

**Promoting International Cooperation for Improving Global Resource Efficiency
Workshop under the G7-Alliance on Resource Efficiency**

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Resource Efficiency was featured prominently in the leader's declaration of the G7 Elmau Summit in June 2015, leading to establishment of the G7 Alliance on Resource Efficiency, a forum where various stakeholders including governments, businesses, research institutions and consumers come together to share knowledge about best practices and lessons learned. The G7 Alliance was mandated to organize a series of workshops on resource efficiency under the leadership of the respective presidency. Three G7 workshops on resource efficiency were organized last year under the presidency of Germany including the one co-hosted by the United Kingdom.

Consumption of natural resources and waste generation have reached an unprecedented level on a global scale. Taking into account the rapid economic growth of newly industrializing countries, and the resource challenges involved with meeting the needs of a global population expected to exceed nine billion by 2050, fostering international cooperation between G7 and non G7 member states remains of crucial importance. For this reason, the critical role played by emerging and developing states in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the potential outreach of G7 Alliance achievements to non-G7 states were also highlighted in last year's workshop and the meetings.

In line with these developments, and availing the opportunity that Japan will serve as Chair of G7 in 2016, the Ministry of the Environment, Japan organizes a G7-Alliance workshop on Resource Efficiency on the theme of international cooperation.

1. Outline

Time and Date: 9:30-18:00, Monday, 22 February, 2016. *Registration starts at 9:00

Venue: PACIFICO Yokohama, Annex Hall F201-F202

(1-1-1 Minato Mirai Nishi-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa Pref., Japan)

URL: <http://www.pacifico.co.jp/english/index.html>

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Co-organizer : The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

2. Program(tentative)

[Needs for improving Resource Efficiency at a global level and the role of international cooperation]

- **The importance of international cooperation by G7 for resource efficiency improvement and the objectives of the WS** (Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ))
- **The results of G7 Elmau Summit and Activities of G7 Alliance for Resource Efficiency in 2015** (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany)
- **Significance of global action for resource efficiency** (UNEP International Resource Panel co-chair: Ashok Khosla)
- **Global trends in resource consumption and increasing importance of MFA assessment** (Prof. Yuichi Moriguchi, University of Tokyo)

[Special session on disaster waste management] (MOEJ)

- MOEJ, Sendai-City, JICA

[Diversity of approaches on international cooperation for resource efficiency and 3Rs]

- **International Organizations**
 - OECD, UNEP-IETC, UNCRD
- **G7 countries**
 - Canada, EU, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, US

[Activities on Resource Efficiency in non-G7 countries and possibility for international cooperation]

- China, Indonesia, India, Brazil, South Africa

3. Registration

- Pre-registration is required to attend the workshop. (Seating capacity: approx. 150)
Please complete online registration from the following website by **February 15th, 2016.**

For online registration, visit: <http://www.iges.or.jp/en/scp/20160222.html>