



HLPF Side Event

# Carbon Neutrality & Social Transformation

## Are We on Track to Arrive at a Justice-based Transition?



As the world faces the economic fallout and social disruption triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, carbon neutrality has assumed greater urgency and the need to build back better is gaining increasing momentum.

This online side event of the 2021 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will explore the policies needed to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, and the deep transformations required in our economic and social systems. It will look at how all sectors of society can address the challenges involved in realising such critical changes during the Decade of Action to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### SPEAKERS

*by order of presentation*

- Shinobu Yume Yamaguchi** UNU-IAS
- Hiroyoshi Sasagawa** State Minister of the Environment, Japan
- Yukari Takamura** University of Tokyo
- Xiaomeng Shen** UNU-EHS
- Minoru Takada** UN DESA
- Youssef Nassef** UNFCCC
- Fatima Denton** UNU-INRA
- Jean-Paul Adam** UN ECA
- Hiroyuki Tezuka** Keidanren
- Mailes Zulu Muke** Save Environment and People Agency

### ORGANISERS

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### PARTICIPATION

Open to all — please register in advance at [ias.unu.edu](https://ias.unu.edu)

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7:30–9:00 AM New York time (EDT)  
ONLINE

### LANGUAGES

English & Japanese  
(simultaneous translation provided)