

Outline of Japan Climate Initiative

- 1 Japan Climate Initiative aims to accelerate climate actions by non-state actors such as companies, banking institutions, local government, research institutions, NGO/NPO and other organizations except for national government.
- 2 The abbreviation for Japan Climate Initiative is JCI.
- 3 JCI consists of the non-state actors and their associations (hereinafter referred to as “member”) who agree to the Annex 1 “The Declaration”. Each member can withdraw from JCI voluntarily at any time after joining.
- 4 JCI will do the following activities.
 - 4-1 Basic activities expected to do for all members
 - Take climate actions positively and voluntarily
 - Introduce own climate actions and exchange knowledge and experiences among members
 - Participate in annually held Japan Climate Action Summit
 - 4-2 Optional activities according to the needs of each member
 - Participate in seminars and workshops organized by JCI or members
 - Participate in international events such as UN Climate Summit and COP
 - Sign statements and proposals on climate action
 - Join dialogues with national government
 - 4-3 Secretariat activities
 - Manage JCI website
 - Issue News Letters for JCI members (about once a month)
 - Invite non-state actors to participate in JCI and increase members
 - Communicate with media and journalists
 - Make annual activity plans and secure financial resources
- 5 JCI sets up Steering Committee, Secretariat and Representative for its smooth management. The Steering Committee and the Secretariat consist of the organizations in Annex 2.

5-1 Steering Committee

Steering Committee elects Representative and makes annual activity plans.

5-2 Secretariat

Secretariat is in charge of daily operation, making drafts of annual activity plans, statements and proposals on climate actions and securing financial resources for the operations.

5-3 Representative

Representative represents JCI and joins the discussion and the decision of the Steering Committee.

Representative serves two-year term and the re-election is not precluded.

Supplementary Provisions

This outline shall come into effect as from 1st of June, 2018.

The amending outline shall come into effect as from 18th of January, 2019.

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.

Annex 2

Steering Committee consists of the following organizations.

- CDP Japan
- ICLEI Japan
- Japan Climate Leaders' Partnership (Japan-CLP)
- Network of Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs for a Sustainable Business and Energy Future
- The Frontier Network (TFN)
- Renewable Energy Institution
- WWF Japan

Secretariat consists of the following organizations.

- CDP Japan
- Renewable Energy Institution
- WWF Japan