

GEA International Conference 2024

23–24 October, 2024

Promoting Measures to Simultaneously Decarbonize and Achieve the SDGs:

*Overcoming the Triple Crisis of
Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss,
and Pollution*

What is GEA?

The origins of GEA can be traced back to the International Eminent Persons' Meeting on Financing Global Environment and Development in Tokyo, Japan, held one year before the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), the first international Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In response to a request from UNCED Secretary-General Maurice STRONG, former Prime Minister TAKESHITA Noboru played a major role in organizing the event, bringing together former United States President Jimmy CARTER and other figures shaping international opinion. GEA is an NGO founded by former Prime Minister TAKESHITA, with membership from Japanese leaders, supra-party Diet members, business leaders and academics. GEA regularly holds international conferences, inviting participation from those at the world's top research institutes and international organizations, as well as influential figures who shape international opinion, to bring to light the critical situation of the global environment and disseminate the adopted recommendations to the rest of the world.

Outline

Theme	Promoting Measures to Simultaneously Decarbonize and Achieve the SDGs: <i>Overcoming the Triple Crisis of Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, and Pollution</i>
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Co-organised by	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Ministry of the Environment



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Keynote Speech



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Programme

Day 1 | Wednesday, 23 October 2024

10:00~12:00

Opening Ceremony, “Ho-O-no-Ma” 2F

Opening Speech	YAMAGUCHI Shunichi	Chair, Global Environmental Action (GEA)/ Member of the House of Representatives/ Former Minister of State for Special Missions, Japan
Address	His Majesty the Emperor	
Guest Speech	ISHIBA Shigeru	Prime Minister of Japan
Keynote Speech	Jim SKEA	Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

12:15~13:10

Luncheon, “Magnolia Hall” 2F (assigned seats)

Speeches	AOKI Kazuhiko	Director General of GEA/ Member of House of Councillors Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary, Japan
	ASAO Keiichiro	Minister of the Environment, Japan
	SHOJI Kenichi	Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
	TAKEUCHI Shinji	Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

[Plenary Session] “Providence Hall” 2F

13:15~15:45

Session 1 : Strategic Approaches for a Decarbonized Society

Opening Remarks by Chair of the Conference		
	TAKEMOTO Kazuhiko	Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo President, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center (OECC), Japan
Session Chair	TAKAMURA Yukari	Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo
Presentations	YAMASAKI Toru	President and Representative Director, The San-in Godo Bank, Ltd.
	UESADA Akihito	Mayor of Matsue City, Shimane Prefecture, Japan
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	KATO Keita (Keith)	President and Representative Director, SEKISUI CHEMICAL CO., LTD.
	MATSUNAGA Tsuneo	Director, Satellite Observation Center, Earth System Division, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan
Discussant	Jim SKEA	Chair, IPCC

15:45~16:15

Coffee Break

16:15~18:15

Session 2 : Coping with Biodiversity Loss

Session Chair	NAKASHIZUKA Toru	President, Forest Research and Management Organization
Presentations	Karen LIPS	Deputy Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
	YOSHIDA Masahito	Professor Emeritus, University of Tsukuba
	Thomas KASTNER	Senior Scientist, Senckenberg Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre
	IIZUKA Yuko	Executive Officer and General Manager, Sustainability Department, Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

19:00~20:30

Welcome Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Iikura House (buffet style)

Speeches	HOSAKA Yasushi	Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
	TAKEUCHI Kazuhiko	Senior Advisor of GEA/ President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

[Plenary Session] “Providence Hall” 2F

9:30~11:45

Session 3: Addressing Marine Plastic Pollution

Session Chair	Suchana (Apple) Chavanich	Professor, Department of Marine Science, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University
Presentations	Luis Vayas-VALDIVIESO	Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on Plastic Pollution Ambassador of Ecuador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	KOJIMA Michikazu	Chief Senior Researcher, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, The Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)
	TOKAI Tadashi	Professor Emeritus, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology
	Drahomíra MANDÍKOVÁ	Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Asahi Group Holdings, Ltd.

12:00~13:00

Luncheon, “Magnolia Hall” 2F (assigned seats)

Speeches	HONDA Akiko	Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan
	KOYARI Takashi	Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

13:15~15:45

Session 4: Maximizing Synergies and Minimizing Trade-offs

Session Chair	TAKAHASHI Yasuo	Special Policy Advisor, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
Presentations	Dechen TSERING	Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-ROAP)
	Diana ÜRGE -VORSATZ	Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University (CEU) Vice Chair, IPCC
	KANIE Norichika	Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance Keio University Director and Founder of the xSDG Laboratory, Keio Research Institute at SFC
	KENMIYA Misa	Director General for Sustainable Management, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

15:45~16:15

Coffee Break

16:15~17:45

Wrap-up Session

Chair of the Conference	TAKEMOTO Kazuhiko	Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo President, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center (OECC), Japan
Reports from Session 1-4		
Free Discussion		
Chair's Summary		
Closing		

18:00~19:30

Farewell Reception, “Magnolia Hall” 2F (buffet style)

Speeches by Chair of the Conference	TAKEMOTO Kazuhiko	Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo President, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center (OECC), Japan
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Chair's Summary

The Global Environmental Action (GEA) International Conference 2024: “Promoting Measures to Simultaneously Decarbonize and Achieve the SDGs: Overcoming the Triple Crisis of Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, and Pollution” was convened in Tokyo on 23 and 24 October 2024.

This conference was organised by GEA, co-convened by the Government of Japan (Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; Ministry of the Environment). The conference intended to further advance the international discussion on climate change and energy, biodiversity loss, and marine plastic pollution, as well as the efforts aimed at creating synergies to address these issues in an integrated manner. By doing so, the conference aims to disseminate key recommendations for the world to achieve decarbonization and build a sustainable society.

1. Opening Ceremony

The conference was opened in the presence of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress, with an opening speech by GEA Chairman YAMAGUCHI Shunichi, an address from His Majesty the Emperor, and a guest speech by Prime Minister ISHIBA Shigeru. This was followed by a keynote speech by Jim SKEA, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The overall chair of the GEA International Conference 2024 was TAKEMOTO Kazuhiko, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Future Initiatives, the University of Tokyo / President of the Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center (OECC), Japan.

Opening Speech

GEA Chairman YAMAGUCHI Shunichi expressed his gratitude to the guests and co-organizers, as well as those who contributed to this conference. Then he mentioned the damage caused by the unprecedented earthquake that struck the Noto Peninsula at the beginning of this year, as well as the subsequent torrential rain, which reminded us how helpless we are in the face of nature's threats, and offered his sympathies to those in the affected areas who are still in the process of recovery. He indicated a strong commitment and responsibility to pass on a bright future to future generations of children and grandchildren. He then referred to the main theme of the conference, which aims to encourage the promotion of measures to address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, loss of biodiversity and pollution by considering how to simultaneously achieve decarbonization and the SDGs, as well as halt global warming, which causes extreme weather events. He expressed his appreciation to all the speakers from Japan and overseas who are working to solve global environmental issues, and also expressed his hopes for discussions and proposals that would influence the international community.



His Majesty the Emperor's Address

To start His address, His Majesty reminded the audience of the damage caused by disasters such as typhoons, hurricanes and other storms, floods, severe droughts and large-scale wildfires around the world, as well as the damage caused by the intense heat and heavy rain in Japan. He then referred to the World Meteorological Organization's report that the average global temperature in 2023 was the highest on record. He expressed his recognition that climate change, the loss of biodiversity at a rate unprecedented in human history, and worsening pollution are said to be all interconnected and addressing environmental issues and protecting our irreplaceable Earth, as well as passing it on to future generations, is an urgent challenge that we must tackle. Each of us will be asked to think about the future of the Earth and consider how we should act. Furthermore, touching upon both the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations in 2015, as well as the UN Summit of the Future held a month before this conference, he stated that in order to achieve a transformation towards a sustainable economy and society, it is necessary to promote initiatives on a global scale that aim to solve multiple issues in an integrated manner and promote synergy. In this



context, he mentioned that this conference is a valuable opportunity to bring together the wisdom of the world in order to cooperate with each other, overcoming differences in nationality and position, towards the creation of a sustainable society. Finally, he shared his hope that this conference would be an important step towards a future in which all of humanity and our descendants, as well as all life on Earth can enjoy the blessings of the global environment for a long time to come.

Guest Speech by Prime Minister ISHIBA Shigeru

Prime Minister ISHIBA Shigeru referred to the fact that, at last year's G7 Hiroshima Summit, which Japan chaired, all the leaders of G7 countries shared the recognition that our Earth is facing a triple planetary crisis: climate change, loss of biodiversity, and pollution. He then stated that Japan would take a progressive approach to these issues and lead the way. In the area of climate change, he stated that Japan would draw up the 'GX2040 Vision' for achieving green transformation, and revise the 'Basic Energy Plan' and the 'Global Warming Prevention Plan' to show the path to Japan's net zero emissions. Internationally, at the 'Asia Zero-Emission Community Summit' chaired by himself in Lao PDR, a joint statement was agreed upon, including an 'Action Plan for the Next Decade', to simultaneously achieve 'decarbonization, economic growth and energy security' in Asia. With regard to biodiversity, he touched on the importance of achieving "Nature Positive" to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, and stated that Japan would accelerate its efforts to achieve the '30 by 30 target' of conserving at least 30% of the national land area, by promoting the certification and support of 'Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites' - areas for the conservation of biodiversity - by the private sector and others, using the 'Act on Promoting Activities to Enhance Regional Biodiversity'. With regard to pollution, he mentioned that Japan is leading discussions on the formulation of an international treaty on plastic pollution, and domestically, as well as responding to environmental pollution, the Japanese government is promoting a specific policy package, including the 'Reiwa Local Production for Local Consumption Model' and the development of a system to promote the recycling of solar panels, with the aim of promoting the transition to a circular economy that has the potential to be a catalyst for new Japanese growth and regional revitalization. Finally, he also mentioned that Japan had proposed the 'Resolution on Promoting Synergies', adopted at the United Nations Environment Assembly held in March this year, and emphasized that Japan will work with the international community to promote the implementation of this resolution both inside and outside of the country, and will take the lead in efforts towards an integrated solution to the triple planetary crisis.



Keynote Speech by Professor Sir Jim SKEA

Jim SKEA, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported on the achievement of the Sixth Assessment Cycle with the three aims of the Paris Agreement. He highlighted the importance of actions by national governments that consider the synergies between climate action and sustainable development, while outlining plans for the Seventh Assessment Cycle. His speech focused on the following points:



- Paris Agreement Goal 1 (limiting temperature rise): Current NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) alone are insufficient to limit temperature increase to 1.5°C, making greenhouse gas emissions reductions critical. Wind and solar energy are expected to be the most viable means of achieving emissions reductions by 2030. Additionally, demand-side reduction measures, estimated to reduce emissions by 40-70% by 2050, are also vital.
- Paris Agreement Goal 2 (fostering climate resilience): A combination of heat and humidity increases due to warming could have severe impacts on human health. Although adaptation measures are steadily increasing, implementation remains insufficient, with a marked gap between necessary and actual adaptation actions, particularly among low-income populations.
- Paris Agreement Goal 3 (making financial flows consistent): Only 4-8% of tracked climate finance is allocated to adaptation, with more than 90% of adaptation finance coming from public sources. Greater mobilization of both public and private finance from developed to developing countries is needed, with an emphasis on establishing mechanisms to mitigate risks and leveraging private flows.

- Towards sustainable development and poverty eradication: The IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report systematically analyzed the interconnectedness between climate action and the SDGs. In the near term, climate mitigation and adaptation measures generate significant synergies with the SDGs. For example, the adoption and spread of electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles improves urban air quality improvement and contributes to better human health. However, there is also a need for caution regarding potential trade-offs, such as the large-scale land use changes required for bioenergy production, which could negatively impact SDG 2 (food security) and SDG 15 (biodiversity).
- IPCC's Seventh Assessment Cycle: In addition to the traditional reports by the three working groups, a "Special Report on Climate Change and Cities" is planned for 2027. Reports on short-lived climate forcers, carbon dioxide removal technologies, and methods for calculating emissions and sequestration from carbon capture, utilization and storage are also anticipated. The synthesis report is expected to be published by 2029.

In conclusion, Professor Sir Jim Skea had one final message, urging the world not to despair in the sight of these gloomy messages, reminding us that the future is in our hands, and that we have the means to confront the challenge of climate change.



2. Thematic Sessions

1 Strategic Approaches for a Decarbonized Society

- Global and Japanese strategies for the 1.5°C target
- Carbon neutrality in 2050 and the next decade
- Acceleration of initiatives by local authorities, communities, businesses including SMEs, financial institutions, and residents
- Monitoring greenhouse gas emissions using satellite data

2 Coping with Biodiversity Loss

- Nature Positive, the 2030 mission of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- 30 by 30 target
- Sustainable agriculture and forestry, fishery and resilient food systems and food security
- Business impact on biodiversity and sustainable consumption

3 Addressing Marine Plastic Pollution

- The state of plastic pollution
- Importance of data management and harmonization
- Challenges facing developing countries and the role of international cooperation
- Promoting a circular economy as a countermeasure against plastic pollution
- For an effective global plastic treaty and its implementation



4 Maximizing Synergies and Minimizing Trade-offs

- The significance and necessity of addressing synergies at the global level
- Promoting inter-ministerial cooperation and policy integration
- Measures to expand the practice of synergies



3. Wrap-Up Session and Acknowledgements

Under the facilitation of the Chair of the GEA International Conference 2024, each session chair reported on the critical points of their respective thematic session, and all GEA members and session speakers further deepened their discussion. A report on the discussions at the conference will be published on the official conference website in due course. In his closing remarks, the Chair stated that he would promptly compile the results of the discussions and deliver them to international forums, such as the UNFCCC COP 29 to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan and the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5), to be held in Busan, Republic of Korea in November. Finally, he expressed his gratitude for the timely and active discussions in each session, as well as appreciation to the GEA Executive Committee members and the GEA Secretariat for their efforts in organizing the conference, to the speakers and participants from Japan and overseas, and to all those who contributed to the smooth convening of the conference.

24 October 2024

GEA International Conference 2024 Chair
TAKEMOTO Kazuhiko

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