



World Water Day 2022 Webinar

'Water, the SDGs and COVID-19'

- Challenges and Opportunities for SDG 6-

Tuesday, 22 March 2022, 15.00-17.00 (JST) (online)

How has COVID-19 impacted water, in terms of its quality and quantity? What actions can the private sector, academia, and international organisations take to address the challenges created or exacerbated by COVID-19, and accelerate progress toward achieving water-related SDGs? This event on World Water Day 2022 will bring together private sector representatives, scientists, and international practitioners to discuss the relationship between water and COVID-19 from multiple perspectives, focusing on SDG 6.

1. OPENING & KEYNOTES

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| 15:00 (5 mins) | Welcome Remark | Shinobu Yamaguchi | Director, UNU-IAS |
| 15:05 (20 mins) | Keynote (1): 'Impacts of COVID-19 on Water and Progress toward SDG6' | Taikan Oki | Professor, University of Tokyo (UoT) /Former Senior Vice Rector, UNU |
| 15:25 (20 mins) | Keynote (2): 'The Role of Groundwater for SDG6 in the COVID-19 Crisis' | Tomochika Tokunaga | Professor, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, UoT |
| 15:45 (15 mins) | World Water Forum Update | Kensuke Fukushi | Academic Director, UNU-IAS/Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives, UoT |

2. DIALOGUES - 'ACHIEVING SDG6 IN THE COVID-19 CRISIS'

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| 16:00 (20 mins) | Role of Private Sector <i>Moderator: Dr Takashi Hashimoto, Lecturer, UoT</i> | Yasuhiro Matsui Koichi Matsubara | Manager, Innovation Center, Marketing Division, Yokogawa Electric Corporation Deputy General Manager, Overseas Water Supply Dpt., Nihon Suido Consultants Co., Ltd. |
| 6:20 (20 mins) | Role of Science and Education <i>Moderator: Geetha Mohan, Research Fellow, UNU-IAS</i> | Jiaqi Liu Thammarat Koottatep Kumiko Oguma | JSPS Fellow, UNU-IAS Professor, Asian Institute of Technology Professor, University of Tokyo |
| 16:40 (20 mins) | Role of International Organisations <i>Moderator: Dr Park Jonghwi, Academic Programme Officer, UNU-IAS</i> | Rio Hada Kaoru Takahashi Sadhana Shrestha | Team Lead, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Water Aid Japan JSPS Fellow, UNU- IAS |
| 17:00 | Closing | | |