholarship awards to highly achieving African students

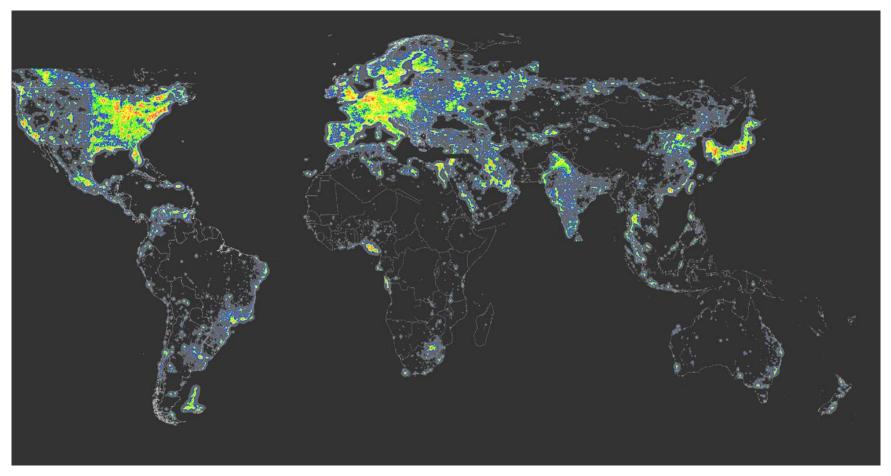






# and Consumption

More than 600 Million Africans can not access to the electricity (AfDB 2018)

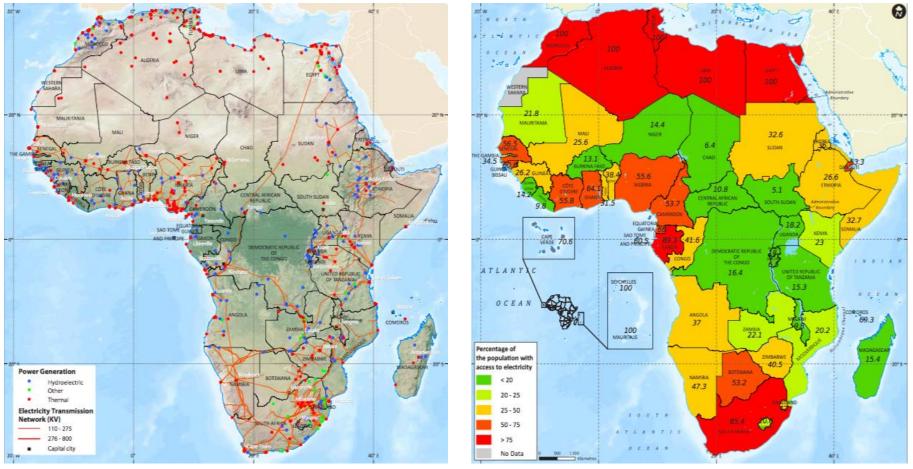


Sub-Sahara Africa consumes a paltry **181 kwh/capita**, compared to 13000kwh/capita in the US and 6,500kwh/capita in Europe

Source: Atlas of Africa Energy Resources, 2017

# **Energy Challenge in Africa**

- Africa has massive energy resources, but faces poor accessibility, affordability and efficiency
- Core challenges are lack of funding for energy projects, political and credit risk, and lack of relevant skills set in the energy sector among other factors



Power generation and transmission

Power access per population 12

Source: Atlas of Africa Energy Resources, 2017

# **JADS Goal and Objectives**

- The Main objective is to provide an opportunity to African Youth to undergo higher education training in Africa and Japan, in order to enhance skills development for quality infrastructure in the energy sector in Africa.
- The objectives of the JADS are to:
  - ✓ Increase the number of young Africans with advanced skills and competences in science, technology and innovation, especially in energy engineering and sustainability to enable them to become future leaders in the energy sector;
  - Promote Japanese energy sector professionals to contribute to building capacity in the energy sector in Africa; and
  - Strengthen the involvement of Japanese energy sector companies in energy development in Africa.

## **JADS Unique Characteristics**

- Graduate training of highly achieving
   African students in energy studies in
   both Japanese and
   African universities
- Improvement of the existing energy graduate programs

Support marginalize d youth Graduate training – both Japan and Africa

JADS- Quality Skills Dvpt

Target marginalized youth especially those from poor background, orphans, disabled, young mothers, etc to give them a second chance

Partnership of
universities and
private sector
companies in course
delivery, internship
& job placement
Joint research

University-Industry Partnership

# **Scholarship Benefits**

# The JADS Scholarship provides the recipient with the following benefits:

 Economy class air travel between your home country and the host university at the start of the study program and immediately following the end of the scholarship period.



- Tuition for a graduate program and the cost of basic medical insurance usually obtained through the university.
- A monthly subsistence allowance to cover living expenses

**NOTE:** For scholars engaged in research, a special grant may be available for research and thesis preparation. JADS scholarship covers the duration of the graduate program or two years, whichever is less.

# **Eligibility Criteria**

- Be a national of a AfDB member country;
- Be in good health
- Hold a Bachelor (or equivalent) degree in the energy area (or related field) earned at least 1 years prior to the application deadline date

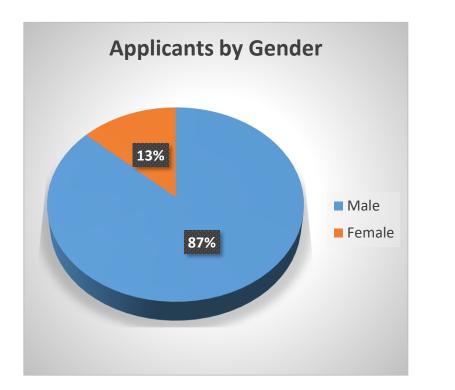


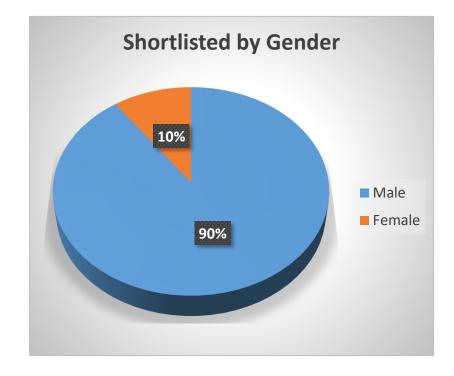
• Applicants living or working in a country other than his or her home country are not eligible for scholarships

 JADS does not support applicants who are already enrolled in graduate degree programs



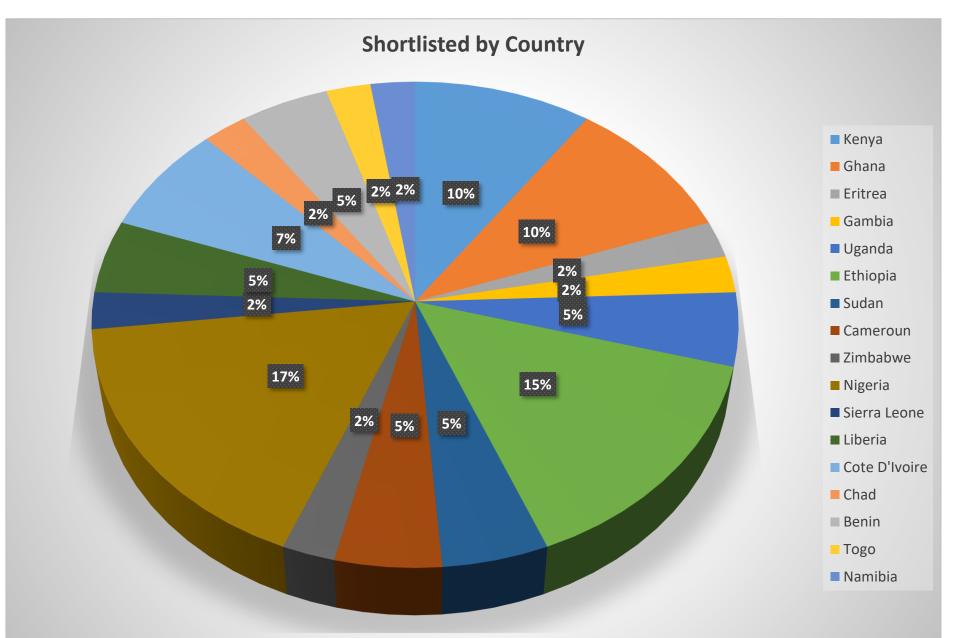
### **First Cohort Selection**



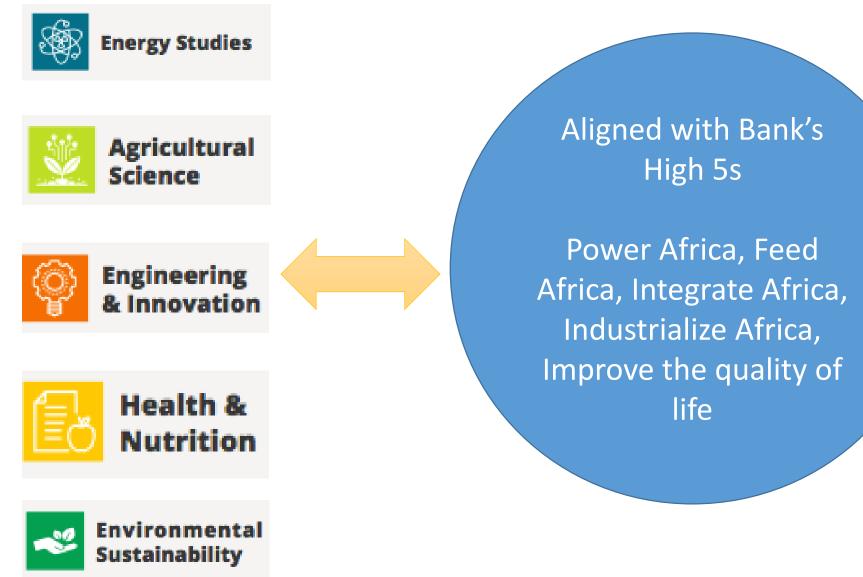


### More than 150 applicants shortlisted

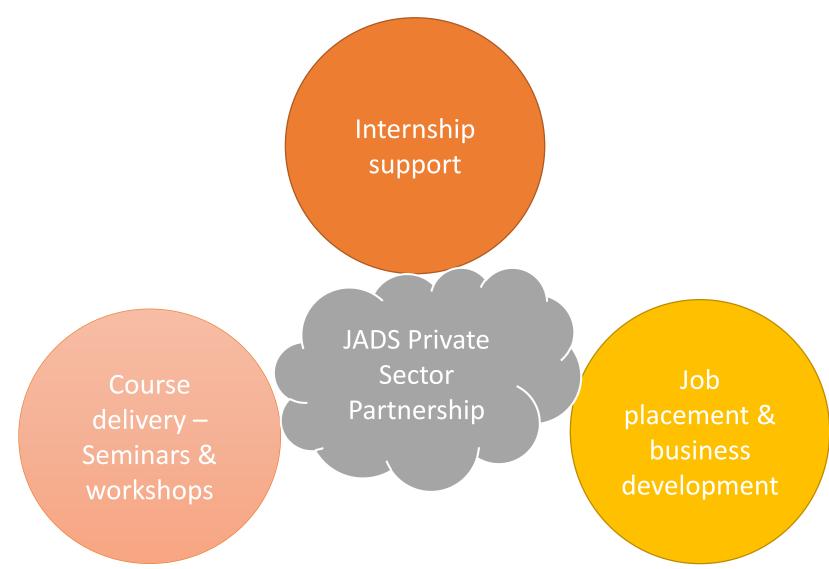
# **Selection of First Cohort**



### **New Areas of Study Focus**



### **Role of the Japanese Private Sector**



# Together, we can boost skills development between Japan & Africa







