

# Nature-Positive Solutions

Kanazawa's model for Climate Action and Sustainable Urban Nature

Sunday 3.5.2023

13:30 – 16:00 Kanazawa Cultural Hall

## Join us to discuss both global and local trends and solutions in Urban Climate and Biodiversity policy!

Inviting Dr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, the director of Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and Dr. Thomas Elmqvist from Stockholm Resilience Center, who are thought leaders and major contributors to COP 27/COP 15 and Ms. Mana Saza, a global coordinator of Mock COP26 and the director of SWITCH Association of Sustainability.

## This symposium will discuss Nature-Positive Solutions to current environmental challenges and how we can all work together for the same goal.

This symposium will share the negotiations that were held at the UNFCCC COP27 and CBD COP15 in 2022, and the specific national and international responses that will be taken in the future. We will be discussing "Nature-Positive Solutions" to environmental problems from global and local perspectives as well as our challenges for youth and adults to join forces and work together for the sustainable future.

## What is "Nature-Positive"?

Nature-Positive is the term used to describe a world where nature – species and ecosystems – is being restored and is regenerating rather than staying static or declining.

## Free participation

(registration required)



### Date and Time:

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**Place:** Kanazawa Cultural Hall

15-1 Takaokamachi, Kanazawa City

**Language:** English and Japanese with simultaneous interpretation

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# Kanazawa

Kanazawa is in a privileged natural setting, open to the sea, surrounded by mountains, and with abundant water resources. To conserve urban nature, it is critical that Kanazawa City makes continuous efforts and establish a sustainable model to preserve biocultural diversity. Kanazawa's efforts are aligned with the global agenda established by the United Nations at the Conventions of the Parties (COP). International and local policies are willing to create synergies between biocultural diversity, SDGs, and climate action. Urban nature plays a vital role in achieving a sustainable, resilient, and well-being society.

## Programme

13:30	<b>Opening remarks</b> Dr. Tsunao Watanabe
13:35	<b>Greetings from Kanazawa City</b>
13:40	<b>Keynote presentation 1</b> Dr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi: "Global agenda and Local implementation"
14:00	<b>Keynote presentation 2</b> Dr. Thomas Elmqvist: "New trends on urban ecosystem services"
14:20 - 14:35	<b>Break</b>
14:35 - 15:55	<b>Panelist Presentation &amp; Discussion Session</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Dr. Himangana Gupta: "The Nexus Approach - Two landmark COPs carve out paths for climate-biodiversity synergy"</li><li>2 Dr. Juan Pastor-Ivars: "SUN Project and urban nature benefits"</li><li>3 Dr. Motofumi Marui: "Heat Island mitigation through urban nature"</li><li>4 Ms. Mana Saza: "Action by Japanese Youth to create a wave for sustainability in Japan"</li></ol> <b>Discussion Session</b> "Nature-Positive Solutions for the future generations - How can we all work together for the same goal?" Coordinated by Dr. Tsunao Watanabe
15:55	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Dr. Koji Nakamura, Professor emeritus at Kanazawa University

## Main Speakers



### Dr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi

President of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and Project Professor at the Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI), The University of Tokyo. He also serves as Visiting Professor at UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), Acting Chair of the Central Environment Council, and Chair of the Council's Nature Conservation Committee, Government of Japan. He specialises in landscape ecology, landscape planning, and sustainability science.



### Dr. Thomas Elmqvist

Elmqvist is a professor in natural resource management at Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University. His research is focused on ecosystem services, land use change, natural disturbances, and components of resilience, including the role of social institutions. He coordinates an interdisciplinary research theme, focusing on governance and management of ecosystem services in urban landscapes, involving multiple urban landscapes worldwide. He was involved in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, led the UN-initiated global project "Cities and Biodiversity Outlook," the Future Earth Project Urban Planet, and is part of the scoping expert group on the regional and subregional assessments for IPBES.



### Ms. Mana Saza

Born in 1995. Graduated from the University of British Columbia, Canada. Currently enrolled in the Sustainable Development Course at University College London. Global Ambassador to "Mock COP26" that put together voices from 330 people from 140 countries into "18 policy proposals" to COP26. Based on Mock COP26's actions, at COP26 we were able to put climate education at the center of education in 25 countries. Served as the Japanese youth rep to COP26. Established SWiTCH a non-profit org in 2021 to work on sustainability literacy in Japan - creating a sustainability ambassador program for 1 million by the 2025 EXPO.