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# How Synergy Boost Climate-SDGs Actions in ASEAN and Japan

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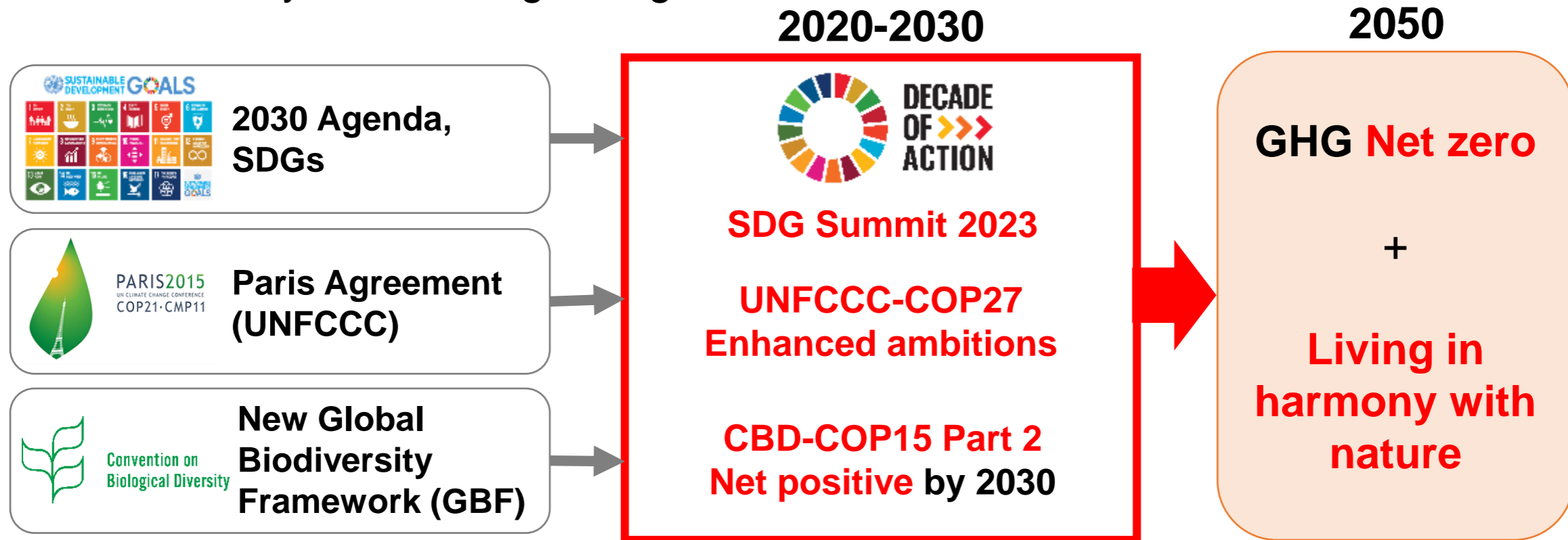
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# The Decisive Decade for a Sustainable Future



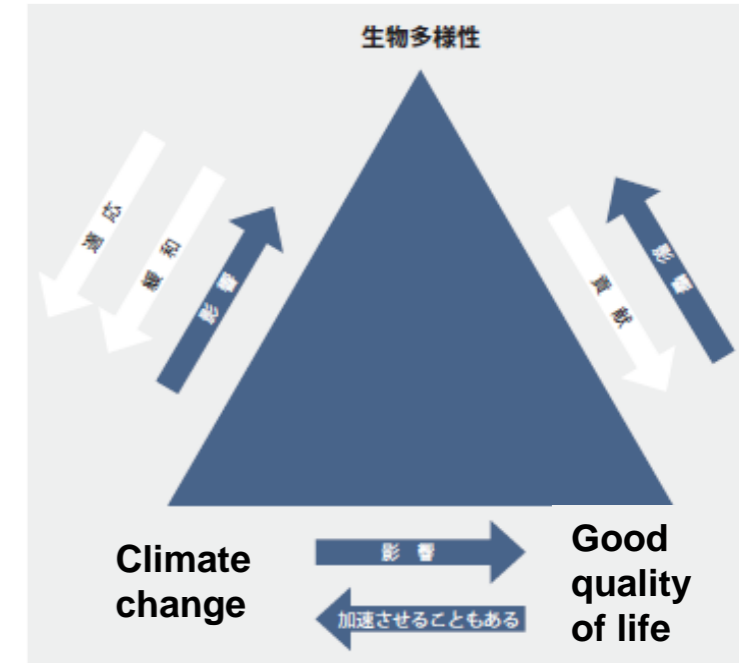
- Envisioning a sustainable world in **2030 and 2050**
- **Green recovery** from the COVID-19 crisis
- **Synergies** can accelerate progress and raise ambition on climate, biodiversity, and other global goals



# Synergies between Climate and Biodiversity Actions



- **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)**
- Expand protected areas and **OECMs** to conserve 30% of terrestrial and marine and coastal areas (**30 by 30**)
- **Nature Coexistence Areas**: Area-based biodiversity conservation by private efforts, promotion of OECM registration
- **The Satoyama Initiative**: A global initiative led by Japan to harmonise biological production and biodiversity conservation in socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS)
  - GBF implementation: support adopting **the landscape approach** in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)
  - Ecosystem restoration **contributing to addressing various global challenges**, e.g. biodiversity conservation, SDGs, climate mitigation and adaptation and sustainable food systems



# The 3rd Global Climate and SDG Synergy Conference (Tokyo, July 2022)



co-convened by UNDESA and UNFCCC, hosted by MOEJ, in partnership with UNU, IGES

## Key Outcomes

- 1) Strengthening the **evidence base for synergistic action**
- 2) Convening **multi-stakeholder dialogues** at all levels
- 3) Enhancing **integrated planning**
- 4) **Partnerships** for transformation
- 5) Informing **key intergovernmental processes** on climate and the SDGs

“Circulating and Ecological Spheres” and “Decarbonization Leading Areas” were introduced as existing integrated approaches

“**Expert Group on Climate and SDG Synergies**” co-convened by UN DESA and UNFCCC Secretariat to prepare a report, aiming to maximize action impact

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## CONFERENCE REPORT

Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies  
Between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for  
Sustainable Development

*Building the evidence base for synergistic action in support of raising climate and SDGs ambition*

TOKYO JAPAN | HYBRID

20-21 July 2022

4<sup>th</sup> synergy conference (UN Headquarter, NY, July 2023)

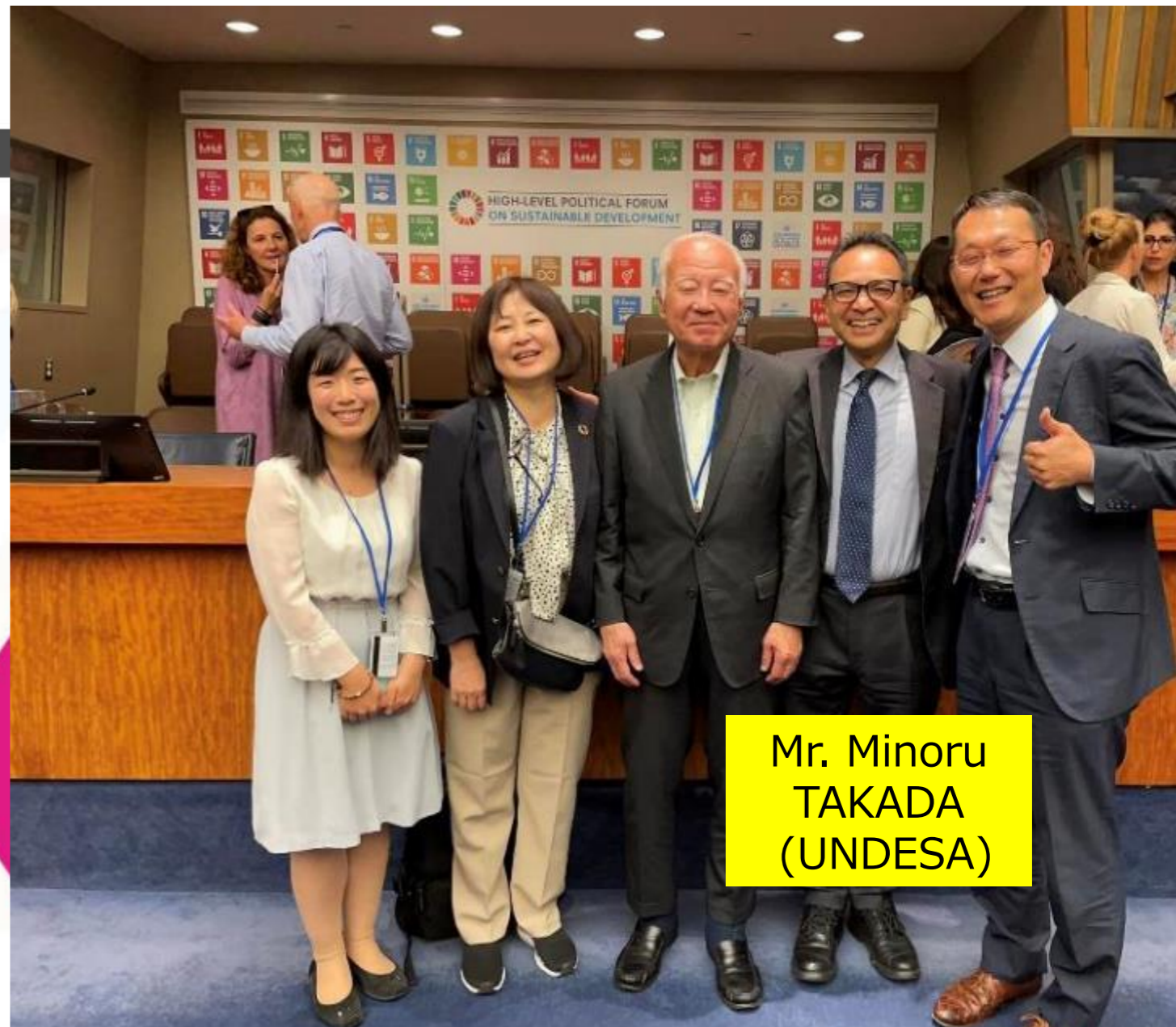


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# CLIMATE & SDGS CONFERENCE

16 JULY 2023

UN HEADQUARTERS  
NEW YORK



Mr. Minoru  
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All sessions can be watched by UN Web TV



Mr. Akira YANAGIMOTO, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Environment

## Global Conference Drives Integrated Action on Climate and Sustainable Development Goals to Accelerate a Just and Inclusive Transition

A global conference to push for integrated and accelerated action on climate and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was held at the United Nations on 16 July 2023, bringing together Ministers and high-level representatives from government, business and civil society, among over 400 in-person and nearly 4,000 virtual participants from 140 countries.

The Fourth Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies Between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was co-convened by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as a special event of the 2023 UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

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“Presentation and Summary Report on 3rd Climate and SDG Synergies Conference in Tokyo, Japan 2022”  
by Prof. Kazuhiko TAKEUCHI

Watch the recorded conference

<https://www.un.org/en/climate-sdgs-conference-2023>



# “Three Areas” with Potential for Synergies



## 1. Synergies between SDG 6 & 7

- **Regional Circulating and Ecological Spheres (Regional-CES)** calls for optimising resource flows between urban and rural areas while promoting decarbonization, circular economy, and living in harmony with nature.

## 2. Sustainable cities and communities under SDG 11

- Localization through **VLRs**, a critical vehicle to take stock of progress of local SDGs.
- VLRs can be used to make connection with **national level (VNRs)** and key stakeholders such as **businesses (VBRs)**

## 3. Response to world crises

- Necessity to step up efforts to show that working across the SDGs is good for **environmental and global** security.

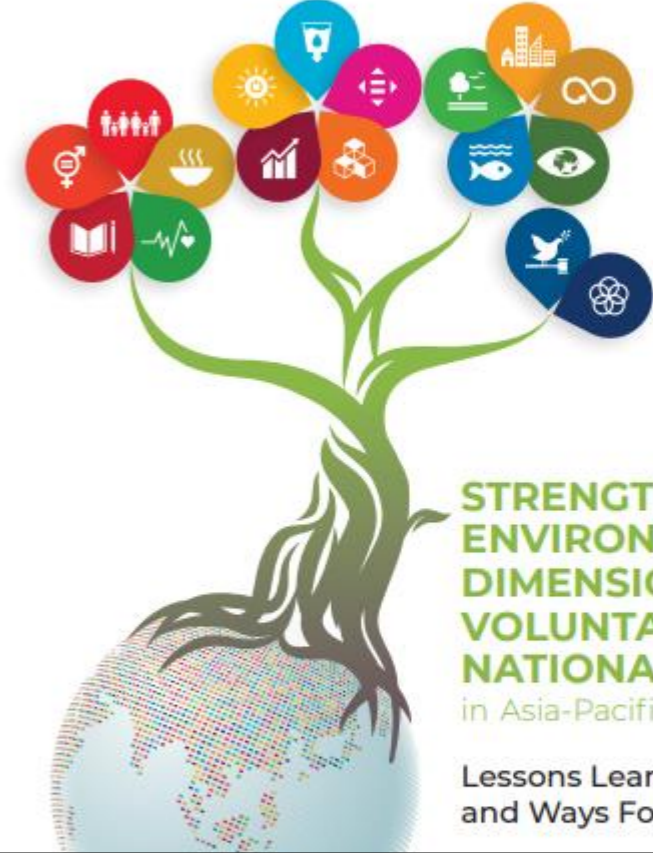


# Three Institutional Keys to Strengthening Synergies

IGES is leading a multi-year research project funded by the MOEJ that highlights three institutional keys to synergies

1. **Follow-up and review** of synergies
2. **Strengthening interagency coordination** (line ministries, audit and statistics offices)
3. **Expanding stakeholder engagement** (youth, women, parliamentarians, academia, etc.)

The project has contributed to reports and publications that stresses three themes



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### LETTER

The relationship between female and younger legislative representation and performance on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)\*

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- Renew **leadership** and **political commitment**
- Deepen the evidence base and analytical work. **Expert Group prepare “Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergies”.**
- Multi-stakeholder cooperation and dialogue **at all levels.**
- Leveraging intergovernmental processes: **SDG Summit (2023), Summit of the Future (2024), High Level Political Forum (HLPF), UNFCCC COPs, CBD COPs, IPCC, International Conference on Small Island Developing States (2024),** others

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- 1. What is the evidence on synergies?**
- 2. What is the action on synergies?**
- 3. How can we translate or strengthen the connection between evidence and action on synergies in ASEAN+Japan?**

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