



# SDGs International Forum for Achieving Carbon Neutrality and Realising a Decarbonised Society

**Regional Efforts Leading the World to the Realisation of a Decarbonised Society  
—Creation of a Regional Circular and Ecological Sphere (Regional-CES) (Local SDGs)  
through Local Production and Consumption of Energy—**

- Carbon Neutrality and the SDGs, which aim to realise a sustainable society, are common goals of the world.
- Though the sharing of the principles of the SDGs and the exchange of advanced initiatives and knowledge in various fields, this Forum aims to help residents and business operators in Hyogo Prefecture deepen their awareness of the regional efforts to achieve carbon neutrality.

**Date and time** Friday, 23 December 2022,  
13:30-16:00 (JST)

**Venue** Lasse Hall 2nd floor, Blanche Rose Room  
(4-10-8 Nakayamate-dori, Chuo-ku, Kobe City)

**Forum method** Hybrid (on-site/online), Japanese-English  
simultaneous interpretation provided

**Capacity** 60 people at the venue, 300 people online  
(first-come-first-served basis)



**Participation is free of charge**

- ※ We appreciate your cooperation in wearing a mask at the venue.
- ※ Depending on the COVID-19 situation, the Forum may be held online only.

**Governor of Hyogo Prefecture**

**SAITO Motohiko**

Born in Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture in 1977. After graduating from the University of Tokyo, he joined the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications. In addition to his work within the ministry, he has experienced working at various local governments, such as Sado City in Niigata Prefecture, Iitate Village in Fukushima Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture, and Osaka Prefecture. In August 2021, he became the 53rd Governor of Hyogo Prefecture.



**President of IGES**

**TAKEUCHI Kazuhiko**

Project Professor of the Institute for Future Initiatives at the University of Tokyo. He has also served as Acting Chair of the Central Environment Council of Japan's Ministry of the Environment and a Visiting Professor at United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability. He has received various awards, including the Ichimura Prize in Science against Global Warming for Distinguished Achievement, and the MIDORI Academic Prize. He specializes in sustainability science.



**Organisers:** Hyogo Prefecture, Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)  
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

**Sponsor:** Hyogo Environmental Advancement Association

# Programme

## Part One

### Keynote speech

#### Concept of a Regional Circular and Ecological Sphere (Regional-CES) (Local SDGs) Utilising the SDGs

TAKEUCHI Kazuhiko, President of IGES

### Talk session

#### Hyogo Prefecture's SDGs Efforts in the Environmental Field

SAITO Motohiko, Governor of Hyogo Prefecture

TAKEUCHI Kazuhiko, President of IGES

## Part Two

### Panel discussion

#### Initiatives to Create a Regional Circular and Ecological Sphere (Regional-CES) (Local SDGs)

##### Coordinator

KOJIMA Satoshi, Programme Director, Kansai Research Centre of the IGES

##### Panellists

##### [Decarbonisation x Energy]

UEMATSU Norikazu, Director, SymEnergy Inc.

##### [Decarbonisation x Climate Change Impact]

Srikantha Herath, Director, Enviforecasting  
(former visiting professor at the University of Tokyo)

##### [Decarbonisation x Digital]

KISHIMOTO Teruyuki, President & CEO, NTT Anode Energy Corporation

##### [Decarbonisation x Finance]

OKUYAMA Hiromi, Branch Manager and Chief Manager, Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Unit, Kobe Branch, Japan Finance Corporation

##### [Decarbonisation x Government]

SUGA Noriaki, Chief Executive Officer,  
Environmental Management Department, Hyogo Prefectural Government

## How to apply

**Deadline: Friday, 16 December 2022**

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#### ① QR code

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