

CSD15

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Japan wishes to highlight following points as policy option of thematic issues of CSD15:

1. Energy

As for energy issue, together with seeking after the possibility of introducing renewable energy, it is important for SIDS to enhance capacity for the maintenance of existing facilities related to generation, transmission and supply of electricity power to avoid salt damage coming from the ocean.

2. Industrial development

As for industrial development in SIDS countries, it is important to take into account the industrial potentials, such as utilization of marine resource in terms of fish raising industries, processing of sea food products, their export and promotion of the investments for trade. As policy options, enhancing technical assistance for these area will be helpful.

And also nature or ecology of SIDS can be basis for tourism industry. Eco-tourism will enable co-existence of both nature conservation and industrial development, and it will be essential to formulate legal system for it and the capacity building for eco-tourism industry will be strongly important for the further sustainable development in SIDS.

3. Climate change

As for climate change, policy option related to adaptation such as forming master plan for disaster reduction and its management will be one of the significant options.