



2019 Forum for Implementation of the SDGs

**June 6, 2019 from 15:00 – 18:15 in Conference Room 11
United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY**

Note: For guests that do not have a UN grounds pass, check in will begin at 1:30 p.m. on June 6th to allow for UN security procedures at the UN Visitor's entrance at 46th Street and 1st Avenue where your pass will be distributed.

**Deadline to register is end of Sunday June 2nd. Your name must be same as your Gov. issued ID
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**Organized by FOUNAP (Friends of the UN Asia Pacific)
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Context:

The Japanese government invited the Universal Exposition 2025 (world fair) to come to Osaka and promised to make the Osaka World Fair 'the first to be themed after the SDGs' and was as such chosen to host in 2025. In addition, sustainability is a central concept of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and Paralympics with aims to contribute to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The concept of the Games is set as "Be better, together – For the planet and the people."

Municipalities in Japan and elsewhere are also using the SDGs as a standard for the formulation of their visions and plans in ways that are both comprehensive and cross-sectoral, including through the leadership and investments in such areas as education, health, water, hygiene, waste management, transportation and housing. It has been reported by United Nations that without the pertinent participation of the municipalities 65% of the SDGs 169 target especially on education, health, drinkable water, hygiene, waste management, transportation and housing; would be difficult to achieve.

As governments, municipalities and businesses work towards achievement of the SDGs, the global goals are 'becoming more localized'. Friends of the United Nations Asia-Pacific held the inaugural '2018 Forum for Implementation of the SDGs' at the United Nations on 31 May 2018 (NY time) with the goal highlighting Japanese leadership in promoting the SDGs.

The overall goal of the 2019 Forum will also be to highlight Japanese leadership initiatives in promoting the SDGs at local levels with a focus on three main themes or topics:

Promoting the SDGs at a municipal level;

Promoting Women's Equality and Empowerment in the society and at the workplace;

Business and technology leadership with local culture

Leaders of Japanese municipalities, businesses and civic organizations will gather to address their respective activities in support of the SDGs and exchange views and perspectives with UN representatives, civil society and the private sector.