

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



Ms. YAMADA Miki
State Minister of the Environment, Japan



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



Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet
Ambassador of the EU to Japan



Dr. Peter Kurz
Lord Mayor of Mannheim



Mr. HISAMOTO Kizo
Mayor of Kobe



Mr. AKIMOTO Katsuhiko
Mayor of Sapporo (online)



Ms. Jennifer Arndt
Mayor of Fort Collins



Yunus Arikian
Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI World Secretariat



Mr. Simon Stiell
Executive Secretary, UNFCCC



Mrs. Katja Dörner
Lord Mayor of Bonn

Video Message

Other speakers in Part 1

- Mr. TAKEUCHI Yoshiki, Deputy Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (Video)
- Mr. ONO Hiroshi, Vice Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan
- Praveen Chaudhary, Deputy Municipal Commissioner & Sherpa of Ahmedabad (Video)
- Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary-General of ICLEI and Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia



Program (Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation is available)

Part I: Opening and High Level Sessions (Hybrid)

9:30-9:40	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. YAMADA Miki, State 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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, Global Executive Committee Climate Action and Low Emission Development Portfolio, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability/ Lord Mayor of Bonn City (Video Message)
10:00-10:10	Photo session and Break
10:10-10:45	High-level session 1: Urban transformation and the role of national government <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. ONO Hiroshi, Vice Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan- Ambassador Jean-Eric Paquet, the European Union (EU) to Japan- Dr. Peter Kurz, Lord Mayor of Manheim- Mr. HISAMOTO Kizo, Mayor of Kobe City/Chair, Japan Designated Cities Mayors' Association
10:45-11:15	High-level session 2: Cities' commitments to net zero <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. AKIMOTO Katsuhiko, Mayor of Sapporo City (Online)- Ms. Jeni Arndt, Mayor of Fort Collins- Praveen Chaudhary, Deputy Municipal Commissioner & Sherpa of Ahmedabad (Video Message)
11:15-12:00	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderator: Mr. Yunus Arian, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI World Secretariat

Part 2: 13th EAS 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: Thematic Sessions (Online)

18:00-18:15	Keynote Speech: 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

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from Akasaka-mitsuke Station

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