Press Release

[ISAP2024]

The 16th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific "Taking an Integrated Approach to Overcome the Triple Planetary Crisis"



The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) will host the 16th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP2024). This year, the Plenary Sessions will be held on Tuesday, 23 July 2024 at Pacifico Yokohama as a hybrid event, with participation in-person and online. In addition, the Thematic Tracks will be held online from July to November 2024.

ISAP is a forum where experts, international organisations, government, business and NGO representatives gather to engage in diverse discussions on sustainable development from an Asia-Pacific perspective. The overarching theme of ISAP2024 is "Taking an Integrated Approach to Overcome the Triple Planetary Crisis." The forum will delve into strategies that address the three current global crises: climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental pollution. Discussions will also explore ways to accelerate the transition towards a sustainable society.

Recent ambitious efforts have mainly focused on achieving separate targets in line with Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but progress has been too slow and fragmented. In the meantime, a growing body of evidence has shown that one key way to addressing the triple planetary crisis is to identify actions for an integrated approach that maximises synergies and minimises trade-offs between the various global targets. ISAP2024 will showcase various examples of an integrated approach including actions taken at the local level, efforts by the business community, and youth initiatives. This year's ISAP will also consider how integration can influence a wider range of decisions in the Asia-Pacific and pave the way for transformative change globally.

For more information and to sign up for ISAP, visit the ISAP webpage. https://isap.iges.or.jp/2024/en/index.html

Dates

Plenary Sessions: 23 July 2024

Thematic Tracks: July – November 2024 (Date and Time will be announced)

Venue

Plenary Sessions: <u>Pacifico Yokohama</u> and online (Zoom)

Thematic Tracks: Online (Zoom)



Organiser

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

Language

Japanese/English (Simultaneous translation)
*There are some sessions without simultaneous translation

Dedicated ISAP Website & Registration

https://isap.iges.or.jp/2024/en/index.html

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About International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP)

As the world's most populous region, Asia needs to be at the forefront of efforts to achieve a rapid transformation. Held annually since 2009, ISAP has two major objectives — first, it facilitates information-sharing and discussion among a broad range of interested stakeholders, deepening mutual trust and strengthening cooperation. Secondly, the forum gives the general public a chance to discover the progress being made in the global debate on environmental issues, and introduces them to the latest research trends. ISAP encourages wide-ranging collaborative efforts to create the groundwork for building a sustainable society. In particular, it provides a forum for practical information-gathering and networking, targeting local government officials who deal with environmental issues, corporate officials carrying out research and collecting the latest information in investor relations or sustainability departments, as well as media representatives pursuing the impact of international discussions on Japan and reporting on the gap between Japan and the rest of the world. https://isap.iges.or.jp/

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 and 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 was established in 1998 with support from the Japanese government and Kanagawa Prefecture and maintains its international headquarters in Hayama, Japan. With



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