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## Francophone African participants learnt housing policy and realization



Mr. SATO Kagehiro, Deputy Director and Mr. ANDO Yoshikazu, Director of Business Planning Division, International Business Department held the lecture to 12 urban development administrators and engineers of 9 francophone countries in Africa on September 7. Participants came from Benin, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Gabon, Madagascar, Mauritania, Senegal, and Togo.

Mr. Sato introduced the history of housing policy and realization after World War II and emphasized what matter most was construction standardization for mass supply housings. He also explained legislation and shift to quality in response to social change such as the declining birthrate and aging population.

Many of participant countries cannot supply adequate affordable housings. Participants asked many questions about planning process, method of determining rent, and training of architects and field workers. Especially, they were interested in how land is acquired. Mr. Ando explained UR had persistent discussions with landowners to gain understanding while acquiring underutilized land for replacement and rights conversion in advance.

"There is a housing authority in my country, but not working. The lecture was very informative with a lot of learning. I hope to make use of UR's experience in my country." A participant of DRC commented.

UR is sharing our knowledge and technology with African countries.

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