

“National Experience of the VNR Process - Japan”

Virtual VNR Lab: Session 17

Friday, 16 July 2021, 8:00 - 9:00 (EST)/21:00 - 22:00 (JST)

(Virtual Event on Microsoft Teams)

Background

The spread of COVID-19 has slowed down or reversed the progress toward achieving the SDGs. Amid the ongoing crisis, it is necessary to expand and accelerate efforts to build back better from the COVID-19 crisis to achieve the SDGs by 2030. To that end, Japan, having submitted its VNR, would like to share the efforts toward achieving the SDGs by various stakeholders, to convey our commitment to accelerate its efforts in collaboration with the international community during the Decade of Action.

In the process of drafting the VNR, the Japanese Government has incorporated a wide range of voices, including through a series of discussion on the assessment by the members of the SDGs Promotion Roundtable, which consists of representatives from civil society, business world, academia, labor union and others. Also the JG has exchanged views with wide range of stakeholders, including civil society and youth organizations. And, the VNR went through a public comment process. Through these experiences, in this webinar, Japan would like to share the key messages of the VNR as well as value of multi-stakeholder approaches in promoting the SDGs.

Programme and Speakers

8:00 - 8:05 (EST)/ 21:00 – 21:05 (JST)	Opening remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none">● H.E. Mr. KIMURA Tetsuya, Ambassador of Japan to the United Nations● Ms. Marion Barthélemy, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
8:05 – 8:15 (EST)/ 21:05 – 21:15 (JST)	Introduction of the Japanese VNR by Ms. YOSHIDA Aya, Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
8:15 – 8:45 (EST)/ 21:15 – 21:45 (JST)	Panel discussion Moderator : Dr. KANIE Norichika, Professor, Keio University Speakers : <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ms. KATAOKA Yatsuka, Programme Director, City Task Force, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)● Ms. HASEGAWA Tomoko, Managing Director , Keidanren (Japan Business Federation)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. MATSUMOTO Chie, Journalist, Editor in Chief at Unfiltered Media Cooperative ● Ms. ENDO Risa, Convener of Steering Meeting, Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs (Deputy Director-General of JACSES) ● Ms. SHIBATA Noriko, Convener of Steering Meeting, Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs (Senior Advocacy Advisor of World Vision Japan) (Guiding Questions) ● Ms. MURAI Natsuki , JYPS Secretariat/Policy Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How have you been involved in and contributed to the promotion of the SDGs, and what challenges have you faced in promoting the SDGs and what challenges do you need to address in the future? - What are the lessons learned from the VNR, and how do you plan to advance your efforts in the future based on the VNR? - Cooperation among the international community is indispensable to achieve the SDGs. In the future, how can Japan's efforts be linked to the achievement of the SDGs, which are goals for the entire world?
8:45 – 8:55 (EST)/ 21:45 – 21:55 (JST)	Questions and discussion moderated by Dr. KANIE Norichika, Professor, Keio University
8:55 – 9:00 (EST)/ 21:55 – 22:00 (JST)	Closing remarks by Ms. YOSHIDA Aya, Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan