

# Highlights of the Japan Climate Action Summit (JCAS) 2024

(Based on the program as of 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024)

## ■Keynote speech by Selwin Hart, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Climate Action and Just Transition and Assistant Secretary-General of the Climate Action Team

Selwin Hart, who works to enhance international climate ambition to achieve the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals, as the Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General, will talk about the current state of climate change and the urgency of climate action. He has served in several climate action leadership positions, including as a Climate Adviser for the Caribbean Development Bank, Chief Climate Change Negotiator for Barbados, as well as the Coordinator and Lead Negotiator on Finance for the Alliance of Small Island Developing States.



Selwin Hart

## ■Panel Discussion "Frontier of Climate Action 2024"

### <Session 1: Change Japan's climate policy towards realization of the JCI's call>

RE100, which together with companies has announced policy recommendations for Japan to triple the installed capacity of renewable energy in Japan; Panasonic, which is working not only to achieve zero emissions for its own company but also to decarbonize society as a whole; the Japan Youth Conference, which is making proposals for Japan's climate policy; and Sophia University, which is the first Japanese university to sign the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and aims to realize a sustainable society through ESG investment, will discuss what Japan's climate policy should be in order to achieve the 1.5 degree target.



Masafumi  
Hikima



Shoji  
Kusumoto



Luna  
Serigano



Ollie Wilson



Hiroko  
Kuniya

### <Session 2: Achieving Tripling of Renewable Energy Capacity>

Renewable energy is the key to decarbonization. We invite people who are leading this effort in different regions to discuss how to achieve the international agreement to triple renewable energy capacity in Japan. RWE Renewables Japan will talk about offshore wind, Eco Works about solar for buildings, Odawara-kanagote Farm about solar sharing, and Digital Grid about corporate PPAs, and they will discuss ways to maximize Japan's renewable energy potential.



Jens Bøgsted  
Orfelt



Takashi  
Oyama



Yamato  
Oyamada



Yusuke  
Toyoda



Kae Takase

### <Session 3: Bringing together the growing power of non-state actors>

We invite the J.League, which is taking climate action to protect an environment where children can continue to play soccer; the Green Doctors, who are working on decarbonization and raising awareness in the medical field from the perspective of the impact of climate change on medicine and health; a weather forecaster, who is working to strengthen communication linking everyday weather to climate change; and a climate scientist, who is continuing to explain and disseminate information on climate change issues, to discuss how Japan can promote momentum toward a decarbonized society.



Seita Emori



Hiroko Ida



Takayuki Tsujii



Kei Yokota



Emi  
Matsukawa

### ■ Message to Japan from Nigar Arpadarai, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 and John Podesta, U.S. Senior Advisor to the President for International Climate Policy

JCAS will open with video messages from Nigar Arpadarai, a high-level champion leading the Race To Zero initiative involving non-state actors from around the world, and John Podesta, U.S. Senior Advisor to the President for International Climate Policy.



Nigar  
Arpadarai



John Podesta

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[Organizer] Japan Climate Initiative (JCI)

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