



Invitation to EU-Japan Policy Seminar



“The work has only started – follow up to the Paris Climate Agreement”

Date & Time	Wednesday, 24 February 2016, 10:00 -11:30 (Registration from 9:30～)
Place	Delegation of the European Union to Japan
Co-organised by	Delegation of the European Union to Japan EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation
Language	English / Japanese (simultaneous interpretation)
Participation	Free (pre-registration required)
Registration	http://www.eu-japan.eu/registration-climate_change

Overview

The 2015 Paris Agreement can only be called historical. As the first major multilateral deal of the 21st century, it sets out a global action plan to put the world on track to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2°C. The deal is the culmination of years of efforts by the international community to bring about a universal multilateral agreement on climate change. It sends a clear signal to investors, businesses, and policy-makers that the global transition to clean energy is here to stay and resources have to shift away from polluting fossil fuels.

However, while the Paris Agreement marks a new chapter in international climate action, the promises made in Paris now have to be translated into action. This seminar will allow EU and Japanese policy makers to compare notes on the follow-up of the Agreement. It will also give industry representatives an opportunity to present an assessment of the Agreement from a business perspective and to explain how their companies' strategies will address climate change challenges.

Programme

MC: Ms Uli Wienrich, Counsellor, Trade and Economic Section, the Delegation of the European Union to Japan	
10:00-10:05	Opening remarks by Mr. Jonathan Hatwell, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Japan
10:05-10:20	“The Paris Agreement – a Call for Action” Speaker: Mr. Jake Werksman, Principal Advisor, DG CLIMA, European Commission
10:20-10:35	“Promotion of Innovation – the key to fundamentally address climate change” Speaker: Mr. Hiroki Mitsumata, Deputy Director-General for Technology and Environment, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
10:35-10:50	“CREATE A BRIGHT FUTURE – Our Challenges” Speaker: Takayuki Kitajima, General Counsel-Japan & Korea, Unilever Japan Holdings K.K.
10:50-11:05	“Challenges to Mitigation and Adaptation for Climate Change” Speaker: Mr. Tsuyoshi Horinouchi, Assistant General Manager, Total Quality Management Division Department Manager, Environmental Management Promotion Department, NEC Corporation
11:05-11:25	Q&A
11:25-11:30	Closing remarks by Mr. Silviu Jora, General Manager, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation