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UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
Tokyo Platform for Sustainable Cities in Asia and the Pacific (Tokyo-SUSCAP)
The Third Network Seminar
Programme Updated !

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) promotes sustainable urban development toward the achievement of SDG Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. The Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP), established in Fukuoka in 1997, leads initiatives in 15 country offices and around 300 staff members working on various projects in partnership with national governments in Asia and the Pacific Region.

As cities in Asia and the Pacific Region face growing challenges such as housing shortages, infrastructure gaps, and climate change, UN-Habitat ROAP established the Tokyo Platform for Sustainable Cities in Asia and the Pacific as a collaborative platform bringing together the private sector, government, academia, and civil society organizations interested in promoting sustainable urban development through a series of seminars held in Tokyo and Fukuoka.

The seminar will feature two panel sessions. The first panel session, "Best Practices and Insights from Japanese Companies' Engagement in UN-Habitat Projects," will highlight experiences shared by companies that have collaborated with UN-Habitat, showcasing approaches to international cooperation using Japanese technologies and expertise.

The second panel session, a special panel toward GREEN×EXPO 2027, "Green Urban Development," will bring together experts to discuss approaches to sustainable urban development.

In addition, a Co-Creation Network Session in a World Café format will bring together UN-Habitat staff from the Asia-Pacific region and participating organizations to exchange views on current challenges, needs, and future technologies, and to explore new opportunities for public-private collaboration and co-creation.

We look forward to the participation of companies and organizations interested in sustainable urban development in the Asia-Pacific region. Participation in the networking reception only is also welcome.

Details of the third Network Seminar are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Seminar

Time: 15:00–18:00

-Registration opens at 14:30

Venue: HallA, 5F, TORANOMON HILLS FORUM

(1-23-3 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

Capacity: 200 participants (Online participation available)

Language: Japanese (Network Session in English only)

Networking Reception

Time: 18:00–19:30

Venue: HallA, 5F, TORANOMON HILLS FORUM

(1-23-3 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

Fee: Self-paid (approximately JPY 3,000 per person)

Capacity: 100 participants (in-person only)

How to Register

Please contact us at the email address below **by Tuesday, 2 June**. We will send you an application form.

* Participants in the Network Seminar are generally requested to register as members of the Platform (membership is free of charge).

For Companies and Organizations interested in presenting at the Co-Creation Network Session

We have prepared a matching session to explore potential collaboration opportunities with UN-Habitat Country Offices. We encourage interested companies / organizations to participate. Presentations should be delivered in English.

Please note that the number of presentation slots is limited. Depending on the number of applications, presentation time may be shortened. Each presentation, including Q&A, will be approximately 15 minutes.

If you are interested in delivering a presentation, contact us at the email address below **by Tuesday, 26 May**. We will send you an application form.

Notes for Participants

- Registration at the venue will begin at 14:30.
- Please bring your business card, as it will be collected at registration.
- The participation fee for the reception is JPY 3,000.
- For details on parking and access, please refer to the venue's website (<https://www.toranomonhillsforum.com/access/>).

(Registration / Inquiries)

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Programme

1 Opening Remarks and Overview of the Regional Implementation Strategy

Ms. Kazuko Ishigaki, Regional Director, UN-Habitat ROAP

2 Panel Discussion (Japanese)

“Best Practices and Insights from Japanese Companies’ Engagement in UN-Habitat Projects”

Moderator: Ms. Sachiyo Hoshino, Special Adviser to Regional Director, UN-Habitat ROAP

Panelists: See Annex 2

3 Panel Discussion (Japanese)

“Green Urban Development”

Moderator: Ms. Maya Mizuno, Project Assistant, UN-Habitat ROAP

Panelists: See Annex 2

4 Co-Creation Network Session (English)

Presentations by Japanese Private Companies and Organizations (World Cafe)

Scheduled Presenters:

- Synspective Inc.
- New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)
- ※ Several other companies are also expected to participate.

5 Closing Remarks

Ms. Kazuko Ishigaki, Regional Director, UN-Habitat ROAP

Tokyo Platform for Sustainable Cities in Asia and the Pacific (Tokyo – SUSCAP)**The Third Network Seminar****UN-Habitat Moderator****Ms. Kazuko Ishigaki****Regional Director****UN-Habitat ROAP**

Ms. Kazuko Ishigaki has over 25 years of experience in the Japanese government, specializing in disaster risk reduction, international policy, and national and regional development. Her key roles have included Director for Fukushima Regional and Urban Development at the Reconstruction Agency; Director for Disaster Drills; Director for Public Awareness and International Relations in the Cabinet Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; and Director for the International Construction Industry at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. She also brings extensive international experience, serving as a Senior Economist at the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and as an Economist and Policy Analyst at the OECD.

**Moderator****Ms. Oddy Angelo Barrios****Human Settlements Officer****UN-Habitat ROAP**

Ms. Oddy Angelo Barrios holds a Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Disaster Management and has over 15 years of experience leading programmes in housing, land governance, and basic services. She has managed slum upgrading, housing reconstruction, and community infrastructure projects in Bolivia, Indonesia, Afghanistan, and Myanmar. Currently, she oversees support to Nepal, Cambodia, and Viet Nam. She also leads efforts on climate change adaptation and urban resilience across the Asia-Pacific region, including in Pakistan and Malaysia.



Moderator

Mr. Roi Chiti

Human Settlements Officer

UN-Habitat ROAP

Mr. Roi Chiti, an Italian national, holds a degree in Architecture and Urban Planning, an MA in Development and International Aid, an MSc in Land Use and Water Management. From 2006 to 2009, he worked with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Department of Development Cooperation, leading development programmes in Africa. He joined UN-Habitat in 2009 and has since served in multiple roles, including Chief Technical Advisor at the Regional Office for Africa; Coordinator of the World Urban Forum and World Urban Campaign; Head of the drafting team for the New Urban Agenda; and Chief UN-Habitat Multi-Country Office covering Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, and Venezuela. Since June 2025, he has been the ROAP Regional Coordinator backstopping India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Laos, Mongolia and the Pacific Countries.



Ms. Sachiyo Hoshino

Special Advisor to Regional Director

UN-Habitat ROAP

Ms. Sachiyo Hoshino has worked in UN-Habitat for nearly 20 years, first in the Iraq post war rehabilitation and later in solid waste management and water/sanitation, through Fukuoka Method and engagement with Japanese environmental technologies. In prior to joining UN-Habitat Sachiyo has over 15 years experience in investment banking in the private sector. She has a masters degree in urban policy.

Best Practices and Insights from Japanese Companies' Engagement in UN-Habitat Projects

Speaker Profiles



Mr. Keita Takahashi

Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

After joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Takahashi has held various positions, including Senior Officer at the Economic Treaties Division of the International Legal Affairs Bureau, Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in Russia, Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in the United Kingdom, and Senior Counsellor at the Cabinet Legislation Bureau. He has been serving in his current position since September 2025. He is responsible for diplomatic policies related to development cooperation through international organizations and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a focus on addressing global challenges.



Mr. Norichika Matsuo

President, Daiken Co., Ltd.

Originally from Fukuoka City, Mr. Matsuo graduated from Seinan Gakuin University. After working at NKK Trading Co., Ltd. (now JFE Shoji Corporation), he was appointed President in 1998. In addition to engaging in urban development through compensation services, civil engineering design, and architectural design, since 2014 he has collaborated with UN-Habitat Fukuoka Office and other partners to develop underground rainwater storage tanks, known as "TAMETOTTO," in 27 locations across six countries, mainly in Southeast Asia.

Japanese Company

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Green Urban Development

Speaker Profiles



Mr. Koki Ogino

**Chairman, AgVenture Lab; Special Counselor, The Norinchukin Bank;
Visiting Professor, Kobe University Entrepreneurship Center**

Mr. Ogino joined The Norinchukin Bank in 1990. After working on IT systems for derivatives trading and gaining experience at the intersection of financial engineering and information technology, he studied international business at the University of California, Berkeley. Following his role as Executive Officer and General Manager of the Digital Innovation Division, he founded AgVenture Lab in 2019 to support AgTech and FoodTech startups. He assumed his current position as Chairman of AgVenture Lab in 2026.

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The 3rd Network Seminar

Seminar

9 June 2026 15:00- 18:00

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(1-23-3 Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

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Networking

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Application

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Fee

Free * **Networking reception will be self-funded.**
(approximately JPY 3,000 per person)

Deadline

2 June 2026



Under the theme of **“Best Practices and Insights from Japanese Companies’ Engagement in UN-Habitat Projects,”** the seminar highlights international cooperation using Japanese technologies and expertise. A special panel toward GREEN×EXPO 2027, **“Green Urban Development,”** will bring together experts to discuss approaches to sustainable urban development. A World Café-style Co-Creation Network Session will **connect participants with UN-Habitat staff from the Asia-Pacific region** to explore key challenges, needs, and collaboration opportunities.

Companies and organizations are invited to deliver presentations !

○Application and Inquiries

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