

The “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue : The Seventh Experts' Meeting



Webinar on “Environmental issues in Central Asia and Caucasus and The Role of Japan”

Date: Wednesday, 16 March 2022

Timing: JST 15:00-19:00± (UTC 6:00-10:00±)

Interpretation: English or Russian interpretation available

*Registration is required.

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In Central Asia and Caucasus region, there are environmental problems that extend beyond national borders, such as water resources issues including the Aral Sea and impacts of climate change on mountainous regions.

In recent years, there has been a worldwide shift from fossil fuels to renewable and other clean energy sources to combat global warming.

Japan declared "carbon neutrality by 2050" in October last year, and is promoting industrial policies (Green Growth Strategy) to create a "virtuous cycle between the economy and the environment".

In this seminar, experts from Japan and the countries of Central Asia and Caucasus will discuss the current status of environmental problems in the region and issues that Japan has the potential to work on in the future.

◆Time Table

[15:00-15:05] Welcome addressees

[15:05-15:30] Keynote Speech

Speaker: KAWABATA Yoshiko (Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology)

[15:30-15:40] Short Break

[15:40-16:40] Session 1: Water, Soil and Society in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Moderator: CHIDA Tetsuro (Nagoya University)

Japanese Speaker: TOUGE Yoshiya (Tohoku University)

Countries: Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

[16:40-16:45] Short Break

[16:45-17:45] Session 2: Climate Change and Sustainable Future of Mountain Environment

Moderator: UYAMA Tomohiko (Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University)

Japanese Speaker: NARAMA Chiyuki (Niigata University)

Countries: Armenia, Kyrgyz, Tajikistan

[17:45-17:50] Short Break

[17:50-18:50] Session 3: Japan – Central Asia and Caucasus cooperation

- Regional Potentials of the Joint Crediting Mechanism

Moderator: TAKEDA Yoshinori (Director, Central Asia and Caucasus Division, MOFA)

Japanese Speaker:

SATO Tomonobu (Deputy Director, Climate Change Division, MOFA)

UGA Maiko (Section Chief, Office of Market Mechanisms,

Climate Change Policy Division, Global Environmental Bureau, MOE)

ISHIHARA Masami (Senior Manager, Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC))

Countries: Azerbaijan, Georgia

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