

Network of various non-state actors such as companies, local governments and NGOs

Launch of the Japan Climate Initiative (JCI) and Invitation for Participation

Since the adoption of the Paris Agreement, which aims to realize a decarbonized society, the role of various non-state actors such as companies, local governments and NGOs has been gaining traction. In the United States, companies, state and municipal governments, NGOs and other organizations established a coalition called “We Are Still In” a year ago to reaffirm their commitment to the Paris Agreement following the announcement by the Trump Administration of its intent to withdraw the United States from the historic agreement

Following these efforts in the United States, movements to establish cross-sectoral organizations of various non-state actors are getting underway in other countries as well.

Taking the lead in this global movement, in Japan, 105 organizations including companies and local governments that agree with the Founding Declaration (Appendix 1), founded the Japan Climate Initiative today.

Based on the recognition that a transition to a decarbonized society as agreed under the Paris Agreement will generate new opportunities for growth and development, the Japan Climate Initiative (JCI) will progressively implement activities so that Japanese actors can join the front line of the global trend towards decarbonization.

In September 2018, the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS), a worldwide summit of companies, local governments, NGOs and other organizations, will be held in San Francisco. We will dispatch representative members to this summit, and follow it with a *Japan Climate Change Action Summit (tentative title)* in Tokyo on 12 October 2018. We will use these opportunities to promote the actions being undertaken by participating Japanese actors and communicate them to the world.

We also encourage Japanese companies, local governments and organizations actively engaged in climate change efforts to join the Japan Climate Initiative (refer to Q&A in Appendix 2).

Overview of Japan Climate Initiative (JCI)

- **Name:** Japan Climate Initiative (JCI)
- **Founded on** 6 July 2018
- **Members:** Companies, financial institutions, local governments, research institutes, NGOs and their coalitions which agree with the Founding Declaration (Appendix 1). The founding members consist of 105 organizations including leading companies in various fields such as ICT, finance, construction, housing, energy, food and retailing in various areas across the country, local governments making pioneering efforts to address climate change, consumer organizations, think tanks and NGOs (Appendix 3).
- **Leading advocate:** Takejiro Sueyoshi, Special Advisor to United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative in the Asia Pacific region
- **Secretariat organizations:** CDP Japan, WWF Japan, Renewable Energy Institute
- **Partner organizations:** Japan Climate Leaders’ Partnership (Japan-CLP), The Frontier Network (TFN), Network of Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs for a Sustainable Business and Energy Future, ICLEI Japan
- **Website:** japanclimate.org [Japanese only now; the English version is under construction]
- **Contact:** Japan Climate Initiative Secretariat (info@japanclimate.org)

Action Plan of Japan Climate Initiative (JCI)

The Founding Declaration includes the following statements.

- The transition to a decarbonized society agreed under the Paris Agreement will generate new opportunities for growth and development.
- When the Kyoto Protocol was adopted, Japan was on the front line of global climate actions. However, its current position is far from a leading one.
- As the Paris Agreement requires a progressive increase in reduction targets in response to the deepening crisis of climate change, Japan will also be required to strengthen its actions.
- Actions of Japanese non-state actors will enhance Japan's commitment to climate change efforts in international society.
- We will serve as a bridge between Japan and the world in the effort to overcome the crisis of climate change.

Based on these main concepts of the Founding Declaration, JCI will conduct the following activities.

1. Creation of a momentum to move the whole nation toward the realization of a decarbonized society

Participating members such as companies, local governments and NGOs will actively develop their own climate actions and work together to activate efforts within and between sectors. Through these actions, we will create a momentum to move the whole nation toward a decarbonized society.

As the first trigger for this movement, we will hold *Japan Climate Change Action Summit* (tentative title; at Toranomon Hills, Minato City, Tokyo) on 12 October 2018, with the participation of corporate CEOs, leaders of local governments and other representatives of organizations engaged in pioneering efforts.

2. Support for implementation of members' activities

The founding members of JCI include five out of seven Japanese RE100 companies and 15 out of 20 companies which got approval of Science Based Targets (SBT) for their GHG targets. By holding seminars and workshops and showcasing the activities on the website, we will share experiences of these RE100 and SBT companies, as well as local governments which have set a target to achieve zero emission of GHGs, and support the activities conducted by various non-state actors.

3. Conducting dialogue with the government to strengthen Japan's climate action

We will establish a discussion channel with the ministries in charge of formulating Long-term Low Emission Development Strategies to be discussed starting this summer and take a necessary approach so that these strategies will provide a clear path to a decarbonized society in Japan.

4. Communication of Japanese non-state actors' efforts to the world and international collaboration

We will seek dialogue and collaboration with similar efforts in other countries, including We Are Still In in the United States, and other national multi-stakeholder coalitions as part of the Alliances for Climate Action¹ in which JCI is participating. Moreover, we will actively join the Talanoa Dialogue, which aims to enhance countries' commitments under the Paris Agreement. As part of these efforts, we plan to participate in Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS) to be held in San Francisco in September and COP24 to be held in Poland in December. In 2019, we will communicate our efforts to the world, taking advantage of the occasion of the G20 to be held in Japan.

¹ "Alliances for Climate Action" (ACAs) aims to build and strengthen domestic constituencies for climate action – companies, local and state governments, academic institutions, civil society organizations and others - committed to working with each other and with national governments to accelerate their nationally-determined processes of transformation towards low-carbon and climate-resilient societies. ACAs is being jointly advanced by seven international organizations - C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, CDP, Climate Action Network, Fundación AVINA, The Climate Group, the We Mean Business and WWF – together with leading partners at the national level.

Appendix 1: Founding Declaration

Joining the front line of global trend for decarbonization from Japan

We, as non-state actors such as companies and local governments, pledge to stand at the forefront of global challenges in order to realize the decarbonized society envisioned by the Paris Agreement.

The Paris Agreement is an epoch-making international agreement which was the first to set the goal of net zero emission of greenhouse gases. Whether this goal will be achieved or not will affect the survival of human beings. At the same time, the transition to a decarbonized society agreed under the Paris Agreement will generate new opportunities for growth and development. Also, these efforts in support of decarbonization share the same aims as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations in 2015.

When the Kyoto Protocol, the first international agreement which committed to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, was adopted, Japan was certainly at the forefront of global climate action. However, 20 years later, Japan's current position is far from a leading one.

We believe that Japan can and should play a greater role in the world in realizing a decarbonized society primarily through promotion of energy efficiency and expansion of renewable energy. Also, we are firmly convinced that expanding and accelerating efforts toward a decarbonized society and setting an example for international society will bring significant benefits to Japan itself.

In order to realize the goal of the Paris Agreement, Japanese non-state actors are beginning to play active roles in pursuing more ambitious goals than the official commitment of the Japanese government. More than 50 Japanese companies have already set or are committed to set the Science Based Targets (SBT). Also, Japanese companies are increasingly joining RE100. Many local governments have set renewable energy deployment targets far exceeding the national target, and some of them have declared their will to achieve zero emission.

As the Paris Agreement requires a progressive increase in reduction targets in response to the deepening crisis of climate change, Japan will also be required to strengthen its countermeasures. We will enhance our efforts to demonstrate global leadership in achieving the well-below-two-degree target through our own activities. We are sure that the actions of Japanese non-state actors will enhance Japan's commitment to climate efforts in international society.

We will serve as a bridge between Japan and the world in the effort to overcome the crisis of climate change.

Appendix 2: Q&A

Q&A on Japan Climate Initiative (JCI)

Q: What is Japan Climate Initiative?

A: It is a network of various non-state actors such as companies, local governments, organizations and NGOs actively engaged in climate action. In the United States, companies, state and municipal governments and other organizations established a coalition called “We Are Still In.” Signatories are committed to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement. . Inspired by this domestic movement in the United States, efforts to establish domestic coalitions comprised of companies, local and subnational governments, academic institutions, civil society organizations and others in support of decisive implementation of the Paris Agreement are getting underway in other countries as well. Japan Climate Initiative will collaborate with these international movement.

Q: Who can join the initiative?

A: Companies, financial institutions, local governments, research institutes, NGOs and other organizations which agree with the Founding Declaration can join the initiative. Both individual organizations and coalitions of organizations can join.

Q: How is the initiative organized?

A: The preparatory committee (consisting of WWF Japan, CDP Japan, Renewable Energy Institute, Japan Climate Leaders’ Partnership (Japan-CLP), The Frontier Network (TFN), Network of Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs for a Sustainable Business and Energy Future and Mr. Takejiro Sueyoshi, UNEP Finance Initiative), which was engaged in preparation for the founding, will be in charge of management at the moment. The management structure is planned to be developed within this year.

Q: Is there a membership fee or any other requirements?

A: No membership fee is required but donations are always welcome. Operation costs in FY 2018 will be covered by the three organizations serving as the secretariat.

There are no specific requirements for member organizations, but they are expected to make active efforts on a voluntary basis.

Q: How can we join the initiative?

A: Please fill out the application form available on the website and send it to the secretariat by e-mail. Currently only those organizations which have basis in Japan can join the initiative.

The secretariat’s e-mail address for application is office@japanclimate.org.

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2	Corporation Ajinomoto Co., Inc.
3	Corporation AMITA HOLDINGS CO.,LTD.
4	Corporation Architects Regional Planners & Associates·Kyoto
5	Corporation CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.
6	Corporation Daifuku Co., Ltd.
7	Corporation DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED
8	Corporation Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd.
9	Corporation Eco Style Co.,Ltd.
10	Corporation Eco Works Co., Ltd.
11	Corporation Ecolinx
12	Corporation E-Square Inc.
13	Corporation FP Corporation
14	Corporation FUJIFILM Holdings Corporation
15	Corporation Fujitsu Limited
16	Corporation Furukawa Co., Ltd.
17	Corporation Hitachi, Ltd.
18	Corporation Houtoku Energy
19	Corporation Imax
20	Corporation Kanagote Farm
21	Corporation Kao Corporation
22	Corporation Kasetzukizai Co., Ltd.
23	Corporation Kirin Holdings Company, Limited
24	Corporation KK. Oomura Co.
25	Corporation Kokubunji Sangyo
26	Corporation KONICA MINOLTA, INC.
27	Corporation Kureha Ecology Management Co., Ltd.
28	Corporation LIXIL Group Corporation
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32	Corporation Minna-Denryoku, Inc.
33	Corporation Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.
34	Corporation MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc.
35	Corporation NEC Corporation
36	Corporation Next Energy & Resources Co., Ltd.
37	Corporation Nikkei Panel System Company,Ltd.
38	Corporation Nikon Corporation
39	Corporation Nippon Gas
40	Corporation Nishimatsu Construction Co., Ltd.
41	Corporation Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.
42	Corporation NTT DOCOMO, INC.
43	Corporation NTT FACILITIES, INC.
44	Corporation Obiken Kogyo
45	Corporation Ogawa Econos Inc.
46	Corporation Panasonic Corporation
47	Corporation Picot Energy Inc
48	Corporation PLUS SOCIAL INVESTMENT Co., Ltd.
49	Corporation Refine Holdings Co., Ltd.
50	Corporation Response Ability, Inc.
51	Corporation RICOH COMPANY, LTD.
52	Corporation SARR LLC
53	Corporation SB Energy Corp.

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55	Corporation Sekisui House, Ltd.
56	Corporation SHIZEN ENERGY Inc.
57	Corporation Shizuoka Mirai Energy
58	Corporation SHONAN POWER Co., Ltd.
59	Corporation SoftBank Group Corp.
60	Corporation Sampo Holdings, Inc.
61	Corporation Sony Corporation
62	Corporation Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited
63	Corporation Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.
64	Corporation Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.
65	Corporation Suzuhiro Kamaboko Co., Ltd.
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68	Corporation Takashimaya Co., Ltd.
69	Corporation THE SHIGA BANK, LTD.
70	Corporation TODA CORPORATION
71	Corporation Unicharm Corporation
72	Corporation Wa no energy
73	Corporation WasteBox Co., Ltd.
74	Corporation Watami Farm & Energy Co., Ltd.
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77	Municipality Kagoshima City
78	Municipality Kagoshima Prefecture
79	Municipality Kawasaki City
80	Municipality Kusatsu City
81	Municipality Kyoto City
82	Municipality Matsuda Town
83	Municipality Nagano Prefecture
84	Municipality Odawara City
85	Municipality Omihachiman City
86	Municipality Otsu City
87	Municipality Shiga Prefecture
88	Municipality Shimokawa Town
89	Municipality Tokyo Metropolitan Government
90	Municipality Yokohama City
91	Other Basyobunka Forum
92	Other Biomass Industry Society Network
93	Other CARBON OFFSET JAPAN
94	Other Earth Life Network
95	Other Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
96	Other Japan Community Power Association
97	Other Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union (JCCU)
98	Other Low Carbon Society Promotion Association
99	Other Network of Business Leaders and Entrepreneursfor a Sustainable Business and Energy Future
100	Other Oisoeneshift
101	Other Sustainable Economy Association
102	Other The Association for Promotion of ZEH
103	Secretariat CDP Worldwide-Japan
104	Secretariat Renewable Energy Institute
105	Secretariat WWF Japan