

Japan Plenary Session

Mon. 1, October (16:00-17:30)

**Impact Assessment and SDGs in Japan
-Towards a Sustainable Energy Society, Japan-****Brief Introduction:**

Since the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster, energy policies in many countries are shifting to not depending on nuclear but on various renewable energies. Though Japan has to lead this new movement, Japanese government has not been so positive in this direction. But parallel to the movement of SDGs since 2016, the Japanese government has been gradually changing the policy towards renewables.

It is too late for the majority of Japanese people. The gap between the people and the government is because of the lack of effective public participation process in Japan. Impact Assessment on public policy such as Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) should provide the process.

To promote renewables, we need show concrete examples showing the possibility of renewable energies. Renewable Energy 100% movement (RE100), which is related to SDGs 7 and 13, is a good way in this meaning. Though it had started among private companies, the concept could apply to other type of agents. University should be a good media to prevail the concept in a society. The first RE100 University in Japan was appeared in 2018, and this will be shown in the session as an example.

Chaired by Sachihiko Harashina, President, Chiba University of Commerce, Japan

Paper presentations and Panelists:

“Fukushima Nuclear Disaster and Aftermath”

Takehiko Murayama, Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology

“Sustainable Energy Policy and Public Participation in Japan”

Noriko Okubo, Professor, Osaka University

Yayoi Isono, Professor, Tokyo Keizai University

“Renewable Energy should be the Key for Achieving SDGs in Any Country”

Shin-ichiro Tanaka, Representative, Regional Policy Design Office, Japan

Kimiko Hirata, Director, Climate Action Network (CAN) Japan

“The first RE100 University in Japan - Chiba University of Commerce-”

Sachihiko Harashina, President, CUC

Yurika Ayukawa, Professor emeritus, CUC

Keynote Address in the Opening Plenary

Mon. 1, October (9:00-10:30)

“Creating Sustainable Energy Societies”

Sachihiko Harashina

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