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Press release

ISAP2026

**The 18th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific
“Strengthening Local Resilience to Planetary Crises: Scaling up Synergistic Solutions”**



The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) is set to host the 18th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP2026). For the first time, ISAP will be held in Kansai under the overall theme, ‘Strengthening Local Resilience to Planetary Crises: Scaling up Synergistic Solutions’. The Plenary Sessions (hybrid) will take place on Wednesday, 22 July 2026, at the Lasse Hall in Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture, while the Thematic Tracks* will be held online from August to October 2026.

In a world where we are already experiencing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, escalating global instability is making the achievement of sustainability even more challenging. This reality demands multifaceted responses at both the national and local levels. It is now more critical than ever to move away from siloed efforts and embrace integrated, synergistic solutions, fostering collaboration among stakeholders.

ISAP2026 will highlight the latest international trends related to synergies, including the Asia-Pacific Synergy Report, a new publication jointly developed by United Nations agencies, IGES and other partners. This report compiles best practice examples and recommendations from across the Asia-Pacific region. This year’s Forum will also provide an opportunity to explore how synergistic approaches can be implemented locally and how initiatives being advanced in regional areas, including Kansai, can be expanded internationally, thereby broadening the circle of synergy.

Visit our website for more details. We look forward to your participation.

Event Overview	
Date and Time	22 July 2026, 13:00-17:15
Venue**	Lasse Hall (Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan)

Organiser	Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
Language	Japanese/English (Simultaneous interpretation)
Fees	Free
Registration	https://isap.iges.or.jp/2026/en/index.html (Registration will close once capacity is reached).
Inquiries	ISAP2026 Secretariat: isap2026-info@iges.or.jp

(*) *Thematic Tracks will be held online between August and October 2026. Details will be announced on the website.*

(**) *Some sessions will be held only at the venue.*

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

Since 2009, the International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP) has been held annually to share information and facilitate diverse discussions on sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, with the participation of front-line experts and diverse stakeholders from international organisations, governments, business and NGOs in Asia and the Pacific. The Forum promotes knowledge-sharing and collaboration among stakeholders and disseminates global discussions and latest research findings with a wide audience interested in environmental issues.

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About IGES

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) is a public interest incorporated foundation established in 1998 under an initiative of the Government of Japan, with the support of Kanagawa Prefecture, and has been designated as a non-governmental organisation by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Committed to realising a sustainable Asia-Pacific region and the world, IGES is a leading and trusted sustainability think-tank located in Asia, conducting strategic policy research and operations to promote net-zero, climate resilient, nature positive, circular and pollution-free society through integrated and synergistic solutions with diverse scientific expertise. As an agent of change, IGES generates impact on policy debates, formulation and implementation processes to move society towards a more sustainable future through co-design, co-production and co-delivery of solutions with stakeholders.

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