



Invitation to GDF - Brenthurst Joint Webinar

THE ASIAN ASPIRATION What Africa Needs to Learn from Asia's Experience



With Participation of Former Prime Minister
Hailemariam Desalegn of Ethiopia

The Brenthurst Foundation, a Johannesburg-based foundation established in 2004 to strengthen Africa's economic performance, has a new publication that links Africa and Asia from the African perspective. *The Asian Aspiration* was co-authored by the Foundation's two researchers, Dr. Greg Mills (Director) and Ms. Emily van der Merwe, and two Advisory Board members, Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo (former President of Nigeria) and Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn (former Prime Minister of Ethiopia).

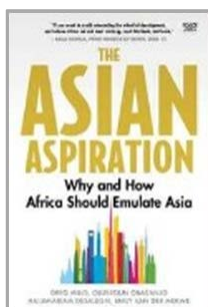
In this webinar co-hosted by the GRIPS Development Forum and the Brenthurst Foundation, Dr. Greg Mills and Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn will explain why and how Africa is interested in Asia's development experience, and why this book was written. Understanding the current policy needs and challenges on the African side will surely benefit Japanese development officials and experts in effectively transmitting Asian knowledge to Africa.

Date & time	Friday, 20 November, 2020 16:00 - 17:30 (Japan time: GMT+9)
Speakers	Dr. Greg Mills, Director, the Brenthurst Foundation, South Africa Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia
Language	English
Program	16:00 Opening remark by Prof. Izumi Ohno, GRIPS Development Forum 16:05 - 16:35 Presentation by Dr. Greg Mills on <i>The Asian Aspiration</i> and why and how Africa should learn from Asia 16:35 - 16:55 Presentation by Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn on Ethiopia's learning from Asia and especially from Japan 16:55 - 17:05 Comments by Prof. Kenichi Ohno (GRIPS) 17:05 - 17:30 Discussion
How to join	Send email to Ms. Tsuruda (s-tsuruda@grips.ac.jp) stating your name, title and organization by Nov. 19. An invitation email will be sent to you in advance. Questions and comments will be taken via Chat during the webinar.

Brenthurst Foundation: www.thebrenthurstfoundation.org

A 30-minute movie introducing this book is available at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nlv5z3oefrztz0/AA%20Doc%20Final%20Version.m4v?dl=0>



Greg Mills, Olusegun Obasanjo, Hailemariam Desalegn & Emily van der Merwe, **The Asian Aspiration: Why and How Africa Should Emulate Asia**, Picador Africa, 2020.



Dr. Greg Mills holds BA & BA, Univ. of Cape Town and MA & PhD from Lancaster Univ., UK. He taught at the Universities of the Western Cape and Cape Town .



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