



RESILIENT PEOPLE RESILIENT PLANET A Future Worth Choosing

A side-event on the occasion of the East Asia Low Carbon Growth Partnership Dialogue “Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing”

Monday, 16 April 2012, 10 am-12 pm

Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall, United Nations University, Tokyo

This event will also be webcasted live: <http://videoportal.unu.edu/>

The High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP) was established by the UN Secretary-General in August 2010 to formulate a new blueprint for sustainable development and low-carbon prosperity. The Panel’s report, “*Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing*”, was launched on 30 January 2012. The Panel argues that by making transparent the cost of action and the cost of inaction, political processes can summon both the arguments and the political will necessary to act for a sustainable future. Its report contains 56 recommendations to put sustainable development into practice. Some of these recommendations can be instrumental in reassessing growth and decoupling it from resource use, achieving prosperity while reducing the use of fossil fuels.

This event provides an opportunity to present the GSP report, provide relevant inputs to the East Asia Summit process, and engage in a constructive dialogue, discussing options for implementation. Participants will also examine linkages between the recommendations in the GSP report with issues discussed in the East Asia Low Carbon Growth Partnership Dialogue and the Rio +20 process, such as:

- Standards and innovation, role of technology, energy efficiency and renewable energy;
- Green growth; and
- New ways to measure progress: shifting from quantity to quality of growth

Opening remarks

- **H.E. Dr. Yukio Hatoyama**, Member of the House of Representatives, former Prime Minister of Japan and Global Sustainability Panel Member
- **H.E. Mr. Goshi Hosono**, Minister of the Environment, Japan

Panel discussion

- **H.E. Dr. Alexander Bedritsky**, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation, Russian Special Envoy for Climate and Global Sustainability Panel Member
- **H.E. Dr. Yukio Hatoyama**, Member of the House of Representatives, former Prime Minister of Japan and Global Sustainability Panel Member
- **Ms. Yuko Sakita**, Co-Chair, Japanese National Preparatory Committee for Rio +20
- **Mr. Rae-Kwon Chung**, Director Environment and Sustainable Development, UNESCAP
- **Prof. Hironori Hamanaka**, Chair, Board of Directors, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and former Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Issues of the Ministry of Environment of Japan
- **Prof. Yurika Ayukawa**, Professor, Faculty of Policy Informatics, Chiba University of Commerce and former Special Advisor on Climate Change at WWF Japan

Moderator

- **Mr. Janos Pasztor**, Executive Secretary of the Global Sustainability Panel

For those who wish to attend the event, please send an email to the United Nations Information Centre in Tokyo: event@untokyo.jp, with "Registration for GSP side event" in the subject line by **Thursday, 12 April 2012**. Please state your name, organisation, email, telephone number and address.

For other questions, please contact **Ms. Lee Cando**, Secretariat of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability, tel. +1-212-963-0938, mobile +1-917-294-0972, email candol@un.org

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