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Press Release

The Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the SDGs Tokyo, Japan

Co-convened by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) / UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat. Hosted by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan.

In partnership with IGES and the United Nations University in Tokyo (UNU).

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) will collaborate in the Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the SDGs to be held on 20 and 21 July, and co-convened by the UN DESA and UNFCCC Secretariat. In order to achieve both the 2030 Agenda and the 1.5-degree target of the Paris Agreement by 2030, it is critical to strengthen co-benefits and accelerate synergies between them. The conference aims to build a foundation for synergistic actions that align with the climate and SDG processes, and stimulate action by various stakeholders at the global, regional and national levels.

Serious concerns were underlined at 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change regarding the current NDC targets. It was pointed out that when added together, greenhouse gas emissions in 2030 would still be 13.7% higher than in 2010¹. In the Asia-Pacific region, only nine out of 104 measurable targets are on track to be reached by 2030 if the current pace of progress is maintained².

The IPCC AR6/WG3, published on 4 April 2022, emphasised the importance of synergies and trade-offs between climate action and improving sustainable development, and that equitable actions to address climate change are critical to sustainable development, and a better future for all. The report also identified potential trade-offs that policymakers must address. Both adopted in 2015, the Paris Agreement and the SDGs do not exist independently of each other; rather, they are complementary and should be implemented in an integrated manner.

The first Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies took place in April 2019 in UN City in Copenhagen and the second, due to the impact of the spread of the COVID-19, was held online between May-June 2020.

¹ Glasgow Climate Pact1/CMA.3:
https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2021_10_add1_adv.pdf

² Asia and the Pacific SDGs Progress Report 2021:
<https://www.unescap.org/kp/2021/asia-and-pacific-sdg-progress-report-2021>

Next year, in 2023, the 2030 Agenda will reach its halfway point. Holding the third Conference in Japan ahead of this important milestone serves as an excellent opportunity for the Japanese government and various stakeholders to strengthen synergistic efforts to achieve the 1.5-degree goal of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs, as well as accumulate knowledge and experience in anticipation of a post-SDGs era.

Outline of the event

Title	Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Date	20 and 21 July 2022
Venue	United Nations University International Conference Center (Tokyo), Online
Organisers	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat
Host	Ministry of the Environment, Japan
Collaboration	United Nations University (UNU), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High-level opening session• Stakeholder session, side-events

Please apply through the United Nations website. More details will be announced as soon as the registration site opens.

URL: www.un.org/en/climate-sdgs-conference-2022

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