

Mainstreaming Sustainable Development



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted at the UN General Assembly last September. SDSN Japan has launched its activities to contribute to implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are the core element of the 2030 Agenda.

As the G7 Summit and its relevant Ministerial Meetings will be hosted by the Government of Japan this year, SDSN Japan has produced policy recommendations to be reflected in these high-level political debates, which call for the leaders of G7 member countries to play a leading role in achieving the SDGs.

The recommendations will cover a wide range of policy areas, including governance for the SDGs, multi-stakeholder engagement, climate change, sustainable consumption & production, biodiversity, international development, and education. These recommendations will be shared not only with the senior policymakers and advisors of the relevant agencies of the Government of Japan, but also with other SDSN members through the global SDSN network, in order to ensure a global approach.

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The mainstreaming of sustainable development has been discussed for many years by the international community. However it has not yet been realized, and there is still much work to be done to fully incorporate sustainable development into national policies and the corporate strategies of businesses. Since the SDGs — unlike the MDGs — are universal goals to be tackled by all countries, the developed countries are in the best position to take the lead in formulating their policies to achieve the SDGs. This is the same policy direction as mainstreaming sustainable development into national policies and strategies of enterprises. SDSN Japan is seeking to secure a mechanism for mainstreaming sustainable development in public and private policymaking. I would like to emphasize that it is crucial for all stakeholders to implement concrete actions toward achieving the SDGs, which will pave the way for leaders in the public and private sectors to make their own active commitments.

SDSN Japan will continue to commit itself to realizing the mainstreaming of sustainable development, with your kind and strong support. We are very much looking forward to working closely with you all on this crucial task.

SDSN Symposium and Workshop took place in Malaysia

The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the UN University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) jointly organized the symposium and workshop “On the Road to 2030 – Global and National Perspectives on Implementation of the SDGs” on 29 February and 1 March 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Supporting partners included: the Malaysian Industry Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT); the Office of the Science Advisor; the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS); Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and LESTARI; the Keio Research Institute. Prof. Norichika Kanie, Council member of SDSN Japan, attended as the panelist/moderator.

In this event, participants from Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Germany and Australia discussed a number of crucial issues for implementation of the SDGs.



A Briefing Note on this event was published by the IISD (International Institute for Sustainable Development). For details, please visit IISD website.

<http://www.iisd.ca/sdgs/symposium-implementation/>

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