Current State of RIO+20

June 2012,
Rio+20 Preparatory Office,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
**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:**
- Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication
- 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
    - 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.
## Rio + 20 Schedule

### June 15 (Fri)
- **3rd Preparatory Committee**
- Final Negotiation of the Outcome Document

### ‘Sustainable Development Dialogue’ hosted by the Brazilian Government
- **10 Roundtable meetings for the Civil Society**
- **Events hosted by governments, international organizations, NGOs etc.**
  - People’s Summit (6/15 ~ 23): NGO
  - World Summit of Legislators (6/15 ~ 17): GLOBE (International Organization of Environmental MPs.
  - Corporate Sustainability Forum (6/15 ~ 18): Global Compact (Business-related UN organization)

### June 20 (Wed)
- **20 (Wed)**
  - 10:00–13:00
    - Plenary
      - Opening, Chair of UNECOSOC, Statements by Civil Society representatives (9)
      - Speeches by Heads of Delegation (16)
  - 15:00–18:00
    - Plenary
      - Statements by Chairs (President of Brazil, UNGA Chair, Secretary General of the UN, Rio + 20 Chair)
      - Speeches by Heads of Delegation (42)
  - 16:30–19:30 all day
    - Roundtable
    - Official side event

### June 21 (Thu)
- 10:00–13:00
  - Plenary
    - Speeches by Heads of Delegation (33)
  - Roundtable
    - 15:00–18:00
    - Plenary
    - Speeches by Heads of Delegation (50)
  - All day
    - Official side event (11:00–12:30 Hosted by the Japanese Government)

### June 22 (Fri)
- 10:00–13:00
  - Plenary
    - Speeches by Heads of Delegation (24)
  - Roundtable
    - 15:00–18:00
    - Plenary
    - Speeches by Heads of Delegation (24)
    - Adoption of the Outcome document, closing
  - All day
    - Official side event
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

Green Economy in the context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication (Chapter 3)
1. 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)
1. 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
Japan’s Initiative at Rio + 20

**Background**

1. ‘Planetary Boundary’ including that of natural resources has been obvious. Urgent action for transition to Green Economy is required.
2. Large-scale natural disaster 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 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**
**5 Rio + 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 13th—24th): 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**

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