



Speakers' Biography

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JAPAN'S MARKET DEVELOPMENT OF CARBON TRADE IN THE INDONESIAN FORESTRY SECTOR

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Opening Remarks

Dr. Taro SONOBE | Deputy Director, Kyoto University ASEAN Center



Dr. Taro SONOBE is the Head of International Collaboration, Research Promotion Division at Kyoto University Research Acceleration Office in Kyoto University. He has also served as Deputy-Directors for Kyoto University ASEAN Center in Bangkok, Thailand as well as Kyoto University European Center in Heidelberg, Germany. During 2008 – 2012, he served as Global COE Assistant Professor at Graduate School of Energy Science of Kyoto University. He received his Ph. D. in Energy Technology from the Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment (JGSEE), King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Thailand in 2007. Since then, he has been promoting ASEAN and Japan cooperation including the establishment of Japan and ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Platform (JASTIP) in 2015.

Recently, officially endorsed by ASEAN Committee of Science, Technology, and Innovation (COSTI), he has jointly initiated the project on Human Capacity Building for Science, Technology, and Innovation Coordination between ASEAN and Japan toward Grand Challenges, funded by the Japan ASEAN Integrated Fund (JAIF) in collaboration with ASEAN University Network (AUN), AUN/SEED-Net and JASTIP.

Speakers/Panelists:

Japan's Market Development of Carbon Trade in the Indonesian Forestry Sector

Hangga Prihatmaja | 2025 Research Fellow, ASEAN-Japan Young Experts



With 13 years of experience as an auditor for sustainability certification programs and as a climate change mitigation consultant, Mr. Prihatmaja is currently pursuing a PhD in Global Environmental Policy at Kyoto University. He is affiliated with the Division of Graduate Studies (DoGS) SPRING Kyoto University, supported by the Japan Science and Technology Agency as fellow, and the Mitsubishi UFJ Trust Foundation as a scholar. Also, Mr. Prihatmaja is the founder of MIDORI Forestry, a semi startup to lead research consultation in forestry, agriculture, SDG, and climate change mitigation and adaptation discourse.

Strengthening Carbon Market Governance: Policy Design, MRV Standards, and Bilateral Cooperation between Japan and Indonesia

Keitaro TSUJI | Director, Office for the Joint Crediting Mechanism and International Carbon Market, Ministry of Environment (Japan)



Mr. Keitaro TSUJI has dedicated over 20 years to fostering international environmental cooperation and supporting sustainable infrastructure development in emerging economies, particularly across ASEAN and Asia. His work focuses on building collaborative frameworks for decarbonization and advancing joint initiatives under platforms such as the G7 and ASEAN. After earning a Master of Public Policy from UCLA, Mr. TSUJI served as a JICA Environmental Policy Expert in Indonesia, where he played a key role in shaping the country's first PPP-based waste-to-energy project—an effort that bridged policy design with practical implementation. As Director of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and International Carbon Market at Japan's Ministry of the Environment, Mr. TSUJI leads bilateral and regional partnerships to accelerate carbon neutrality through carbon market mechanism.

Scaling Forest-Based Carbon Projects through Investment Readiness, Risk Management, and Local Partnerships in Indonesia

Nurul Iman Suansa | Climate Technical Manager, ACT Solutions APAC Pte. Ltd. (ACT Group)



Mr. Nurul Iman Suansa is a Senior Technical Specialist at ACT Group, playing a key role in the technical analysis of AFOLU projects, bringing more than 14 years of valuable experience in the forestry sector, along with a portfolio of research published in peer-reviewed journals. He has earned a strong reputation for his contributions to developing state-level carbon frameworks and blue carbon initiatives that have successfully met voluntary market standards. Mr. Iman has completed a Master of Science degree from King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. His expertise is in ecosystem conservation, restoration, biodiversity, wood science & technology, and GIS analysis.

Ensuring Environmental and Social Integrity of Tropical Carbon Credits: Latest Evidence, Monitoring Innovations, and Safeguards against Exclusion

Dr. M. Zahrul Muttaqin | Director, Multistakeholder Forestry Programme Phase 5 (MFP5)



Dr. Muhammad Zahrul Muttaqin is a Co-Director of Multistakeholder Forestry Programme Phase 5 (MFP5), a bilateral cooperation between Ministry of Forestry, Republic of Indonesia and Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) of the UK Government. He was the Forestry Attaché at the Indonesian Embassy in Tokyo, and previously as the Deputy Director for Multilateral Cooperation at the Bureau of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia. He has an extensive skills and knowledge in socio-economic and policy aspects of forestry gained from his assignment as a researcher in forest economics and policy. He graduated from Bogor Agricultural University with a bachelor's degree in forestry and a master's degree in Agribusiness Management. He also obtained Master of Forestry and PhD in Environment and Development from the Australian National University. He has been extensively publishing international and national journals, books, and policy briefs. He has also participated in national and international fora such as multilateral and bilateral meetings, seminars, workshops, and negotiations.

Moderator:

Dr. Gregory Trencher | Associate Professor, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University



Dr. Gregory Trencher is an associate professor at the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies at Kyoto University in Japan. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo in 2014 and held previous posts at Clark University in the USA and Tohoku University in Japan. His research focuses on decarbonisation and energy policy and the governance of energy and sustainability transitions. Current projects are investigating topics such as fossil-fuel phase-out policies, company decarbonisation behaviour, voluntary carbon markets, next-generation mobility and smart cities. He serves on the editorial board for Energy Research & Social Science and as an editor for Frontiers in Sustainable Cities. His research has been published in journals such as Nature, Nature Communications, One Earth, Environmental Research Letters, PLOS One, Climatic Change and Technological Forecasting and Social Change. His research and opinion have featured in media outlets such as The Guardian, New York Times, Le Monde, Nikkei Asia, Channel NewsAsia (CNA), ABC Australia and Carbon Brief.