

COP28 Japan Pavilion Side Event
Climate Resilient Development (CRD) Pathway:
Addressing Climate Change and Sustainable Development

Holistic approaches for resilient and sustainable future

Date and Time: December 1st 13:00-14:15 (UAE)/18:00-19:15(JST)
Venue: Japan Pavilion at COP28 at Dubai (UAE) Expo City Dubai

Organizers: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
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1. Background

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 6th Assessment Report (AR6) highlights a solution framework called Climate Resilient Development (CRD), which is a process of implementing greenhouse gas mitigation and adaptation options to support sustainable development for all in ways that support human and planetary health and well-being, equity, and justice. The same report also highlighted the importance for countries around the world to step up their efforts to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

Furthermore, the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report showed that among the 36 targets reviewed, only two are on track to be achieved, while poverty eradication, gender equality, education and eliminating hunger has suffered significant setbacks cause by conflicts, pandemic crisis, climate related disasters and more.

As a way forward to achieve the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a holistic approach such as CRD that consider the interlinkages between SDGs, minimize trade-offs and maximize synergies, and address medium-and long-term objectives while dealing with immediate crises must be taken.

JICA formulated a Global Agenda for Climate Change (JGA) (June 2021) which has at its core to promote the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the co-benefit approach to promote climate change countermeasures in development projects with concrete targets.

With the CRD in mind JICA redefined it's "co-benefits of climate change" approach as measures to realize CRD. To achieve this, adaptation and mitigation measures are considered the main pillars to minimize the climate change risks, and at the same time pursuing maximum consideration to the natural environment, biodiversity, etc., in order to maximize synergies and minimize potential trade-offs with other SDGs.

2. Objectives

The main objective of this side event is to bring together key stakeholders to foster dialogue, share knowledge, discuss about holistic approaches and future challenges in promoting CRD, explore solutions to the challenges posed by climate change, while also examining the interlinkages of climate actions and SDGs.

3. Agenda

MC : Mr. Taiji Watanabe

	Time	Contents	Speaker
1. Opening			
	3 mins	Housekeeping	● MC
	5 mins	Opening remarks	Ministry of the Environment, Japan Deputy Director-General Global Environment Bureau Ms. Masako Ogawa
2. JICA's Co-benefit approach, it's synergies and trade-offs			
2.1	15 mins	JICA's efforts to promote Climate Resilient Development (CRD)	● JICA Global Environment Department Deputy Director General Mr. Akihiro Miyazaki
3. Panel discussion Moderator: Overseas Environmental Cooperation Centre (OECC) General Manager/ Principal Researcher Mr. Makoto Kato			
3.1	3mins	Key Questions for the panelists	● Moderator
3.2	8mins	The World Bank approach to achieve CRD	● World Bank Climate Change Advisory and Operations Unit, Climate Change Group, Lead Climate Change Specialist, Dr. Nancy Vandycke
3.3	8mins	Promoting CRD in the Pacific Region.	● Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Manager, Pacific Climate Change Centre Ms. Ofa Kaisamy
3.4	8mins	The government of Vietnam's approach to CRD	● Vietnam Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) Department of Climate Change (DCC) Head of the Division of GHG Emission Reduction and Ozone Layer Protection Dr. Huy Quang Luong
3.5	20 mins	Panel Discussion	● Moderator : Mr. Makoto Kato ● Panelist: WB, SPREP, MONRE, JICA
3.6	5 mins	Wrap-up	● Moderator: Mr. Makoto Kato
4. Closing			
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Key questions

1. Panelists are expected to provide feedback and suggestion for improvement regarding JICA's new definition and operationalization of "co-benefits of climate change" approach.
2. How are the World Bank, the Pacific Region and the government of Vietnam trying to achieve CRD with addressing both climate change and SDGs?
3. What do you think important factor(s) to promote involvement to CRD of various stakeholders and co-

creation?

4. How can we avoid or minimize trade-offs while pursuing climate benefit and SDGs?

Discussion

1. JICA reacts to feedbacks from each panelist as well as comment on their approach to CRD.
2. Free discussion between the panelists and questions from the floor (depending on remaining time)