

UNESCO Week 2023

**Connecting Local to Global:
Value Creation through UNESCO Initiatives and
Activities**

Day 1

13 February 2023, Monday

Webinar

An introduction to UNESCO: Learning about UNESCO from UNESCO staff members

Time: 16:00~18:30

Language: Japanese only

Day 2

15 February 2023, Wednesday

International webinar

Fostering deep, meaningful cross-sectoral partnerships through UNESCO activities: Domestic and international case studies

Time: 16:00~18:00

Language: Japanese and English (simultaneous interpretation)

Day 3

17 February 2023, Friday

International symposium

From Local to Global: Creating value through collaborative approaches

Time: 16:00~18:00

Language: Japanese and English (simultaneous interpretation)

**Event
Registration**

<https://forms.office.com/r/jcTC4HEyVM>

※Registration for the main events hosted by ACCU, as well as the associated thematic events (see overleaf) may be completed via the link or QR code.



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PROGRAMME (TENTATIVE)

Day 1 *An introduction to UNESCO: Learning about UNESCO from UNESCO staff members*

- 16:00 **Opening**
16:15 **Keynote speech:** A brief introduction to UNESCO (tentative)
By Jun Morohashi (Chief of Section of Education for Sustainable Development, UNESCO)
16:40 **An introduction to UNESCO's sector-based initiatives and field offices**
17:40 **Roundtable discussion with UNESCO staff members (discussants):** Expectations for youth in UNESCO Member States
17:55 **Closing**
18:00 **Interactive session** between UNESCO staff members (discussants) and participants

Day 2 *Fostering deep, meaningful cross-sectoral partnerships through UNESCO activities*

- 16:00 **Opening**
16:15 **Presentation 1:** Integrating UNESCO Biosphere Reserves and Geoparks as the platforms for intergenerational learning
By Aida Mammadova (Associate Professor, Kanazawa University)
16:35 **Presentation 2:** Cooperation and collaboration for youth development in Asahikawa, a UNESCO Creative City
By Tomoko Hayashi (President, Asahikawa UNESCO Association)
16:55 **Presentation 3:** International case study (to be determined)
17:15 **Presentation 4:** International case study (to be determined)
17:35 **Panel Discussion:** The synergistic effects of, and potential for, collaborative partnerships
Moderated by Kazuyuki Mikami (Emeritus Professor, Miyagi University of Education)
17:55 **Closing**

Day 3 *From Local to Global: Creating value through collaborative approaches*

- 16:00 **Opening**
16:15 **Short Speech 1:** TBA, Youth Committee of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO
16:30 **Short Speech 2:** Kazuo Tase (CEO, SDG Partners)
16:45 **Short Speech 3:** Supranee Khamyuang (Expert on International Cooperation Policy Development, Thai National Commission for UNESCO (TNCU))
17:00 **Panel Discussion**
Moderated by Nobuko Kayashima (Senior Research Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA))
Panelists: Yuji Suzuki (Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan)
Kazuo Tase (CEO, SDG Partners)
Robert Parua (Programme specialist, UNESCO Beijing Office)
Maoko Kobayashi • Akitosh Nagasawa Pati
(Leaders, Youth Committee of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO)
Supranee Khamyuang (Expert on International Cooperation Policy Development, TNCU)
17:50 **Closing**

Associated thematic events (Tentative)

- 1 February (Wed) **Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities: The first international symposium**
10:30-16:45 **Organiser:** International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI)
- 12 February (Sun) **The connection between us and Geoparks: Promoting Learning through the Oki SDGs Cards (Japanese only)**
10:00-12:00 **Organiser:** Youth Committee of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO (Science sector working group)
- 15 February (Wed) **Understanding sources of pride and frustrations within our town: Creativity hidden in the everyday life**
19:00-20:30 **Organiser:** Youth Committee of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO (Cultural sector working group)
- 16 February (Thu) **Envisioning the future: The potential role of the performing arts in fostering diversity and multi-culturalism**
18:00-19:30 **Organiser:** Youth Committee of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO (Education sector working group)
- 21 February (Tue) **Promoting Teacher Education for Climate Change Education through Collaboration between Asian Centres of Excellence on Education for Sustainable Development**
13:00-17:00 **Organisers:** Okayama University
- 23 February (Thu) **ESD Evaluation Forum: Creating and shaping sustainable societies through the assessment of ESD initiatives by schools and communities**
(National holiday) 16:00-18:00 **Organiser:** Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU)

Main Organisers:

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) (Commissioned by MEXT)

Co-Organiser:

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)

Collaborative partners:

- National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (NFUAJ)
- Nature Conservation Society of Japan (NACS-J)
- Japanese Geoparks Network (JGN)
- International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI), National Institutes for Cultural Heritage (NICH)
- Youth Committee of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO

