

# Environmental Challenges and Opportunities

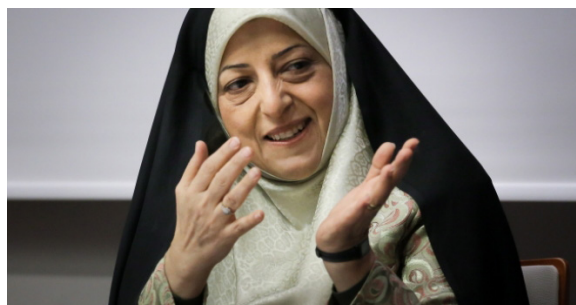
## Masoumeh Ebtekar

Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Head of the Department of Environment

Thursday, 3 April 2014, 5:00–6:00 PM  
United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo

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The United Nations University, in association with the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is hosting “Environmental Challenges and Opportunities”, a lecture by Masoumeh Ebtekar, Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Head of the Department of Environment.



Dr. Ebtekar’s distinguished background as a scientist, journalist, activist and politician make her one of Iran’s most influential figures. She has been lauded as one of the world’s foremost environmental leaders, and as an outspoken reformer, notably calling for national dialogue on social and religious restrictions faced by Iranian women.

In this lecture Dr. Ebtekar will focus on our planet’s environmental challenges and progress, particularly through the lens of Iran and the broader Middle East, where three decades of conflicts and political unrest have taken a massive toll on natural resources and related economies. Dr. Ebtekar will highlight the central roles that peace, human rights and international dialogue must play in efforts to create sound environmental policies. She will provide important perspectives on urbanization and efforts towards sustainable urban environmental policy.

For anyone with an interest in environmental governance — particularly that of the contemporary Middle East — and its links to social change and international cooperation, this event should not be missed.

**This event will be in English only; Japanese interpretation will not be provided.**

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