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International Conference on Higher Education for Sustainable Development, Marking the End of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

DATE + TIME: Sunday, 9 November 2014, 9:30–18:00

VENUE: Toyoda Auditorium, Nagoya University, Aichi, Japan

You are cordially invited to attend the **International Conference on Higher Education for Sustainable Development**. This event, which is co-organized by the United Nations University, the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, and Nagoya University, will mark the final year of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD: 2005–2014).

The conference will celebrate achievements of various higher education initiatives throughout the Decade and review commitments to make more profound contributions to Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) beyond 2014. The conference will highlight the major challenges and pathways for transformation of higher education institutions (HEIs), with a focus on scaling up and mainstreaming innovative practices in learning and knowledge development and research. The conference will also be a follow-up to the engagement of HEIs at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) including the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative facilitated by a group of UN partner organizations.

One of the envisioned outcomes of this conference will be the **Nagoya Declaration on Higher Education for Sustainable Development**, which will recognize the crucial role of higher education in promoting sustainable development. The Declaration will then be shared at the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, which follows this event on 10–12 November.

Simultaneous Japanese-English interpretation will be available during the plenary sessions.

For further details, please see the event announcement on the conference website:
http://www.c-linkage.com/for/hesd/top.html.

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