



## **Strengthening Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change**

**Tokyo, Japan**

**4 – 5 March 2024**

Convened by UN DESA and UNFCCC  
Co-organized by the United Nations University (UNU)  
Hosted by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan  
Supported by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

### **Programme**

#### **Overview:**

#### **4 March:**

10:00 – 12:30: Expert Group Meeting on SDG 13 review for 2024 HLPF – Session 1: Key challenges and opportunities for accelerating transformations

14:00 – 18:00: [Optional for the in-person SDG13 EGM attendees] Expert Group Meeting on Climate and SDG Synergy – Thematic Deep Dives 1&2

#### **5 March:**

9:00 – 12:30: [Optional for the in-person SDG13 EGM attendees] Expert Group Meeting on Climate and SDG Synergy – Thematic Deep Dives 3&4

14:00 – 18:00: Expert Group Meeting on SDG 13 review for 2024 HLPF

Sessions 2: Tackling the interlinked crisis of climate, nature, and development

Session 3: Means of implementation of SDG 13

**DAY 1 – 4 March****10:00 – 12:30 JST      Expert Group Meeting on SDG 13 review for 2024 HLPF**

10:00 – 10:30 JST  
2:00 – 2:30 CET  
20:00 – 20:30 EST

***Official opening*****Opening remarks:**

**Mr. Daniele Violetti**, Senior Director, Programmes Coordination, United Nations Climate Change (UNFCCC)

**Mr. Minoru Takada**, Secretary, UN-Energy secretariat, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

**Welcome remarks:**

**Mr. Yutaka Matsuzawa**, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs (MOEJ)

**Ms. Shinobu Yume Yamaguchi**, Director, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)

**Mr. Yasuo Takahashi**, Executive Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

**Special update:**

**Mr. Kotaro Kawamata**, Director, International Strategy Division, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ)

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10:30 – 12:30 JST  
2:30 – 4:30 CET  
20:30 – 22:30 EST

**Session 1: *Key challenges and opportunities for accelerating transformations***

This session will bring together a multi-stakeholder group of experts to assess progress, challenges and opportunities for achieving SDG 13 in support of addressing the interconnected crises of nature, development, biodiversity, food-water-energy security, and others.

**Moderator:**

**Ms. Meagan Fallone**, Founder, Step Up AdvisErs, Ltd. & Executive Adviser Climate Justice, Entrepreneur-in-Residence, CARE

**Scene-setting presentation:**

**Mr. Luis Gomez Echeverri**, Emeritus Research Scholar, IIASA, co-lead of the Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy

**Ms. Diana Ürge-Vorsatz**, Professor, Central European University, Vice Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

**Moderated Roundtable:**

**Mr. Youba Sokona**, Former Vice-Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

**Mr. Norichika Kanie**, Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University

**Mr. Xiaohua Zhang**, Director of China Program, Climate Works Foundations

**Ms. Azadeh Farajpour Javazmi**, Founder, BetterSoil

**Mr. Paul Vaaler**, Professor and John and Bruce Mooty Chair in Law & Business, University of Minnesota (*online*)

**Ms. Laura Turquet**, Policy Advisor and Deputy Chief of Research and Data, UN Women (*online*)

**Ms. Meena Bilgi**, Representative of the Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (*online*)

**Ms. Suchismita Mukhopadhyay**, Lead Advocacy, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (*online*)

**Ms. Joy Hernandez**, Representative of Workers & Trade Union Major Group, International Trade Union Confederation for Asia Pacific (ITUC-AP) (*online*)

12:30 – 14:00 JST      Lunch break

**14:00 – 18:00 JST**      [Optional for the in-person SDG13 EGM attendees]  
**Expert Group Meeting on Climate and SDG Synergy**

14:00 – 14:30 JST  
 6:00 – 6:30 CET  
 00:00 – 00:30 EST

**Process towards the Second Report on Climate and SDG Synergy and setting the stage for discussions:**

**Mr. Luis Gomez Echeverri**, Emeritus Research Scholar, IIASA, co-lead of the Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy

**Ms. Heide Hackmann**, Director, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, co-lead of the Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy (*online*)

14:30 – 16:00 JST  
 6:30 – 8:00 CET  
 00:30 – 2:00 EST

**Thematic Deep Dive 1: Policy Framework for Synergistic Action**

**Presentation of main points from the online consultation:**

**Mr. Måns Nilsson**, Executive Director, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

**Ms. Heide Hackmann**, Director, Future Africa, University of Pretoria, co-lead of the Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy (*online*)

**Open discussion on annotated outline and key messages and findings:**

Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy

**Q&A** (*if time allows*)

Open to all in-person participants

16:00 – 16:30 JST      Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 JST  
8:30 – 10:00 CET  
2:30 – 4:00 EST

**Thematic Deep Dive 2: *Cities Platforms for Synergistic Action***

**Presentation of main points from the online consultation:**

**Ms. Diana Ürge-Vorsatz**, Professor, Central European University, Vice Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

**Mr. Felix Creutzig**, Professor, Technical University of Berlin

**Open discussion on annotated outline and key messages and findings:**

Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy

**Q&A** (*if time allows*)

Open to all in-person participants

**DAY 2 – 5 March****9:00 – 12:30 JST**

[Optional for the in-person SDG13 EGM attendees]  
**Expert Group Meeting on Climate and SDG Synergy**

9:00 – 10:30 JST  
01:00 – 2:30 CET  
19:00 – 20:30 EST

**Thematic Deep Dive 3: *Measures for Synergistic Action - Knowledge and Data*****Presentation of main points from the online consultation:**

**Mr. Luis Gomez Echeverri**, Emeritus Research Scholar, IIASA, co-lead of the Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy

**Mr. Ma Jun**, Director, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs (IPE)

**Open discussion on annotated outline and key messages and findings:**

Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy

**Q&A (if time allows)**

Open to all in-person participants

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**10:30 – 11:00 JST**

Coffee break

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11:00 – 12:30 JST  
3:00 – 4:30 CET  
21:00 – 22:30 EST

**Thematic Deep Dive 4: *New Financial System for Synergistic Action*****Presentation of main points from the online consultation:**

**Ms. Meagan Fallone**, Founder, Step Up AdvisErs, Ltd. & Executive Adviser Climate Justice, Entrepreneur-in-Residence, CARE

**Ms. Soumya Swaminathan**, Chairperson, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, Former Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO)

**Open discussion on annotated outline and key messages and findings:**

Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergy

**Q&A (if time allows)**

Open to all in-person participants

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**12:30 – 14:00 JST**

Lunch break

14:00 – 17:30 JST

Expert Group Meeting on SDG 13 review for 2024 HLPF

14:00 – 15:30 JST  
6:00 – 7:30 CET  
00:00 – 1:30 EST

**Session 2: *Tackling the interlinked crisis of climate, nature, and development***

This session will bring together all experts to discuss how to ensure poverty eradication, food security, peace, inclusive societies, equitable finance, coherent policies in a challenging world of climate catastrophes through mitigation and adaptation measures.

The discussion will aim to provide insights for integrated solutions, related to both vertical and horizontal policy integration, for long-term, cost-effective and participatory impacts.

**Moderator:**

**Ms. Soumya Swaminathan**, Chairperson, Chairperson, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, Former Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO)

**Scene-setting presentation:**

**Mr. Felix Creutzig**, Professor, Technical University of Berlin

**Mr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi**, President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

**Moderated Roundtable:**

**Mr. Akio Takemoto**, Head of Programme and Administration, United Nations University (UNU)

**Ms. Romchat Wachirarattanakorikul**, Human Rights Officer on Climate Change and the Environment Office, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Mr. Daihei Mochizuki**, Chief of Mission, International Organization on Migration (IOM) Tokyo

**Mr. Eriko Hibi**, Director of FAO Liaison Office in Japan, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

**Mr. Shizuka Hashimoto**, Member of the IPBES MEP, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

**Ms. Chantal Umuhoza**, Women's Major Group Representative, Tanga Community by SPECTRA

**Mr. Animesh Kumar**, Head of the UNDRR Bonn Office, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) (*online*)

**Ms. Ann Skelton**, Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (*online*)

**Ms. Princess Mthombeni**, Thought Leader and Founder of Africa4Nuclear (*online*)

**Ms. Anjana Das**, Senior Energy Advisor, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) (*online*)

**Ms. Aditi Mukherji**, Director, CGIAR Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Impact Platform (*online*)

**Ms. Aisha Raheem**, Founder, FarmsZ2u (*online*)

**Mr. Jean-Luc Chotte**, Senior Research Director, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement - National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) (*online*)

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15:30 – 16:00 JST      Coffee break

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16:00 – 17:30 JST      **Session 3: Means of implementation of SDG 13**

8:00 – 9:30 CET

2:00 – 3:30 EST

This session will bring all experts to provide concrete suggestions to enhance means of implementation of SDG 13 in support of climate action and other SDGs.

This session will also summarize the discussions of the experts and provide clear inputs to the HLPF thematic review of the SDG 13 in July.

**Moderator:**

**Mr. Kaveh Guilanpour**, Vice President for International Strategies, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)

**Scene-setting presentation:**

**Mr. Måns Nilsson**, Executive Director, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

**Mr. Ma Jun**, Director, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs (IPE)

**Moderated Roundtable:**

**Mr. Junichi Fujino**, Program Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

**Mr. Yannick Glemarec**, Former Executive Director, Green Climate Fund, Director of Research, International Research Center on Environment and Development (CIRED) (*online*)

**Ms. Misa Kemmiya**, Director General for Sustainability Management, Japan International Cooperation Agency

**Ms. Haruka Toyama**, Major Group on Children and Youth Representative, Japan Youth Platform for Sustainability (JYPS)

**Ms. Isabella de Roldão**, Deputy Mayor and International Relations Coordinator, Government of Brazil

**Ms. Josephine Uranza**, Regional Coordinator, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, Asia and Pacific Section, International Maritime Organization (IMO)

**Mr. Tatsuya Yanase**, Environment and Climate Change Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**Ms. Stephanie Hellweg**, Deputy Head of Institute of Environmental Engineering and member of International Resource Panel (*online*)

**Mr. Henri Paillere**, Head Planning and Economic Studies Section, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (*online*)

**Ms. Joni Pegram**, Climate & Environment Policy Specialist, UNICEF (*online*)

**Ms. Maria Theresa N. Lauron**, Women's Major Group Representative, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (*online*)

**Ms. Jaejong Del Ser**, Carbon Finance Co-Lead, CIFAR Alliance (*online*)

**Mr. Vikram Sarbajna**, Founder, Agtually (*online*)

**Mr. Qi Shuguang**, Professor in Engineering/Vice Chief Engineer of CTTL-systems, China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (*online*)

**Mr. Alaaeldin Sayed Sayed Ewase**, Researcher in Climate Change Adaptation, Environmental Affairs Agency, Ministry of Environment of Egypt (*online*)

**Ms. Amelia U. Santos-Paulino**, Chief, Investment Research Section, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (*online*)

17:30 – 18:00

Way Forward and Official Closing: HLPF and Beyond

***Summary of the discussion highlights and key messages***

**Ms. Bahareh Seyedi**, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

***Closing remarks***

**Mr. Daniele Violetti**, Senior Director, Programmes Coordination, United Nations Climate Change (UNFCCC)

**Mr. Minoru Takada**, Secretary, UN-Energy secretariat, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)