

Background and Purpose of Session I

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Overall Title

International Forum on **Regional Development SDGs** 2022

- Toward the promotion of regional development SDGs in the post-COVID period
- Realization of sustainable **urban development** driven by **green** and **digital technologies**

Title of Session 1

Realization of a **Decarbonized Society** Led by **Local Communities**

- Toward a **virtuous cycle of** regional development and decarbonization
- Decarbonization / **Green** x **Regional Development**

International Trends in Decarbonization

1. SDGs and ESG

⇒ New social norms for sustainability

2. Paris Agreement and COP26

⇒ Strong leadership for decarbonization

3. Green Economy Aimed at Decarbonization

⇒ European Green Deal

⇒ TCFD, EU Taxonomy

⇒ Fit for 55, Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

⇒ RE100, SBT, LCA, etc.

Three perspectives as the driving force behind the next generation's growth:.

The "human," the "digital," and "green."

1. "Human"

- ⇒ Creating a flow of people to rural areas and supporting human resources

2. "Digital"

- ⇒ Promote DX that contributes to regional development

3. "Green"

- ⇒ Realization of a decarbonized society driven by local communities

1. Support for human resources in the green sector

- ⇒ Develop human resource infrastructure, including for the dispatch and training of specialist personnel

2. Promote the sharing of relevant information and public-private collaboration initiatives

- ⇒ Enhancement of information provisioning systems

3. Promotion of SDGs and other measures for regional development

- ⇒ Incorporating the decarbonization perspective into municipal urban development

4. Promotion of initiatives in the fields of agriculture, forestry, fishing, land, infrastructure, and transportation.

- ⇒ Introduction of transportation systems with low CO2 emissions, etc.

(Regional development driven by SDGs) X (Incorporating the decarbonization trend into regional development)



- 1. Development of activities to promote the spread of regional development SDGs**
 - ⇒ International Forum, etc.
- 2. Formation of model cases for achieving SDGs through municipal governments**
 - ⇒ SDGs FutureCities, etc.
- 3. Promotion of private sector participation through the public-private partnership platform**
 - ⇒ Efforts to revitalize regional economies
- 4. Recognition and awards for local businesses and financial institutions**

1. Introduction of Panelists

- Ms. Patricia Flor (European Commission)
- Mr. Noboru Ohta (Maniwa City)
- Mr. Hara Masaki (Shonan Power)
- Mr. Hasegawa Masami (Keidanren)
- Mr. Moriya Teruhiko (Odawara City)

2. Program (80 Min. Total)

- (1) Explanation by coordinator 5 min.
- (2) Presentations by panelists 25 min. (5 people)
- (3) Exchange of opinions 40 min. (2 issues x 20 min.)

3. Exchange of opinions

Discussion Point 1: Trends in Decarbonization in Japan and Abroad

Discussion Point 2: Regional Revitalization through Public-Private Partnerships
Incorporating Decarbonization

- **Summary** 5 min.