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Press Release

## **The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies Becomes a Knowledge Partner of the Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy to Support World's Transition**

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) is pleased to announce that it joined the Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy (PACE) as a Knowledge Partner.

PACE, a global community of leaders working together to accelerate the transition to a circular economy, was created in 2018 by the World Economic Forum and is now hosted by the World Resources Institute. A number of organisations support PACE's work, and the Knowledge Partners include leaders on research and policy analysis on the circular economy.

IGES has longstanding expertise and experience in the areas of circular economy and resource efficiency, and has provided insights to relevant global and local processes, frameworks and projects. Some of its most recent contributions include policy compilation reports for the G7 (resource efficiency) and G20 (marine plastic litter), research on Circular Economy Indicators, the Regional Knowledge Centre for Marine Plastic Debris by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, UNESCAP's Closing the Loop project, and the One Planet Network's Sustainable Lifestyles and Education Programme facilitated by UNEP. Prior to this partnership, IGES input on food, electricity, and plastics was adopted as part of PACE's "Action Agenda".

Through this partnership, IGES will provide knowledge and references, particularly related to Japan and the Asia-Pacific region, thereby strengthening the network and efforts of businesses, governments, researchers, consumers and civil society to support the circular economy on a global scale. At the same time, IGES will also support the development of a circular economy in Japan, by accumulating and disseminating global trends and best practices. As part of the ongoing collaboration between IGES and PACE, the two parties are working together in the Circular Economy Indicators Coalition to connect metrics development efforts across different sectors and geographies.

The key to achieving a circular economy is to make sure that stakeholders have a good understanding of scientific knowledge so that they can then put it into practice in their businesses, policies and daily lives. Together with PACE, IGES will contribute to transforming knowledge into action, and advance circularity and sustainability worldwide.



## **Related Links**

PACE Community

<https://pacecircular.org/members>

The Circular Economy Action Agenda for Food

<https://pacecircular.org/action-agenda/food>

The Circular Economy Action Agenda for Electronics

<https://pacecircular.org/action-agenda/electronics>

The Circular Action Agenda for Plastics

<https://pacecircular.org/action-agenda/plastics>

## **About the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)**

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) is a collaborative research and outreach organisation working to accelerate the transition to a sustainable, resilient, shared, and inclusive Asia-Pacific region, both across borders and within the world at large. Our strategic research and operations are defined by a mission — to drive action on the world’s most critical environmental and social challenges through the delivery of trusted expertise on sustainable development and resilience. IGES operates as an agent of change. Together with key international organisations, governments, academic institutes, business and civil society leaders we seek to foster a world where planetary boundaries are fully respected, a green economy is flexibly implemented, and the well-being of people is steadily improved. In so doing we emphasise workable and inspired approaches to cross-cutting global development issues ranging from climate change, natural resources and ecosystems management, and sustainable consumption and production, among many others. The Institute — established in 1998 with support from the Japanese government and Kanagawa Prefecture — maintains its international headquarters in Hayama, Japan. With offices and local centres in Tokyo, Kansai, Kitakyushu, Beijing, Bangkok and New Delhi, IGES supports a regional and global network for groundbreaking sustainable development research and practice. More information can be found at: <https://www.iges.or.jp/en/>

## **About the Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy (PACE)**

PACE is a global community of leaders working together to accelerate the transition to a circular economy. We bring leaders together from across business, government and civil society to develop a collective agenda and drive ambitious action. PACE was created in 2018 by the World Economic Forum, and is now hosted by the World Resources Institute and facilitated by a full-time team in The Hague, the Netherlands. More information can be found at [www.pacecircular.org](http://www.pacecircular.org)

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