Current State of RIO+20

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1) What is Rio + 20?

UN Conference for Sustainable Development (UNCSD)

Economy, society and environment for the next decade will be discussed at Head-of-State level.

Theme:

- ①Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication
- 2 Institutional framework for sustainable development

Sustainable Development Summit every ten years

2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) (Johannesburg)

- Adoption of Action Plan on Sustainable Development
- Official delegation over 500 people including the PM and FM from Japan

1992 United Nations Conference on Environmental Development (UNCED)

(Rio de Janeiro)

- Adoption of Rio Declaration and Agenda 21
- Achievements include signing of UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCRD

Crucial theme for various international conferences and discussions

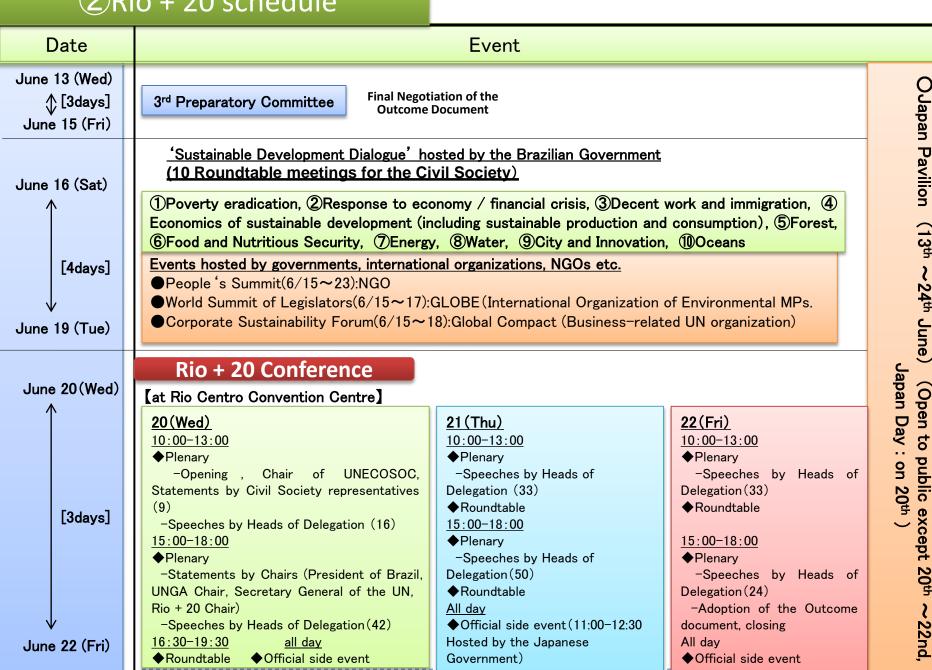
Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

- •For the global sustainable growth, transition to green economy balancing environment and economy is essential
- •To be discussed at G8/G20 summits. Rio + 20 is a platform to summarize these discussions

Institutional Framework for sustainable development

- In order to promote sustainable development, institutional enforcement/efficiency, inter alia enforcement of environmental governance is important.
- Possibility of establishing Committee for Sustainable Development and building specialized agency based on UNEP will be discussed.

(2)Rio + 20 schedule



③Draft Outcome document under negotiation ("The Future We Want")

Our Common Vision / Renewing Political Commitment (Chapter 1, 2)

- 1. Reaffirm commitments including Rio Principles
- 2. Assessment of progress to date and implementation gaps
- 3. Determination of further effort for growth, respecting poverty eradication and ecosystem
- 4. Participation of civil society

Oreen Economy in the context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication (Chapter 3)

- Identifying Green Economy (tool to achieve sustainable development, need to consider various circumstances of each country)
- 2. Additional cost for developing countries (Support from the international community)
- 3. International knowledge-sharing platform (tool box)
- 4. Developing Green Economy Strategy by each country

Institutional Framework for sustainable development (Chapter 4)

- 1. Establishment of high level political forum, or Establishment of Sustainable Development Council (SDC)
- 2. Strengthening UNEP functions / UNEP as a specialized agency

● Framework for action and follow-up (Chapter 5)

- Thematic areas and cross-sectoral issues
 Poverty
 Food
 Water, Energy
 Sustainable Cities
 Tourism, Transport, Health,
 Jobs, Ocean, SIDs, LDCs/LLDCs
 Disaster risk reduction, Climate Change
 Forests, Biodiversity, Desertification, Mountains
 Chemicals and Wastes
 Sustainable Consumption and Production, Mining
 Education, Women
- 2. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- (1) SDGs (to be incorporated and integrated in the UN Development Agenda beyond 2015)
- (2) Launching SDGs process (Recommendation UN Secretary-General, or inter governmental negotiation)(3) Developing indicators to complement GDP

Means of Implementation(Chapter 6)

- 1. Finance
- 2. Technology
- 3. Capacity Building
- 4. Trade

4 Japan's Initiative at Rio + 20

Background

- 'Planetary Boundary' including that of natural resources has been obvious. Urgent action for transition to Green Economy is required.
- 2. <u>Large-scale natural disaster</u> hinders sustainable growth.

Japan's Leadership Vision

- ① 'Human Security' as the Guiding Principle
- 2 Utilize Japan's knowledge and Expertise for global transition to green economy and to build disaster-resilient city
- 3 Based on the the experience of earthquakes, Japan promotes mainstreaming of disaster reduction

Basic idea of Japan's Initiative

Promoting Future Cities Globally

Contributing to the Global Transition to Green Economy

Building Resilient Society

Continuous Efforts (Foundation for Sustainable Development)

Leading Discussions Towards Post-MDGs

⑤Rio + 20 Japan Pavilion

Overview

Theme

Japan Green Innovation -Driving reconstruction, connecting with the world-

Showcase Japan's efforts towards the recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, and Japan's energy-saving, resource-saving technology

Events hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- "Japan Day" (Jun 20th): seminar and event "Japan Evening∼TOHOKU FORWARD∼" highlighting Tohoku revival and diverse attractions of Japan
- -Exhibition (Jun 13 $^{\rm th}$ $-24{^{\rm th}}$) : photos and films showing the recovery of the Tohoku region

Organizers

Rio + 20 Japan Pavilion Organizing Committee

(Secretariat: Earth, Water and Green Foundation)

(Organized by private companies and organizations to exhibit in the pavilion. Established on February 7th as the core Pavilion organizer.

Cooperation

Government (MOFA, MOE, METI, MAFF, CAS, MEXT, MOT) Local Governments(Tokyo, Yokohama, Shiga, Kitakyushu), JICA, UNIDO, ITTO, IGES etc.

Exhibitors

Host

Asahi Glass Foundation(Co), Fujitsu(Co), (Co)Fruta Fruta,(Co)IHI, Mitsui&Co, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd., Mitsubishi Corp, Panasonic(Co) etc.

Time: June 13th (Wed)-June 24th (Sun)

Place: Athlete's Park

(Next to the Rio Centro Convention Centre)



