

Message from the Chair of the SDSN Japan Council

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The Sustainable Development Solutions Network Japan (SDSN Japan) was launched last July as an action-oriented network bringing together a wide range of stakeholders, including citizens, companies, researchers and local governments, with the aim of realizing a sustainable society.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly last September. SDSN Japan has launched its activities to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are the key element of the 2030 Agenda.

SDSN Japan plans to develop recommendations for achieving the SDGs as our contribution to the G7 Summit process, including the G7 Environment Ministers Meeting in May. We are also planning to formulate a road map for solving the common problems faced by neighboring countries in the Asia-Pacific region, in close collaboration with SDSNs in the region.

We would like the outcomes of our activities to feed into international discussions during the High-Level Political

Forum (HLPF) in July in New York, and we will also be disseminating these outcomes more broadly to the international community.

The further development and success of our activities depends on cooperation and support from all stakeholders. On behalf of SDSN Japan, I would like to seek your kind and continuous support for our important work toward a sustainable future.

Message from Prof. Jeffrey Sachs

Director of SDSN; Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University



Although it has been more than 20 years since the first Rio Earth Summit, the world still faces unsolved problems such as continuing poverty, inequality, and environmental threats. The challenges Japan faces at present may also be found in various places around the world in the future. In achieving "The Age of Sustainable Development," it is expected that Japanese society will play a leading role by engaging its experience, know-how and technical prowess.

Activities in 2015

SDSN Japan officially launched during the 7th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP 2015) in Yokohama in July

Co-host:

International Conference on Science and Technology for Sustainability 2015 (Tokyo, 15 Nov.)

International Symposium on Sustainability Science (Tokyo, 21 Nov.)

Regional workshops on implementation of the SDGs in Kita-kyushu (22 Oct.), Nagasaki (5 Nov.), Kyoto (21 Nov.), Kanazawa (26 Nov.)

Symposium "Sustainable Development Goals and Partnerships – The Global Agenda in the Future of Corporate Social Responsibility" (Tokyo, 7 Dec.)

Workshop on implementation of the SDGs in Australia (15 Dec.)

Future Plans

15 January 2016:

Symposium "The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Transforming Japan and the World" (co-host) (Tokyo)

29 February – 1 March 2016:

Regional Workshop on Implementation of the SDGs in Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)

16 April 2016:

Special Symposium on SDGs Implementation (Tokyo) (tbc)

Objectives of SDSN Japan

1. To achieve a sustainable society through effective implementation of the SDGs
2. To develop platforms for engagement of multi-stakeholders
3. To contribute to global discussions on sustainability issues in close collaboration with relevant organizations and networks