

## JST to fund seven research projects for the 5th call of AJ-CORE in the field of “Environmental Science”

The Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) has made the decision to fund new international projects through AJ-CORE\* (Africa-Japan Collaborative Research). The fifth joint call for proposals in the field of “Environmental Science” was held by JST, the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa, and organizations from member countries of the Science Granting Councils Initiative (SGCI). A total of 41 proposals were submitted to the joint call. JST and the other participating funding agencies jointly made the decision to adopt seven projects based on joint panel reviews and evaluations by experts from the participating countries. The research period is scheduled to be three years.

For details of the selected projects, please refer to the website below.

[https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/sicorp\\_e/download\\_e/press\\_e/aj-core\\_5\\_en.pdf](https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/sicorp_e/download_e/press_e/aj-core_5_en.pdf)

\*) AJ-CORE aims to resolve issues important to both Africa and the world, including SDGs. It is designed to support international collaborative research conducted by researchers from Japan, South Africa, and at least one African country participating in Africa’s Science Granting Councils Initiative (SGCI).

URL: [https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/program\\_e/multilateral\\_e/aj-core.html](https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/program_e/multilateral_e/aj-core.html)

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