

**Invitation to
the Online Platform on Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from COVID-19**

Minister / Executive in charge of Climate Change and Environment

6th July 2020

Dear Colleague,

We are now facing two global crises; the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change. Both crises have changed our perceptions of risk management and require the international community to step up cooperation in the implementation of wide-ranging measures.

As part of our coordinated efforts to overcome this difficult time together, the Japanese government will launch an Online Platform supported by the UNFCCC. In a virtual format, participating countries will be able to share their experiences and views on climate actions and environmental protection measures being considered or implemented, in the context of their response to and recovery from COVID-19.

The objectives of this Online Platform are as follows;

- Exchanging experiences and measures at a high level among countries to build a sustainable and resilient socio-economic system in the process of recovery from COVID-19, and
- Increasing the visibility of high-impact policy options to manage multiple risks and leave no one behind
- Maintaining momentum on international cooperation including through the UNFCCC regional climate weeks in 2021 and COP26.

The ministerial meeting to unveil the Online Platform will be held through video conference, to cater for the different time zones of participants, at 20:00-23:00 in Tokyo time (13:00-16:00 CEST and 7:00-10:00 EST) on 3rd September 2020.

Please save the date.

Ahead of the ministerial meeting, we would be grateful if you could cooperate on gathering inputs for the Online Platform as well as the online ministerial meeting. **Please fill in the attached questionnaire to provide relevant information on your country's climate and environmental policies and measures in the recovery from COVID-19, and kindly submit it by 15th August 2020 at <questionnaire_covid19@iges.or.jp>.**

We would also like to invite participating countries' ministers or other representatives to record a **video message to be made available on the Online Platform website during and following the ministerial meeting**. We will provide you at a later stage with additional technical information on the video message submission date and further guidance, together with details on the ministerial meeting agenda and registration procedures.

Should you have any questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact <Online_Platform@env.go.jp>.

We hope you will be able to accept this invitation to make this initiative truly "inclusive and impactful". We are looking forward to a productive exchange.

Yours sincerely,

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