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Press Release

Contribution to the Online Platform for Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from COVID-19

IGES is pleased to announce its contributions to the ministerial meeting and Online Platform for sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 (“Platform for Redesign 2020”), an initiative led by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan and supported by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat.

At a time when the world faces the impacts of both the COVID-19 pandemic and pre-existing environmental crises, the “Platform for Redesign 2020” aims to redesign our economies and societies to become more sustainable, resilient and inclusive. Shinjiro Koizumi, the Minister of the Environment, Japan, introduced the idea at the 11th Petersberg Climate Dialogue in April and the June Momentum organised by the UNFCCC Secretariat in June, and was supported by many stakeholders.

The “Platform for Redesign 2020” website is designed to showcase countries’ policies or measures that contribute to addressing the COVID-19 crisis and climate and other environmental crises. The Platform will also feature video statements, not only from high-level national government officials, but also from other critical actors such as international organisations, local governments, businesses and citizens. The website will be periodically updated to maintain and enhance the global momentum toward COP26 in 2021.

Soon after the launch of the Platform, the Ministry of the Environment, Japan will hold a ministerial meeting virtually from 13:00-16:00 CEST / 7:00-10:00 EST (20:00-23:00 JST) on 3 September to exchange insights and discuss how the world can achieve a sustainable and resilient recovery.

IGES has contributed to this initiative in various capacities, including a questionnaire, video messages and the management of the website. Professor Kazuhiko Takeuchi, President of IGES, will also make a statement about the significance of the Local and Regional Circulating and Ecological Sphere approach and the importance of international collaboration for “building back better”.

For more details of the initiative and ministerial meeting, please visit the following website:

Platform for Redesign 2020 - Online Platform on Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from COVID-19
<https://platform2020redesign.org/>

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