

Scenario of Session 2

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Background of participatory development



- Participatory development was getting more attention in 1990's.
- Against this background, it was said that there was a drastic change in the concept of poverty.
- Dr. Sen thinks that poverty means lack of freedom for self-realization or a situation where one cannot fully utilize one's capacity.

Contribution of social science research to participatory development



- Social science research is expected to contribute to rural development as well as participatory development. However, has it so far contributed to participatory development? And, how about the future contribution?

First presentation: Experience in Japan



- The title of first presentation is "Participatory Approach toward Agricultural and Rural Development".
- In this presentation, under the situation where there still exist many donor-driven project, the direction of real grassroots participation will be thought out.
- Then, Dr. Mizuno will carefully look at the experience in Japan as an important lessons to be learned.

Second presentation: Beyond researcher-led OFT



- The title of second presentation is "Participatory Technology Research".
- Under the observation and reflection on the fact that many technologies have not been adopted by farmers in developing countries, Dr. Caldwell will explain the key of success of participatory technology research.
- It will be explained through the case study in northeast Thailand and in Mali, West Africa.

Third presentation: Partnership



- The title of third presentation is "Can agricultural research be more effective for the rural poor of Asia?".
- So far, especially in Japanese development research, there are not enough research outputs that can be practically connected with development.
- I expect Dr. Werner to explain about CIAT's Participatory Research, which is closely connected with development.