

## Foreword

This volume contains papers and reports prepared by the GRIPS Development Forum (GDF) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the Ethiopia-Japan industrial policy dialogue held quarterly in Addis Ababa in eight sessions from June 2009 to May 2011. This bilateral industrial policy dialogue was initiated at the request by Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Meles Zenawi, who has strong interest in the East Asian development experiences.

The topics were selected, step by step through mutual consultation, to fill the urgent policy needs of the Ethiopian government in preparing the new five-year development plan, which was subsequently titled the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) 2010/11-2014/15, and related policies. The papers and subsequent discussions were candid and sincere, pragmatic and action-oriented, and based on Ethiopian reality as well as surveys of best policy practices in East Asia. As Ethiopian policy interest and situation evolved rapidly even during the two years of our policy dialogue, some issues we debated initially became no longer so topical as time progressed. Nevertheless, the ten chapters contained here provide concrete examples of how Japanese experts and officials conduct intellectual exchange with policy makers in developing countries. We believe that many of the issues raised here are also relevant to policy makers in other countries.

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