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Symposium at UNU Will Explore the Potential for Green Partnerships

- EVENT:** Symposium on "'The Future We Want' After Rio+20: New Partnerships toward Green Economy and Society"
- DATE:** Tuesday, 6 November 2012, 1:30-5:00 PM
- VENUE:** Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo
- ORGANIZERS:** Japan Ministry of the Environment and United Nations University Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP)
- CO-ORGANIZER:** Global Environmental Outreach Centre (GEOC)

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- A vital key to achieving sustainable development for the future will be the building of effective partnerships of stakeholders and realizing coordinated actions. This symposium, co-organized by UNU-ISP and the Japan Ministry of the Environment, looks at the potential for such partnerships following on the success of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012.
 - In this seminar, experts from government, academia, think tanks, NGOs and the business community will share their insights and enrich the debate on innovative forms of partnerships for creating more sustainable societies. Participants will consider what forms of partnerships could be most effective in overcoming the challenges to comprehensive growth of a green economy and society that promote community development and poverty eradication.
 - The symposium will feature three keynote speakers: **Mr. Rodrigo Mendes Araujo**, Secretary at Brazilian Embassy in Japan, Head of Science and Technology & Environment Section, Embassy of Brazil; **Prof. Sarath B.S. Abayakoon**, University of Peradeniya (Sri Lanka); and **Mr. Makoto Nagasawa**, Representative Director, FRUTAFRUTA, Inc. These keynote presentations will be followed by a discussion among panelists from the UNU Institute for Sustainability and Peace, Seikei University, Kyoto University, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Hokkaido University, the Environmental Partnership Council, and Ministry of the Environment in Japan.
 - Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. English–Japanese interpretation will be provided.

For more information, please see <http://isp.unu.edu/events/2012/the-future-we-want-after-rio20.html> or contact Yaeko Higo (UNU-ISP) at higo@unu.edu. To register to attend, please go to http://www.event-notice.org/20121106_symposiumEN/rio20.html. If you are unable to attend, the symposium will be webcast live (and archived) at <http://videoportal.unu.edu/event/261>.

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