

【ISAP2018】

The 10th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific

The tenth annual International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific "ISAP2018", will be held at Pacifico Yokohama on 18 and 19 July 2018.

Organised by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNUo IAS) under the theme of "Driving Transformative Actions through Integrated and Innovative Approaches", this year's event marks a decade of successfully convening expert stakeholders from around the world—policymakers, academics, development practitioners, international business leaders and civil society actors among them—to examine issues, priorities and progress on global efforts to achieve sustainable development.

Against a background of heightened political uncertainty and human security and environmental concerns, the year 2018 presents unprecedented challenges for the international sustainability agenda, most notably the Paris Climate Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Reflecting on these trends, ISAP2018 will explore enabling technologies, key partnerships and initiatives crucial for advancing actions across multiple levels and scales. Topics for discussion will include new modes of collaboration between business, cities and civil society, with in-depth technical sessions showcasing the latest research on climate mitigation and resilience planning, resource efficiency, ecological landscape approaches, development finance and many others. A core objective of these themes will be to provide strategic directions for strengthening Asia-Pacific's engagement in the global climate and sustainability arena.

In conjunction with commemorating IGES's 20th anniversary, ISAP2018 will host internationally-renowned scientist, author and Director of the Stockholm Resilience Centre, Johan Rockström— widely credited for pioneering the concept of planetary boundaries, a central pillar in Japan's recently adopted Fifth Basic Environment Plan — who will preside over the launch of a newly translated Japanese edition of his book *Big World, Small Planet*. Joined by a number of other high-level speakers and panelists, IGES experts will also present a series of flagship reports featuring insights and discoveries drawn from the cutting edge of sustainability research and practice. We look forward to your participation.

Topics and themes for ISAP2018 will include:

Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy: Global Dynamism and Opportunities

The concepts of resource efficiency and circular economy have recently joined climate change on the centre stage of the global sustainable development agenda. The purpose of this session will be to explore the potential of translating these lessons in the Asian context, examining prospects for transitioning to more resource-efficient and circular economy patterns across the region. This session will situate its analysis within wider discussions on policy challenges associated with such efforts, including synergies and trade-offs, featuring guests such as Eiji Hosoda from Keio University and Stefanos Fotiou, Director of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Environment and Development Division.

Regional Cooperation for Adaptation Planning beyond Boundaries

Climate change impacts are being felt at the global, regional, national and local levels. Promoting regional cooperation for adaptation planning will help tackle transboundary impacts of climate change as well as provide opportunities to use adaptation actions in such areas as resource mobilisation, knowledge transfer and strategic communication. Recognising the importance of regional cooperation towards achieving the Global Adaptation Goal

under the Paris Climate Agreement, this session will bring together David Molden, Director General of the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), and Nobuo Mimura, President of Ibaraki University, who will share experiences from the Himalayan region, Japan, and ASEAN, discussing the role of various knowledge institutions and bilateral agencies in supporting cross-boundary adaptation planning and implementation for tackling mutual climate threats.

Innovators Catching the Winds of Transition

International climate negotiations are continuing under the UNFCCC process with a focus on enacting the Paris Agreement, including the development and adoption of a detailed set of implementation guidelines to be agreed upon at COP24 scheduled for December this year. With COP24 rapidly approaching, a variety of different options have been put on the negotiating table. This session aims to introduce the most updated information pertaining to UNFCCC negotiations, examining relevant proposals for important elements of the Rulebook to be adopted at COP24. Panel speakers will include Priyadarshi R. Shukla from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Stefan Lechtenböhmer, Director of Future Energy and Mobility Structures, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, together with Yuji Nakahara, President & Representative Director, DSM Japan K.K.

In addition, nine other thematic sessions will be organised on a range of equally bold topics and concepts.

Date & Time : Wed. 18 July 9:00–17:30, Thurs. 19 July 9:00–18:00

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

Dedicated ISAP site & Registration: <https://www.iges.or.jp/isap/2018/en/index.html>

Deadline for registration: 3 July 2018

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