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THIRD GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING SYNERGIES BETWEEN THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Building the evidence base for synergistic action in support of raising climate and SDGs ambition

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW (Draft as of 23 June 2022)

Co-convened by:

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change Secretariat (UN Climate Change)

Hosted by: Ministry of Environment (MoE), Japan

In partnership with United Nations University (UNU) and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

Participation: Open by registration to all Member States and other stakeholders including business, CSOs, local governments, youth, academia and others

Location: The Conference will be held hybrid, United Nations University, Japan, Tokyo

Registration: For information regarding registration for the Conference, including side event application, please visit [Conference website](#)

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY	
10:00 JST 03:00 CET 21:00 EST	Multi-stakeholder Session – Sharing Experiences and Lessons Learned This session will shed light on solutions from Asia and around the world on harnessing climate and SDGs synergies.
13:00 JST 06:00 CET 00:00 EST	Scene Setting Conversation Scene-setting conversation with co-conveners and a special panel from a variety of stakeholders to set expectations for the day.
14:00 JST 07:00 CET 1:00 EST	Side Events A series of side events from multi-stakeholder groups will showcase real experiences on the ground on key issues related to harnessing climate and SDGs synergies. A detailed programme for side events will be developed separately.
17:30 JST	Fireside Chat
19:15 JST 12:15 CET 06:15 EST	Welcome Ceremony
	Ministry of Environment Japan Special Launch Event
20:00 JST 13:00 CET 07:00 EST	Conference Opening and High-Level Segment: Advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development transition to a low-carbon economy The objectives of the Paris Agreement and its 1.5°C target can still be reached, if climate action is stepped up at all level. At the same time, an accelerated transition towards a cleaner, greener, and socially more inclusive economy in line with the 2030 Agenda, will require much additional effort and greater national and international collaboration while ensuring no one is left behind. At the high-Level Segment, Ministers and Senior Officials are invited to share perspectives and experiences on harnessing climate and SDGs synergies across these two critical agendas.

DAY 2, THURSDAY, 21 JULY	
10:30 JST 03:30 CET 21:30 EST	Side Events A series of side events from multi-stakeholder groups will showcase real experiences on the ground on key issues related to harnessing climate and SDGs synergies. A detailed programme for side events will be developed separately.
13:15 JST	Fireside Chat
13:30 JST 06:30 CET 00:30 EST	Parallel Sessions 1 <hr/> Parallel Session 1.1: Implementing a nexus approach across key sectors and policy areas Based on evidence, examples, and case studies, invited experts point out practical options and solutions for maximizing co-benefits and minimizing trade-offs in multiple SDGs while advancing climate action as well as solve social, economic, and environmental issues. Parallel Session 1.2: Ensuring just transitions, enabling empowerment and enhancing knowledge and skills Invited speakers will highlight examples and solutions on how to ensure just transition and leave no one behind. It will also shed light on impact of science and education to facilitate various stakeholders including governments, international organizations, the private sector, academia, communities, and the youth, to promote just and inclusive climate actions. Parallel Session 1.3: Forging partnerships for synergetic action Connecting the dots from local to national to global, this session will focus on cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder partnerships to forge synergistic action on climate and SDGs.
15:15 JST 08:15 CET 2:15 EST	Parallel Sessions 2 <hr/> Parallel Session 2.1: Overcoming barriers to financing, technology and innovation Invited experts reflect on important means of implementation for advancing climate and SDG synergies in action. These include access to and use of public and private finance, technological innovation, as well capacity development for sound data collection and analysis at local and national levels. Parallel Session 2.2: Harnessing climate-SDG synergies and co-benefits whilst closing the ambition gap This session sheds light on local, national and regional processes and instruments that can facilitate interlinkages and synergies on climate and the SDGs. This includes integrated design, planning, and implementation of specific frameworks, such as the NDCs, the VNRs, green recovery plans, etc. Parallel Session 2.3: Measurement, reporting and verification This session will highlight key elements, lessons learned and success stories of robust monitoring and reporting mechanisms for synergistic action.
17:00 JST 10:00 CET 04:00 EST	The Way Forward: Profound transformation in needed, possible, and beneficial for all Looking forward, there remain many opportunities of harnessing climate and SDG co-benefits to raise ambition ahead of key 2022 milestones. This session will highlight takeaways from the deliberations during the two days of the conference and will provide an opportunity to take forward key recommendations on strengthening climate and SDGs synergies