



Registration Open for the International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific 2015

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Hayama, Japan (19 June 2015) – On 28-29 July, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) will host the 7th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP) 2015 in Yokohama, under the theme of *“Solutions for Change: Forging Multi-stakeholder Partnerships towards 2030”*

Diverse and influential leaders, experts and practitioners will consider and advance key discussions on ISAP2015's two main themes of climate change and the sustainable development goals (SDGs), as they relate to Asia and the Pacific.

This regional forum will feature renowned international experts, including: **Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs** (keynote speaker), Director, The Earth Institute of Columbia University; **Prof. Yoriko Kawaguchi**, Meiji Institute for Global Affairs, Meiji University; **Mr. Rintaro Tamaki**, Deputy Secretary-General and Acting Chief Economist, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; **Dr. Naoko Ishii**, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility (GEF); **Dr. Shamshad Akhtar**, Executive Secretary, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; and **Prof. Hironori Hamanaka**, Chair of the IGES Board of Directors, and other leading key speakers.

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

Background:

In 2015, the global community is set to reach two major milestones related to climate and development – an agreement on a post-2020 climate regime at COP21, Paris in December, and the adoption of a new set of sustainable development goals in New York in September. It is in this context that leading experts and practitioners are meeting at ISAP2015 to discuss how best to achieve solutions for a sustainable future.

Discussions will focus on building partnerships with diverse stakeholders, including local governments, civil society and businesses, and strengthening existing structures of governance, financing and technology development and transfer, to enable a truly sustainable society. Experiences will be shared from Japan and other countries in Asia and the Pacific in addressing climate change and sustainable development.

For the latest agenda, visit: <http://www.iges.or.jp/isap/2015/en/>

ISAP2015 speakers include:

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When: Tuesday and Wednesday, 28 to 29 July 2015

Where: PACIFICO YOKOHAMA Conference Center 5F, 1-1-1 Minato Mirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama 220-0012, Japan

Dedicated ISAP site: <http://www.iges.or.jp/isap/2015/en/>

Deadline for registration: 17 July 2015

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ISAP2015 Session Programme

*Sessions are under two themes over two days. **SDGs** **Climate Change**

| DAY 1 » Tuesday, 28 July | | | | |
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| 09:30-09:55 | Opening Session OP | | | |
| 10:00-10:20 | Keynote Speech Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) / Director, The Earth Institute, Columbia University | | | |
| 10:25-11:40 | Plenary Session 1 Achieving a Better World for All by 2030: Prospects and Perspectives on the Post-2015 Development Agenda Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) / Director, The Earth Institute, Columbia University Naoko Ishii, CEO & Chairperson, Global Environment Facility (GEF)/ International Advisor, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Japan 11:30-11:40 SDSN Japan Chapter Launch Ceremony (and others) SDGs P-1 | | | |
| 11:40-11:50 | Break | | | |
| 11:50-13:05 | Plenary Session 2 New Climate Regime at COP21: Creating a Dynamic Cycle for Ratcheting up Climate Actions Rae Kwon Chung, Principal Advisor on Climate Change, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations Akimasa Sumi, President, National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES) (and others) Climate Change P-2 | | | |
| 13:05-14:25 | Lunch Break 13:15-14:15 Lunch Session Low Carbon Technology Cooperation in Asia toward COP 21: Possibilities and Challenges Climate Change L-1 | | | |
| 14:25-15:40 | Plenary Session 3 Dialogue amongst Japan, China and Korea: Japan, China, Korea's Roles for Climate Policy — Partnership for a New Age Climate Change P-3 Yoriko Kawaguchi, Professor, Meiji Institute for Global Affairs, Meiji University Hikaru Kobayashi, Project Professor, Keio University (and others) | | | |
| 15:40-15:55 | Break | | | |
| Parallel Session | | | | |
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| DAY 2 » Wednesday, 29 July | | | | |
| 09:30-10:45 | Plenary Session 4 Bridging Climate Change and the SDGs Rintaro Tamaki, Deputy Secretary-General and Acting Chief Economist, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chair, Institute of Microfinance, Bangladesh (and others) SDGs Climate Change P-4 | | | |
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| 17:15-17:25 | Break | | | |
| 17:25-18:00 | Closing Session | | | |

Presentation

28 July 13:05-14:25 Innovative Coastal Marine Environment Governance toward
29 July 12:30-14:00 Climate Change Adaptation (LEAD-Japan API: Asia Pacific Initiative)

Video Session (Lunch Time)

28 July: Video Premiere of IGES's Forest Governance e-Learning Series
29 July: Videos in Forest Governance, Conservation and Biodiversity