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The “Africa-Asia University Dialogue for Basic Education Development” project aims to build capacity for adopting a self-reliant approach to the improvement of basic education. The United Nations University, the Centre for the Study of International Cooperation (CICE), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and UNESCO are cooperating in this joint project. As part of this combined effort, African university-based experts from different Sub-Saharan African countries are being invited to Asia – for a six weeks programme- to share their experiences and participate in constructive lectures and seminars in order to build a research framework that will set the basis for work and policy plans at the country level. During their stay in Japan, the African Experts are invited to spend a week at UNU during which they participate in several seminars and exchange innovative ideas with regards to the development of their research proposals. On the last day of their stay at UNU, an open seminar is being organized in order to provide the African Experts with an opportunity to share their findings with a wider audience.

In this context, on behalf of the Rector of the United Nations University, it is our pleasure to invite you to the concluding seminar of the “African-Asia University Dialogue”, where participants from four national teams (Ethiopia, Niger, Tanzania, and Uganda) will be discussing their outputs together with a distinguished group of panelists. The seminar will be held in the Reception Hall on 10 March, at the UN House from 14.00 to 17.00.

We would very much appreciate it if you could join this important event and participate in the discussions with the African Experts and panelists. Please kindly inform us of your availability to attend the seminar by fax 03-3499-2828, phone: 03-5467-1326, or reply e-mail: Jimenez@hq.unu.edu (Atn. Dr. Carolina Jimenez).

We look forward, with great pleasure, to your participation in this important event.