

HLPF 2019 Side Event Programme

Towards the Achievement of Decarbonisation in the Region and Localisation of the SDGs: Realisation of Circulating and Ecological Economy in an Inclusive Form

Date& Time: 15 July 2019, 11:30-13:00

Venue: Japan Society, Murase room (333 East 47th Street, New York)

Organisers/Co-organisers:

Government of Japan (Ministry of the Environment, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

Objectives

Climate change is one of the most important and pressing issues in the SDGs and strongly linked with other Goals. Our current actions against climate change will have a profound and lasting impact on the future of humanity and the environment.

Cities and regions stand at the forefront of the challenges of climate change and are aware of the need to take action to achieve decarbonisation and transform our world. By localising the SDGs, cities can redefine the sustainability of their areas from a longer perspective, strengthen partnerships between cities and regions, and offer mutual support to each other by optimising synergies and trade-offs, making it possible to further enhance urban sustainability and resilience.

This event will focus on the diverse actions of cities and regions and localisation of SDGs including indicators that can lead to decarbonisation, as well as on the links between cities and regions. It aims to provide an opportunity to learn from each other about advanced cases and gain knowledge on achieving the SDGs that can be applied to other cities around the world.

Expected Attendees: About 100 participants from the HLPF (representatives from governments, international organisations, companies and CSOs etc.), and the public

Languages: English and Japanese (simultaneous interpretation provided)

No registration required. Light refreshments will be served from 11-11:30 am.



Programme

Part 1 Opening Session (5 min)

- Mr. Satoru Morishita, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment Japan
- Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, President, IGES

Part 2 Keynote Speech: Localisation of the SDGs at the City Level (10 min)

The current situation and issues of implementation/localization of the SDGs in Cities

- Dr. Shun Kawakubo, Associate Professor, Hosei University

Part 3: Panel Discussion (75 min)

➤ **Panel Discussion (60 min)**

International organisations, experts and advanced cities will share concrete examples and conduct more in-depth discussions on the localisation of the SDGs and the importance of partnerships with diverse stakeholders to create sustainable cities.

- Prof. Kazuhiko Takemoto, Director, UNU-IAS (Moderator)
- Mr. Masashi Mori, Mayor, Toyama City, JAPAN
- Ms. Luisa Salgueiro, Mayor, Matosinhos City, Portugal
- Dr. Stefano Marta, Co-ordinator, Territorial approach to SDGs, OECD
- Dr. Junichi Fujino, Principal Researcher, IGES

➤ **Q&A Session with Participants (15 min)**

Some questions will be taken from the audience for the panellists to respond.