

Discussion on Cooperation

Distinguished Co-Facilitators,

First of all, let me express my gratitude to both of you for facilitating this plenary session and leading our discussion. I would also like to thank the panelists for making thoughtful and instructive interventions.

In order to contribute to the discussion on cooperation, Japan would like to refer to one particular point that is related to both the first and the second Segment. This is the capacity-building of States Parties. Having an appropriate national judicial system and capable legal practitioners is a prerequisite for enhancing the cooperation between the Court and States Parties in fields such as financial investigation and arrests. We should seriously consider the ways and means in which we can promote the capacity-building of States Parties under the limited financial resources.

In this connection, I would like to inform the delegates that the Government of Japan has supported capacity-building activities in the fields of national judicial systems through the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders that we host in Tokyo by bearing all the costs associated with this institute. This institute has carried out training programs for criminal justice practitioners, and more than 5,800 trainees from 139 countries and regions have participated in these programs.

We will continue these activities, and assume that other States Parties are also making similar contributions. Therefore, we believe that if these States Parties can be informed of the challenges facing the ICC in more detail, the capacity-building programs conducted by States Parties will address the needs of the ICC more directly and promote the cooperation between the Court and States Parties. We would therefore like to encourage the ICC officials to continue to engage with national and international institutes in our common endeavor as well as to increase the interaction with them.

Japan hopes that the States Parties and the ICC will work closely to enhance the cooperation in the fight against impunity.

Thank you.