



**NET-ZERO ECONOMY:**

**ALIGNING INTERNATIONAL  
ENERGY FINANCE**



ONLINE EVENT

# DECARBONISATION DIALOGUE

New initiatives for a net-zero future

Tuesday 8 February 2022, 4:00-5:30 pm JST, 8:00-9:30 am CET

Dear Madam or Sir,

The German Embassy in Tokyo, the Environmental Institute for Global Environmental Strategies and Climate Transparency cordially invite you to the Decarbonisation Dialogue.

The COP26 climate summit in Glasgow ended with a compromise to phase down coal power. A complete phase-out agreement could not be reached on the multi-lateral stage. However, 46 countries (among them Germany) signed the Global Coal to Clean Power Transition Statement to achieve a transition away from unabated coal power generation in the 2030s (major economies) and 2040s (others). In addition, new initiatives such as Asian Development Bank's Energy Transition Mechanisms and the Just Energy Transition Partnership among South Africa, European countries and the US were also proposed. These new efforts, together with the ongoing challenge to jump-start the global economy in a COVID 19 world, creates a unique window of opportunity to switch tracks from high to low carbon pathways.

As highly industrialized nations, Japan and Germany are in a position to promote decarbonisation through innovative technologies. Both nations share the need to transition to a low-carbon economy, but also need to stay competitive in a more and more carbon-constrained world. Their support to other nations' decarbonisation efforts through bilateral and multilateral energy partnerships by dialogue, assistance and transfer of policy is therefore a key component for a global low-carbon economy. At the same time, an increase of low-carbon investments will help to balance out the phase-out of foreign investments in coal power all g7 nations have committed to at their last summit in June 2021.

This dialogue will introduce the current status and future perspective of decarbonisation, opening possibilities for common net-zero pathways.

We would be delighted to welcome you to this event and engage with you in a lively debate.

Please register [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Kentaro Tamura**

Institute of Global Environmental Strategies

**Dr. Gerd Leipold**

Program Director, Climate Transparency

# AGENDA

**FACILITATOR:** Dr. Kentaro Tamura, IGES

TIME	AGENDA
16.00 – 16.05	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b>  <i>Ms. Susanne Welter, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany</i> <i>Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan</i>
16.05 – 16.20	<b>JAPAN'S DECARBONISATION POLICY</b>  <i>Mr. Michihiro Oi, Director, International Strategy Division, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, (MOEJ), Japan</i>
16.20 – 16.35	<b>OUTLOOK ON THE GERMAN CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE G7 PRIORITIES</b>  <i>Mr. Marcus Hicken, Head of Division for External Energy Policy and Decarbonization, Federal Foreign Office (AA), Germany</i>
16.35 – 16.50	<b>ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S ENERGY TRANSITION MECHANISM (ETM)</b>  <i>Dr. Pradeep Tharakan, Unit Head, Sovereign Energy Operations, Greater Mekong Subregion, Southeast Asia Energy Division, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</i>
16.50 – 17.05	<b>POLITICAL DECLARATION ON THE JUST ENERGY TRANSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA</b>  <i>Ms. Jesse Burton, Energy Systems Research Group (ESRG), Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Cape Town, South Africa</i>
17.05 – 17.25	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION "TOWARDS NET ZERO: DECARBONISATION IN EMERGING ECONOMIES"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Mr. Marcus Hicken, Head of Division for External Energy Policy and Decarbonization, Federal Foreign Office (AA), Germany</i></li><li>● <i>Mr. Ryuzo Sugimoto, Director, International Cooperation and Sustainable Infrastructure office, Global Environmental Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, (MOEJ), Japan</i></li><li>● <i>Dr. Pradeep Tharakan, Unit Head, Sovereign Energy Operations, Greater Mekong Subregion, Southeast Asia Energy Division, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</i></li><li>● <i>Ms. Jesse Burton, Energy Systems Research Group (ESRG), Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Cape Town, South Africa</i></li><li>● <i>Mr. Fabby Tumiwa, Executive Director, Institute for Essential Services Reform (IESR), Indonesia</i></li><li>● <i>Mr. Hajime Takizawa, Policy Researcher, Climate and Energy Area, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan</i></li></ul> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Kentaro Tamura, Director, Climate and Energy Area, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan</i></p>
17.25 – 17.30	<b>Q&amp;A AND SUMMARY</b>

## **ABOUT IGES:**

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) was established in March 1998 under an initiative of the Japanese government and with the support of Kanagawa Prefecture. The aim of the Institute is to achieve a new paradigm for civilization and conduct innovative policy development and strategic research for environmental measures, reflecting the results of research into political decisions for realising sustainable development both in the Asia-Pacific region and globally.

## **ABOUT CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY:**

[Climate Transparency](#) is a global partnership with a shared mission to stimulate a 'race to the top' in climate action in G20 countries through enhanced transparency. It convenes partners from Argentina (Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales), Brazil (CentroClima/COPPE UFRJ), China (Energy Research Institute), France (The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations), Germany (Climate Analytics, Germanwatch, HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform, NewClimate Institute), India (The Energy and Resources Institute), Indonesia (Institute for Essential Service Reform), Japan (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies), Mexico (Iniciativa Climática de México), South Africa (Energy Research Center/University of Cape Town) and the UK (Overseas Development Institute). Climate Transparency is funded by the International Climate Initiative of the German Environment Ministry, the World Bank Group, the ClimateWorks Foundation, and the German Federal Foreign Office.

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