



### Promoting synergy to address the triple environmental crisis

**KAWAMATA** Kotaro

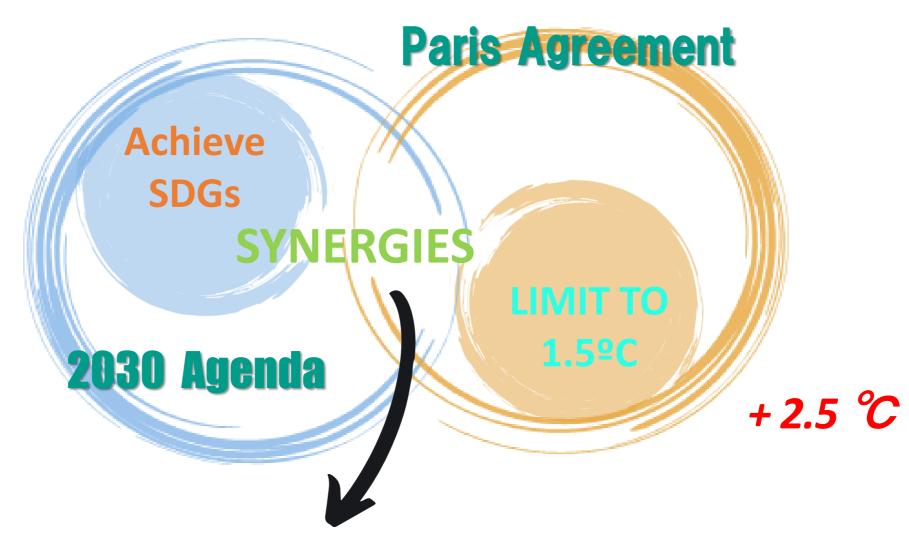
Director. International Strategy Division, Global Environment Bureau, MOEJ August 22, 2023





#### We are not on track

Crisis of SDGs



Synergistic implementation is crucial





# **UN "Climate and SDGs" synergy conference**

(3rd July 2022 in Tokyo, 4th July 2023 in NY)

# **Key Messages**



- 2. Strengthening the evidence base for synergistic action. Expert Group entrusted to prepare the Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergies.
- 3. Convening multi-stakeholder dialogues at all levels
- 4. Enhancing policy coherence and integrated planning
- Leveraging intergovernmental processes to enhance integrated approaches and synergistic action

"Circulating and Ecological spheres" and "Decarbonization Leading Areas" were introduced as existing integrated approaches





# Regional/Local Circulating and Ecological Sphere (Regional/Local-CES)

#### Conceptual illustration of Regional CES



#### Natural resources/ecosystem services

- + Food, water, timber + Natural energy
- + Water purification, prevention of natural disasters



Mountainous, agricultural and fishing villages



# Self-reliant and decentralized society

Circulation of local resources (natural, material, human, financial)

Local production for local consumption, introduction of renewable energy

#### Cities



#### Provision of funds and human resource

- + Participation in nature conservation activities such as eco-tourism
- + Consumption of local products + Support through socio-economic systems
- + Investment in local funds



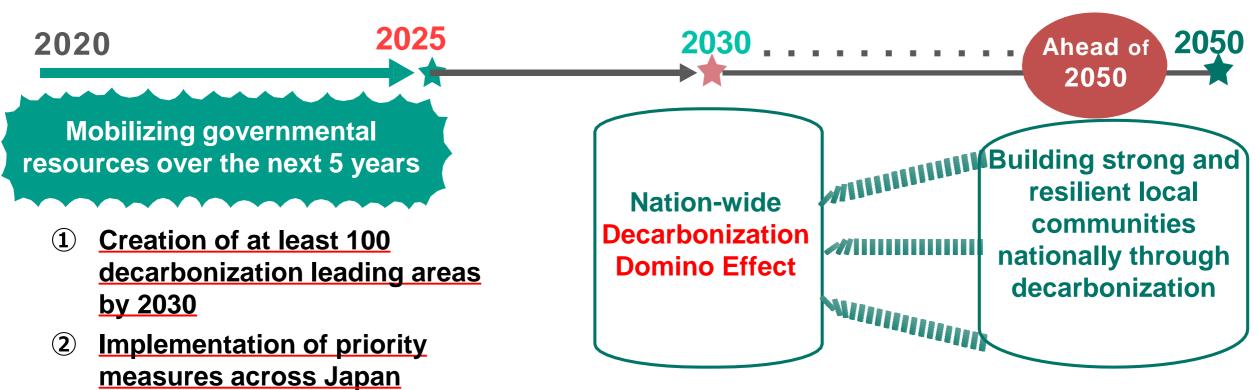
Rivers







### Overview of the Regional Decarbonization Roadmap Policy Measures



**★ Policy Frameworks** 

Implement in collaboration with policy programs such as the Green Food System Strategy, the Green Challenge for National Land Transport, and the Green Strategy for 2050 Carbon Neutrality.





#### **Good example of Local action:**





#### What are the Mother Lake Goals (MLGs)?



MLGs serve as a "bridge" between individual action and the SDGs, which are designed for global application.

Think globally, act locally





### 13 Goals of MLGs Agenda



Conserve forests serving Create a healthy as rich water sources

relationship between forest, river, community, lake, and

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to save Lake Biwa and the environment natural disasters

Create a community resilient Utilize local resources to climate change and

in agriculture and industry



Turn the local community and lake area into a place to learn

Encourage more people to enjoy and love

Lako Riwa

Teach the next generation how to live life in harmony with water

Work together to achieve our goals





#### **Next Steps**

- ✓ Contribute to Global Report on Climate and SDG Synergies
- ✓ MOEJ will invite Expert Group on Spring 2024 in Japan
- ✓ MOEJ proposed to develop Asia-Pacific Synergy Report with UNESCAP

→ MOEJ invites ASEAN countries to join us for synergistic actions!!