The A-A Dialogue Network held the first General Assembly of Phase IV from July 22 to 25 at Hiroshima University. 33 participants from 26 universities attended the General Assembly.

The vice president of Hiroshima University, Prof. Sakakoshi, and the secretary of the A-A Dialogue Network, Prof. Yoshida, gave an opening address followed by a welcome address by co-host representatives of MEXT, Mr. Sato, and JICA, Mr. Ota. A courtesy visit to President Ochi was made and the participants were listening deeply to his speech on increasing importance of global academic network in the era of globalization.

The representatives from each university mainly discussed the past and future activities of the A-A Dialogue Network. They actively exchanged ideas and shared knowledge from the past experiences on planned activities for the new phase.