

# Zero Carbon City International Forum 2023

**Wed, March 1**

**Part 1 Hybrid**

**Part 2 and 3 Online only**

**English-Japanese interpretation available**

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,  
 Japan



**Ambassador  
 Nina Hachigian**  
 Special Representative  
 for Subnational Diplomacy  
 Office of Global Partnerships,  
 USA (online)



**Mr. Simon Stiell**  
 Executive Secretary  
 UNFCCC  
 (Video Message)



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



**Mr. HISAMOTO Kizo**  
 Mayor of Kobe



**Mr. AKIMOTO Katsuhiko**  
 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. Dolgorsurenjin 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)**

**Part I: Opening and High Level Sessions (Hybrid)**

9:30-9:40	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. NISHIMURA Akihiro, Minister of the Environment, Japan</li><li>- Ambassador Nina HACHIGIAN, Special Representative for Subnational Diplomacy Office of Global Partnerships, the USA (Online)</li></ul>
9:40-10:00	<b>Keynote Speeches: Subnational climate actions, a key for the net zero agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (Video Message)</li><li>- Mr. TAKEUCHI Yoshiki, Deputy Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</li><li>- 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)</li></ul>
10:00-10:10	<b>Photo session and Break</b>
10:10-10:35	<b>High-level session 1: Urban transformation and the role of national government</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. ONO Hiroshi, Vice Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan</li><li>- Ambassador Jean-Eric Paquet, the European Union (EU) to Japan</li><li>- Mr. HISAMOTO Kizo, Mayor of Kobe City/Chair, Japan Designated Cities Mayors' Association</li></ul>
10:35-11:15	<b>High-level session 2: Cities' commitments to net zero</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. AKIMOTO Katsuhiko, Mayor of Sapporo City (Online)</li><li>- Mr. SUMIYABAZAR Dolgorsuren, Mayor of Ulaanbaatar</li><li>- Ms. Jeni Arndt, Mayor of Fort Collins</li></ul>
11:15-12:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Moderator: Mr. Yunus Arikan, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI World Secretariat</li></ul>

**Part 2: 13th EAS High Level Seminar on Sustainable Cities (Online only)**

15:00-15:10	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
15:10-15:40	<b>Keynote presentations: City-to-city collaboration, as a way to enhance urban sustainability</b>
15:40-16:30	<b>Session 1: Synergies with the circular economy</b>
16:30-17:20	<b>Session 2: Synergies with a nature positive economy</b>
17:20-17:30	<b>Summary Session</b>

**Part 3: Thematic Sessions (Online)**

18:00-18:15	<b>Keynote presentation: Key takeaway from the Summary for Urban Policymakers (SUP) report</b>
18:15-19:15	<b>Session 1-1: Synergies of decarbonization and resilience</b>
	<b>Session 1-2: Synergies of decarbonization and digital technology</b>
19:15-20:15	<b>Session 2: Strengthening multi-level cooperation</b>
20:15-20:30	<b>Summary session</b>

**<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

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