



United Nations Climate Change Conference

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# Background of JCI – 3 reasons

- 1. To Respond to the Increasing Role of Non-State Actors in the Paris Agreement
  - Wanted to create movement from Japan

## 2. To Create a level-playing field for Japanese NSAs

 Ambitious actions taken by progressive JPN companies and local governments should receive fair recognition.

## 3. To Tap on the Advocacy Power of the NSAs to the Central Government

Japan needs to stand on the front line of global decarbonization.



# JCI at a glance

#### As of 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019



#### Secretariat Orgs





RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTITUTE

#### Partner Orgs





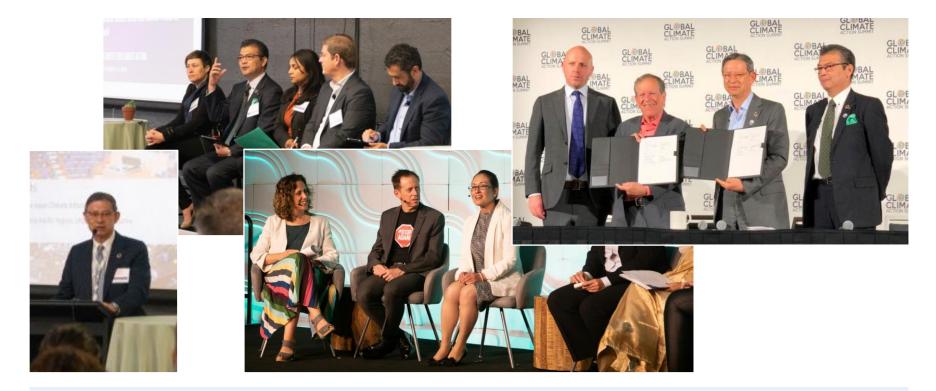


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## Launched on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

105 organizations joined at the launch.→ now <u>342</u> as of 4FEB19
(241 companies, 29 local govts and 72 other orgs)

# Key Activities – Global Climate Action Summit



## **Global Climate Action Summit**

Date: 12-14 September, 2018 JCI members: 22 people from 13 organizations Events: ACAs event, Panel Discussion on the main stage, MOU signing ceremony with America's Pledge

# Key Activities – Japan Climate Action Summit



# Japan Climate Action Summit

Date: 12 October, 2018 Participants: about 700 \*including 76 media/journalists (35 companies)

# **Japan Climate Action Summit Declaration**

- 171 Signatories
- The declaration was submitted to the Talanoa Dialogue

# Key Activities – proposal on LTS with various actors



January 18, 2019 Events

How Climate Action in Japan can lead the world – with Christiana Figueres (Former Executive Secretary of UNFCCC)



## How Climate Action in Japan can lead the world? 12 February 2019 – Ms Chrisitiana Figueres as a keynote speaker, inviting METI, MoFA, MoE, GPIF, business sectors as speakers

# So far, so good...

# A (good) surprise

 To be honest, we didn't expect this much (105 organizations) of participation from the beginning.

## **Proof that Japanese NSAs are already taking action**

 Encouraging to see so many actors are already sharing the ambition for decarbonization.

# **Steady growth since the launch**

 One crucial example: Central Federation of Societies of Commerce and Industry (CFSCI), which is a national network of more than <u>800,000</u> small and medium-sized enterprises across Japan

## We will expand more

<sup>-</sup> We are calling for <u>all the 47 prefectures</u> to join us.

When the Kyoto Protocol,[...], was adopted, Japan was certainly at the forefront of global climate action. However, 20 years later, Japan's current position is far from a leading one.

[...] Japan can and should play a greater role in the world in realizing a decarbonized society <u>primarily through promotion of</u> <u>energy efficiency and expansion of renewable energy</u>. Also, we are firmly convinced that [taking action]will bring <u>significant</u> <u>benefits to Japan itself.</u>

We will enhance our efforts <u>to demonstrate global leadership</u> in achieving the well-below-two-degree target <u>through our own</u> <u>activities.</u> We are sure that the actions of Japanese non-state actors <u>will enhance Japan's commitment to climate efforts</u> in international society.

# Our plan – 4 collaborations

### 1. With the Government

- Japanese Government has set up an advisory council to discuss its long-term strategy under the Paris Agreement.
- The govt plans to present the strategy before G20 2019 in Osaka, Japan.
- JCI will engage with the relevant ministries and the council members.

### 2. Among members

- Many members are already acting and have joined international initiative such as **RE100 [8 companies]** and **Science Based Targets (SBT) [38 companies]**.
- We will share experiences and knowledge among members and encourage further to join those international initiatives.

### 3. With other NSAs and Japanese society in general

 We will showcase and work with other partners in Japan. One of such opportunities was the Japan Climate Action Summit on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. With international partners

- We will communicate our activities to the world and will work with int'l partners.



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