

Carbon Neutrality and the SDGs — A UNU Forum



Live event 

4 November 2021, 17:00–18:30 UTC @Japan Pavilion
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This event will engage leading experts to discuss challenges and good practices for achieving both carbon neutrality by 2050 and the 2030 Agenda. It will facilitate discussion about the role of education and capacity building in the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

To avoid the climate crisis by limiting the global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, many countries have committed to achieving carbon neutrality by the middle of this century. Carbon neutrality requires a transformation of economic and social systems and commitment across society to drastic action by all sectors and actors. In this context, action towards carbon neutrality requires better understanding of social challenges such as declining regional economies, widening disparities, and ageing populations, and mechanisms to address these challenges as part of action for carbon neutrality.

Agenda

Opening Remarks

Prof. Shinobu Yume Yamaguchi (Director, UNU-IAS)

Mr. Yutaka Shoda (Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan)

Prof. Kazuhiko Takemoto (President, OECC Japan) [Video message]



Framing Presentation

Dr. Akio Takemoto (Programme Head, UNU-IAS)



Panel Discussion

Session 1: Carbon Neutrality and Social Agenda

Session 2: Role of Education for the Paris Agreement

MODERATOR

Dr. Akio Takemoto

PANELISTS

Dr. Hak Mao (Ministry of Environment, Cambodia)

Ms. Kelly Takaya King (Councilmember of Maui County, ICLEI, USA)

Prof. Yukari Takamura (University of Tokyo)

Mr. Alejandro Kilpatrick (UNFCCC)

Dr. Won Jung Byun (UNESCO)

Ms. Patricia Marcos Huidobro (GEF)

Mr. Marlex Olandiz Tuson

Ms. Josephine Opoku Boateng
(UNU-IAS MSc students)