

## **Registration Open for the International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific 2017**

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***Prominent national and international figures working in the fields of climate change and sustainable development will meet in Yokohama, Japan this summer.***

***Can global climate change be arrested, and are we capable of averting the worst of its impacts in the future? How can we work to ensure international commitments on sustainable development are honoured and acted upon? These subjects and more will be open for discussion at Pacifico YOKOHAMA.***

***Hayama, Japan (2 June 2017)*** – Registration is now open for the 9<sup>th</sup> International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP) 2017, to be hosted by IGES and the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), on 25-26 July 2017 in the port city of Yokohama, Japan.

This year the region's key decision-makers, leaders and experts will meet under the theme "*Transformational Changes: Putting Sustainability at the Heart of Action*" and deliver concrete recommendations on how to make sustainable development a reality in Asia and the Pacific.

This regional forum will feature renowned international experts, including: **Dr. Hoesung Lee**, Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; **Mr. Rintaro Tamaki**, Deputy Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; **Dr. Ajay Mathur**, Director General, the Energy and Resources Institute; **Dr. Bambang Susantono**, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank, and many other leading experts.

Registration is now open to all participants, including representatives from governments, development agencies, universities, research institutes, private sector and civil society organisations, and the media.

### **Background:**

Since the Paris Agreement on climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals were adopted in 2015, many early movers — including national government agencies, as well as non-state actors, such as cities, corporations and financial institutions — have taken bold action on climate, energy, environment and human rights. However, recent international political events have brought new challenges for development cooperation efforts, raising questions about the strength and durability of these commitments. Against this backdrop, it is essential that all stakeholders invested in the future of sustainable development convene in one place to exchange their views and perspectives on the way forward.

It is in this context that leading experts and practitioners are meeting at ISAP2017 to explore possible pathways and options for accelerating low-carbon, climate-resilient, inclusive societies. Taking stock of present and future challenges, a central goal of the event will be to identify priorities for action towards scalable and transformative change.

For the latest agenda, visit: <http://www.iges.or.jp/isap/2017/en/>

**ISAP2017 speakers will include:**

- Mr. Rintaro Tamaki, Deputy Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Dr. Hoesung Lee, Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- Dr. Ligia Noronha, Director, Economy Division, United Nations Environment
- Dr. Bambang Susantono, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Prof. Dr. Pavel Kabat, Director General and Chief Executive Officer, The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
- Dr. Ma Jun, Chief Economist, Research Bureau, The People's Bank of China
- Mr. Hidemitsu Sasaya, Manager, CSR Promotion Department, ITO EN, Ltd.
- Ms. Yeo Lian Sim, Special Adviser Diversity, Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX) / Vice Chair, Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

**When:** 25 to 26 July 2017 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

**Where:** PACIFICO YOKOHAMA Conference Center 3F, 1-1-1 Minato Mirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama 220-0012, Japan

**Dedicated ISAP site:** <http://www.iges.or.jp/isap/2017/en/>

**Deadline for registration:** 5 July 2017 (Wednesday)

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