

Workshop on Sharing Business Opportunities - G7-Alliance on Nature Positive Economies -

Day 1 : Wednesday, 27 September 2023

20:00-22:00 (JST), 13:00-15:00 (CEST) 7:00-9:00 (EDT)

Day 2 : Thursday, 28 September 2023

20:00-22:00 (JST), 13:00-15:00 (CEST) 7:00-9:00 (EDT)

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Day 1.

JST	CEST	EDT	Agenda	Speakers
20:00	13:00	7:00	Remarks	Mr. Shintaro ITO, Ministry of the Environment, Japan
20:05	13:05	7:05	Remarks	Mr. Masakazu KUBOTA, Keidanren
20:10	13:10	7:10	Keynote speech	Mr. David Craig, Co-Chair, TNFD
20:20	13:20	7:20	Keynote speech	Dr. Karousakis Katia, OECD
20:30	13:30	7:30	Case study 1	Dr. Masatoshi FUNABASHI, Syneco
20:50	13:50	7:50	Case study 2	Mr. Martin Huxtable, Director, Unilever
21:10	14:10	8:10	Case study 3	Ms. Claire VARRET, EDF (Électricité de France)
21:30	14:30	8:30	Case study 4	Ms. Mika KANEKO, SHIMIZU CORPORATION
21:50	14:50	8:50	Expert comment	Ms. Nicole Schwab, WEF

Day 2.

JST	CEST	EDT	Agenda	Speakers
20:00	13:00	7:00	Remarks	Dr. David Cooper, CBD
20:05	13:05	7:05	Case study 5	Dr. Stefanie Eichiner, Pfleiderer
20:25	13:25	7:25	Case study 6	Ms. Stéphanie Moulé Nguyen, Veolia Waste France
20:45	13:45	7:45	Case study 7	Ms. Claire Lund, GlaxoSmithKline
21:05	14:05	8:05	Case study 8	Mr. Chris Allen, Jacobs
21:25	14:25	8:25	Case study 9	Dr. Nobuaki MITO, SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY
21:45	14:45	8:45	Expert comment	Mr. Dominic Waughray, WBCSD
21:55	14:55	8:55	Closing remarks	Ms. Katia Da Ros, Confindustria (B7 Italy)



Opening remarks

Mr. Shintaro ITO, Minister of the Environment, Japan

Minister of the Environment (32nd) and Minister of State for Special Missions (Nuclear Disaster Prevention) in the Cabinet Office since 2023. First elected to the House of Representatives in 2001 as a member of the Liberal Democratic Party, he became Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs in 2005, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2008. He also was a visiting professor at Osaka University's Graduate School of International Public Policy and a professor at Tohoku Fukushi University.



Opening remarks

Mr. Masakazu KUBOTA, Vice Chair & President, Keidanren

He joined Keidanren in April 1976. He was promoted to Managing Director in May 2006 and Senior Managing Director in May 2009. He became President and Director General in June 2014. Since June 2021, he serves as Vice Chair & President. He leads secretariat of Keidanren, a comprehensive economic organization with a membership comprised of nearly 1,500 representative companies of Japan.



Keynote speech

Mr. David Craig, Co-Chair, TNFD (Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures)

He has 30 years of experience in financial markets data and technology and sustainable markets. David is the former founder and CEO of Refinitiv, one of the largest data and technology platform providers to financial markets. He was previously founder and CEO of the Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) business and head of strategy at Thomson Reuters and Reuters plc.



Keynote speech

Dr. Karousakis Katia, Team Leader, Biodiversity, Climate, Biodiversity and Water Division, OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

Katia joined the OECD in 2006, initially working on climate change within the OECD/IEA Climate Change Expert Group for two years. Prior to this, she worked on climate change issues at the U.S. EPA. An environmental economist by training, Katia has a PhD from UCL, London, and a Masters' degree from Duke University, USA.



Expert comment

Ms. Nicole Schwab, Co-Head, Nature-Based Solutions, WEF (World Economic Forum)

She started her career working on health policy in the Andes for the Government of Bolivia and the World Bank. In 2009, she co-founded EDGE Certified Foundation, a business certification standard for gender equality in the workplace, which today works with over 250 multinational companies across 40 countries. She then served as a consultant and strategic advisor to non-profit organizations focusing on forest and ocean conservation and restoration, including National Geographic Society's Campaign for Nature

Case studies



Case study 1

Dr. Masatoshi FUNABASHI, President and Representative Director, Syneco

His goal is to establish a new approach to food production he calls "Synecoculture," symbiotic agricultural methods based on biodiversity, since agriculture is an area where sustainability, environmental and human health issues overlap. He hopes to develop this into a new paradigm capable of restoring both human societies and ecosystems.



Case study 2

Mr. Martin Huxtable, Director, Sustainable Sourcing, Unilever

Martin joined Unilever in Durban, South Africa in 1997, initially in supply chain then working in several leadership roles in the transformation of Unilever procurement across Africa. He was posted to Singapore in 2010 where he undertook the leadership of a diverse portfolio ranging from regional tea procurement to developing new business models and sustainable agriculture-based supply chains in India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Myanmar.



Case study 3

Ms. Claire VARRET, Senior biodiversity advisor, EDF (Électricité de France)

Claire Varret has worked at EDF since 1999, after two years in organizational consulting. Claire spent several years abroad, notably in cooperation in Burkina Faso and Madagascar, then for EDF in Laos on the Nam Theun 2 hydroelectric project. Since the end of 2007, Claire is in charge of biodiversity in EDF's SD Department, in particular the development of EDF's roadmap, organization within the Group and partnerships.



Case study 4

Ms. Mika KANEKO, Executive Officer and Director of the Environmental Strategy Office, SHIMIZU CORPORATION

She joined Shimizu Corporation in 1984, then engaged in research on earthquake engineering and seismic engineering fields. In 2012 She became General Manager of the SDGs & ESG Promotion Department, Corporate Planning Division in 2018. Since 2021, She serves as Executive Officer and Director of the Environmental Strategy Office



Opening remarks

Dr. David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary, CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity)

Prior to his appointment, David was the Deputy Executive Secretary at the CBD Secretariat where he assisted the Executive Secretary by leading the strategic and planning activities of the Secretariat, as well as the intergovernmental processes and activities under the Convention and its two protocols -- the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing.

Expert comment

Mr. Dominic Waughray, Executive Vice President, WBCSD (World Business Council for Sustainable Development)

Dominic joined WBCSD in October 2021 as Senior Adviser to the President and CEO where he led business efforts to accelerate the WBCSD imperatives tackling climate change, nature loss and inequality. In January 2023, Dominic took the role of EVP for Imperatives. Before joining WBCSD Dominic was Managing Director and Member of the Managing Board at the World Economic Forum, where he built and led the Forum's sustainability agenda from 2005.



Closing remarks

Ms. Katia Da Ros, Vice President, Confindustria (B7 Italy)

She is Vice President and CEO of Irinox SpA and President of Irinox North America, a company that produces blast chillers and preservation systems for the professional and domestic sector, and stainless steel electrical panels. She is Vice President of the CUOA Foundation, Vice President of the North-East Advisory Board of Unicredit, Vice President of the Venice Foundation and Director of Aidaf (Italian Association of Family Businesses).



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Case study 5

Dr. Stefanie Eichiner, Head of Sustainability, Pfeiderer

As a forest scientist she studied sustainable resource use at Yale, Munich and Bogor. With a Ph.D. in Natural Resources from Cornell University, she taught sustainability topics at universities in the U.S. and Germany. Before joining Pfeiderer Group, she was reading the signs of the times in professional networks, syncing production and sustainability at UPM Communication Papers, and doing away with prejudices in the public debate about paper and sustainability.



Case study 6

Ms. Stéphanie Moulé Nguyen, Head of environment, Veolia Waste France

She joined Veolia group since 2016, then became Head of environment in 2021. In this position, she engaged various projects/tasks including defining a national strategy to enhance environmental performance, developing national methodology for environmental analysis, and building up Veolia Group e-learning on biodiversity.



Case study 7

Ms. Claire Lund, Global Vice President Sustainability, GlaxoSmithKline

She led the design of GSK's net zero and net nature positive ambition by 2030 and is now leading delivery of these goals. Claire joined GSK in 2013 holding different roles in Procurement before becoming Head of Environmental Sustainability in 2017. In this role Claire accelerated delivery of GSK's previous environmental targets and introduced the single use plastic reduction programme globally across GSK.



Case study 8

Mr. Chris Allen, Global Solution Director leading Jacobs' Regenerative & Nature-based Solutions, Jacobs

Christopher Allen is a Global Principal for Regenerative and Nature-based Solutions at Jacobs. With 30+ years consulting and strategic management experience, Chris works with technical teams to integrate Regenerative and Nature-Based Solutions into planning and design for a range of private and public sector clients globally.



Case study 9

Dr. Nobuaki MITO, Representative Director & Senior Managing Executive Officer, Health & Crop Sciences Sector of SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY

In 1985, Dr Mito joined Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.. In 2007, He became Group Manager, Environmental Health Science Research at Agricultural Chemicals Research Laboratory. He became responsible for Corporate Business Development as Managing Executive Officer in 2017. In 2019, he served as Managing Executive Officer responsible for Planning, R&D and Pharmaceutical Chemicals Department at Health & Crop Sciences Sector.



Join us

The G7 Alliance on Nature Positive Economies aims to provide a forum for knowledge sharing and information networking to mainstream biodiversity across all sectors. In order to make this Alliance an effective and wide-ranging activity, we are inviting a wide range of participants to the G7ANPE Alliance from a diverse range of organization, including businesses, economic organizations, local governments, NPOs, NGOs, expert groups, international and regional organizations, and countries other than the G7. The following URL lists the information of contact points of G7 countries, so please click here for companies and organizations that wish to apply.

Information of Contact Point URL: https://www.env.go.jp/page_00936.html



Business for GBF Project by Japanese Ministry of Environment and Keidanren

In November 2020, the Ministry of the Environment and Keidanren launched the Business for GBF project. Japanese companies contribute to the conservation of biodiversity through their business activities. Many companies possess technologies, products, and services that contribute to the achievement of the targets under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Through the Business for GBF project, Japanese companies' excellent biodiversity-related activities as exemplified by those technologies, products and services will be strategically demonstrated domestically and internationally.

URL: https://www.biodic.go.jp/biodiversity/private_participation/business/en/

