The A-A Dialogue Network held the third General Assembly of Phase IV on June 14 in Hiroshima. The Secretary of A-A Dialogue Network, Prof. Kazuhiro Yoshida of Hiroshima University, gave an opening address followed by welcome address by Prof. Yasushi Maruyama (Vice President of Hiroshima University) and opening remarks by Mr. Kimio Fukazawa (General Affairs / Training Program Division Advisor, JICA Chugoku). This year, 29 participants (Africa:16, Asia:8 and Japan:5) from 25 universities attended the General Assembly. Participants reported activities conducted during June 2016-June 2017 and discussed and adopted Action Plan for June 2017-June 2018 on June 14 and 15. The members strengthened friendship and colleagueship more than ever through the general assembly.

The participants then worked in each thematic group on June 16. In this year, the participants re-designed these groups as follows.

-Group A: Equity and Inclusiveness (HU: Prof. Yoshida)
  University of Dal es Salaam, Bayero University Kano, University of Abdu Moumouni, University of Malawi, University of Zambia
- Group B: Community of Practices (HU: Prof. Sakurai)
  Indonesia University of Education, Bahir Dar University, Kenyatta University,
  Muzumbe University, University of Cape Coast

- Group C: Teacher Professional Identity (HU: Prof. Ishida and Prof. Kusakabe)
  Pretoria University, University Sains Malaysia, Vietnam National University Hanoi,
  Chiang Mai University, Dhaka University, Makerere University,
  Ecole Normal Superior Antananalobo, Kyanbogo University

(Following universities to be nominated later: Seoul National University, Waseda University,
Nagoya University, Osaka University, Kobe University, Naruto University of Education)