

SB24 side event

“Asia-Pacific Initiative toward a Sustainable and Environmentally-Sound Society”

May 23rd, Tuesday, 13:00-15:00, Room Metro

Refreshments will be served.

The Programme:

- 13:00-13:10 **Welcome & Introduction to the side event** by *Prof. Ryokichi Hirono* (Seikei University, Japan)
<Moderator: *Mr. Naoya Tsukamoto* (Ministry of the Environment of Japan, Japan)>
- 13:10-13:15 **Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change** by *Mr. Makoto Kato* (Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan)
- 13:15-13:25 **Workshop on GHG Inventories in Asia Region** by *Ms. Aree Tummakird* (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand) and *Ms. Chisa Umemiya* (National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan)
- 13:25-13:35 **Asia-Pacific Network on Global Change Research** by *Dr. Andrew Matthews* (Asia-Pacific Network on Global Change Research/APN)
- 13:35-13:45 **Integrated Environmental Strategies Program** by *Ms. Susan Wickwire* (US Environment Protection Agency, U.S.A.)
- 13:45-13:55 **Low Carbon Society Scenarios toward 2050** by *Mr. Liu Qiang* (Energy Research Institute, NDRC, China)
- 13:55-14:50 **Panel discussion**
In addition to the speaker of each regional programme, panelists will include:
- *Mr. Mozaharul Alam* (Bangladesh Center for Advanced Studies, Bangladesh)
 - *Mr. Taka Hiraishi* (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan)
 - *Mr. S. Muthusamy* (Environment & Natural Resource Economics, Malaysia)
 - *Mr. Dadang Hilman* (Ministry of the Environment, Indonesia)
- 14:50-15:00 **Wrap-up** by *Prof. Ryokichi Hirono* (Seikei University, Japan)

Background:

In recent years, Asia-Pacific countries are more and more engaging in activities addressing the climate change issues, whilst they have been performing rapid economic growth. This demonstrates opportunities to realize co-benefits between tackling the climate change and driving national and regional development. This side event will present five distinguishing cases of on-going regional activities in the fields of (1) policy development, (2) greenhouse gas inventories, (3) capacity building of scientific research, (4) co-benefits approach, (5) the future vision in 2050. Selected panelists will then discuss to explore a new model of sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region.

Key objectives:

- To introduce distinguishing cases of regional activities focusing on different aspects of climate change issues
- To identify the best-practices and challenges of regional activities in the Asia-Pacific
- To explore a new model of sustainable development in the Asian-Pacific region.

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