

37TH UNU GLOBAL SEMINAR

UNU Global Seminar: Implementing SDGs in the Anthropocene

UNU グローバルセミナー： ～人新世における SDGs の推進～



Dates: **8 - 11 March 2022**
Time: **13:00 - 17:00 JST**
Modality of the Seminar: **Online**
Language: **English**
Expected participants: **100**
Participant fee: **30,000 JPY**
Certificate: **Awarded upon the successful completion of the programme**
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Description and Aim

The 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) was held at the end of 2021 and the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was published. It is almost certain that the effects of climate change will be obvious in various sectors in our society, and there is an urgent need for social change to mitigate climate change to minimize the effect including droughts, floods, natural resources, disasters such as landslides, heat waves, and sea level rise. These changes will cause food, livelihoods, transportation, health, and cultural inheritance. At UNU Global Seminar 2022, we would like to **discuss the impacts of climate change in the three areas: biodiversity, water and education.**

At the seminar, the keynote speech will be delivered by three prominent researchers in the world related to biodiversity, water, and education. Groupwork will be organized to discuss impact and solution of the effect of climate change. Finally, innovative solution will be proposed by participants groups.

Learning Outcomes

Participants will:

- Engage with prominent leaders across fields and disciplines such as biodiversity, water and education to learn about the contemporary global issues related to each area and understand the sustainable initiatives.
- Obtain skill how to tackle the global issues with multiple aspects by planned groupworks step-by-step applying the world café style.
- Enhance communication capability and skill in making a consensus among the team members through the preparation for the presentation for the innovative solution about the impact and solution of the effect of climate change
- Make a network with other participants from different university and with diverse backgrounds through the world café style discussion and preparation for the presentations.

Who is eligible to participate?

- Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the universities located in Japan.
- Young professionals who are interested in the theme of the seminar are also welcome.

* Note: Faculty members and researchers of the university are not admissible.

Programme Outline

March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11
Opening ceremony	Keynote speech	(Consultation day)	Group presentation
Keynote speech	Groupwork	Groupwork	Closing ceremony
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Groupwork			

Programme

Day 1: Tuesday, 8 March 2022

- ✧ Welcome Note: *Prof. Yume Yamaguchi*, Director, UNU-IAS
- ✧ Keynote Speech 1 (Climate change & Water):
Prof. Yukiko Hirabayashi, Professor, Shibaura Institute of Technology
- ✧ Keynote Speech 2 (Education and human development)
Prof. Yee Kuan Heng, the University of Tokyo
- ✧ Concept Speech: *Prof. Kensuke Fukushi*, Academic Programme Advisor, UNU-IAS
- ✧ Group Work Session

Day 2: Wednesday, 9 March 2022

- ✧ Keynote Speech 3 (Climate change & Biodiversity)
Prof. Daniel Murdiyoso, Principal Scientist, the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- ✧ Group Work Session

Day 3: Thursday, 10 March 2022

- ✧ (Consultation Day)
- ✧ Group Work Session

Day 4: Friday, 11 March 2022

- ✧ Group Presentation
- ✧ Ceremony of Certificate Award

Note: Programme and lecturers are subject to change.

What is the UNU Global Seminar?

The UNU Global Seminars began in Japan in 1985.

The aim of the UNU Global Seminars is to enhance awareness about contemporary global issues and the role of the United Nations in addressing those issues. Students and young professionals are given the opportunity to interact with distinguished scholars and practitioners from Japan and abroad, and to explore a specific issue in depth through lectures and group discussions.