The 2030 Agenda under the Japanese presidency of the G20

Side Event on the occasion of the
2019 ECOSOC High-Level Political Forum

Date and time
Monday, 15 July 2019
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Venue
United Nations Conference Building
Conference Room 2

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Background

In December 2018, Japan assumed the G20 presidency and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced that Japan would maximize its efforts to have constructive discussions on how the G20 could contribute to solving global issues. Building on past G20 efforts since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, this year’s G20 discussed the realization and promotion of a free and open, inclusive and sustainable, “human-centered future society” that would be an asset to both advancing the development agenda and to global economic growth.

The same month, Prime Minister Abe held the 6th meeting of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Promotion Headquarters. The Prime Minister affirmed that in view of the G20 Osaka Summit in June 2019 and the first-ever leaders-level SDGs follow-up meeting (the SDG Summit) to be held at the United Nations General Assembly in September 2019, Japan would promote the SDGs at the national and international levels. In the several G20 work streams, various areas of the 2030 Agenda were discussed and their outcome documents will be endorsed at the G20 Osaka Summit. Notably, this year the G20 Development Working Group — mandated to act “as a coordinating body and policy resource for sustainable development across the G20” (G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 2016) — focused, inter alia, on health, education, disaster risk reduction, quality infrastructure, innovation, gender equality, climate change and the marine environment, in line with the 2030 Agenda.

The United Nations is among the International Organizations invited to the G20 Osaka Summit. In his participation in past G20 Summits, the Secretary-General has repeatedly called on G20 members to lead by example, taking bolder actions to align their domestic policies with the 2030 Agenda in its integrity and scaling up their international support, as envisioned in the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda.

Given the G20’s comparative advantages, including “its convening power and its collective ability to adopt and support initiatives at the highest global level,” and the fact that the G20 development agenda is closely aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is necessary and meaningful to review international efforts in order to make substantial progress.
General Goals

- Demonstrate the role of the G20 in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Share and exchange views on the outcomes of the G20 Osaka Summit (experiences, instruments and mechanisms), which will be presented from a subjective and objective point of view
- Analyze the status quo and identify opportunities for further cooperation between different stakeholders with regard to the empowerment of future generations

Meeting Format

There will be a series of presentations from various organizations, followed by a Q&A session, which will allow participants to develop insights into the G20 development agenda and its contributions toward implementing the 2030 Agenda, as well as enhance their understanding of good practices and challenges from various stakeholders. Through this event, Japan hopes to have a positive impact on the implementation, follow-up and review processes of the 2030 Agenda.

- Duration: 90 minutes
- Language and presentations: English

Agenda (draft proposal)

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| 2 min | Welcoming remarks                     | Ambassador Hideo Suzuki  
          Assistant Minister for Global Issues /  
          Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (tbc) |
| 3 min | Opening remarks                       | Mr. Liu Zhenmin  
          Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations (tbc) |
| 20 min| Key note speech on the Development Agenda under the Japanese G20 Presidency | Representative from the Government of Japan (tbc) |
|       | The 2030 Agenda and G20 Collective Actions | Representative(s) from G20 countries (tbc) |
|       | Q & A                                 |                                                                         |

Session 1: Outcome of the G20 Osaka Summit

Session 2: Analysis on G20 contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
| 20 min | G20 Progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda | Mr. Liu Zhenmin  
*Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations* (tbc) |
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**Session 3: Empowerment of Future Generations**

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| 5 min   | Closing remarks             | Ambassador Hideo Suzuki  
*Assistant Minister for Global Issues / Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan* (tbc) |
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**Audience**

Target audience for this event includes heads of delegations, government representatives and delegations, development partners and civil society, international organizations, donors, and private sector actors supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. This event will be open to the media (UN accreditation required).

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