

The Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MoEJ) and the Office of Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, United States of America will co-organize the "Zero Carbon City International Forum 2023" on March 1, to accelerate subnational climate actions globally by sharing leading practices across borders. This forum intends to discuss measures to promote cooperation between national and subnational governments, given the upcoming G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy and Environment in Sapporo to be held on April 15-16, 2023. The forum also aims to expand and replicate integrated urban initiatives through sharing advanced practices on net-zero transition, resilience and multiple benefits.

[Program] (JST, UTC+9)

9:30-12:00 JST Part 1: Opening and High-Level Sessions (Kioi Conference Center, Tokyo + Online)

15:00-17:30 JST Part 2: High Level Seminar on Sustainable Cities (Online)

18:00-20:30 JST Part 3: Thematic Sessions (Online)

Speakers of Opening and High Level Sessions



Mr. NISHIMURA Akihiro Minister of the Environment, Nina Hachigian Japan



Ambassador Special Representative for Subnational Diplomacy (Video Message) Office of Global Partnerships, USA (online)



Mr. Simon Stiell **Executive Secretary** UNFCCC



Mrs. Katja Dörner Lord Mayor of Bonn City (Video Message)



Mr. HISAMOTO Kizo Mayor of Kobe



Mr. AKIMOTO Katsuhiro Mayor of Sapporo (online)

Keynote Speech

Mr. TAKEUCHI Yoshiki, Deputy Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

High Level Sessions:

- Ambassador Jean-Eric Paquet, the European Union to Japan
- Mr. Dolgorsurengiin Sumiyabazar, Mayor of Ulaanbaatar
- Ms. Jeni Arndt, Mayor of Fort Collins
- Mr. Yunus Arikan, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI World Secretariat











Program (Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation is available)

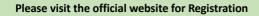
	and High Level Sessions (Hybrid)
9:30-9:40	Opening Remarks
	- Mr. NISHIMURA Akihiro, Minister of the Environment, Japan
	- Ambassador Nina HACHIGIAN, Special Representative for Subnational Diplomacy Office of Global Partnerships, the USA (Online)
9:40-10:00	Keynote Speeches: Subnational climate actions, a key for the net zero agenda
	- Mr. Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (Video Message)
	- Mr. TAKEUCHI Yoshiki, Deputy Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
	- Ms. Katja Dörner, Lord Mayor of Bonn City/ Global Executive Committee Climate Action and Low Emission Development Portfolio, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (Video Message)
10:00-10:10	Photo session and Break
10:10-10:35	High-level session 1: Urban transformation and the role of national government
	- Mr. ONO Hiroshi, Vice Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan
	- Ambassador Jean-Eric Paquet, the European Union (EU) to Japan
	- Mr. HISAMOTO Kizo, Mayor of Kobe City/Chair, Japan Designated Cities Mayors' Association
10:35-11:15	High-level session 2: Cities' commitments to net zero
	- Mr. AKIMOTO Katsuhiro, Mayor of Sapporo City (Online)
	- Mr. SUMIYABAZAR Dolgorsuren, Mayor of Ulaanbaatar
	- Ms. Jeni Arndt, Mayor of Fort Collins
11:15-12:00	Panel Discussion
	- Moderator: Mr. Yunus Arikan, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI World Secretariat
Part 2: 13th EA	S High Level Seminar on Sustainable Cities (Online only)
15:00-15:10	Opening Remarks
15:10-15:40	Keynote presentations: City-to-city collaboration, as a way to enhance urban sustainability
15:40-16:30	Session 1: Synergies with the circular economy
16:30-17:20	Session 2: Synergies with a nature positive economy
17:20-17:30	Summary Session
Part 3: Themat	ic Sessions (Online)
18:00-18:15	Keynote presentation: Key takeaway from the Summary for Urban Policymakers (SUP) report
18:15-19:15	Session 1-1: Synergies of decarbonization and resilience
	Session 1-2: Synergies of decarbonization and digital technology
19:15-20:15	Session 2: Strengthening multi-level cooperation
20:15-20:30	Summary session

<Venue for in-person participants>

Main Room, Tokyo Garden Terrace Kioi Conference

1-4 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Directly connected to Nagatacho Station/1-minute walk from Akasaka-mitsuke Station https://conference.tgt-kioicho.jp/en/access/





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