

# SDGs International Forum for Biodiversity

- In December 2022, the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework, new global goals on biodiversity, was adopted.
- Through the sharing of the latest domestic and international trends toward the realisation of Nature Positive and the exchange of advanced initiatives and knowledge on biodiversity as a local issue, this Forum aims to seek ways to implement SDGs at the local level (local SDGs) with residents and business operators in Hyogo Prefecture.

Free of Charge

Japanese-English  
simultaneous  
interpretation

Date and time

Tuesday, 24 October 2023 13:00-15:30 (JST)

Venue

Lasse Hall 2nd floor, Blanche Rose Room  
(4-10-8 Nakayamate-dori, Chuo-ku, Kobe City)

Forum method

Hybrid (on-site/online)

Capacity

100 people at the venue  
300 people online  
(first-come-first-served basis)



## Programme

(Part One)

Keynote speech

**"Pathways to Achieving Nature Positive by 2030"** TAKEUCHI Kazuhiko, President of IGES

Tripartite discussion

**"Biodiversity Promoted through Local Initiatives and SDGs"**

The panellists will exchange views on the local initiatives that utilise similar natural resources to ensure biodiversity and revitalise sustainable local community and economy, including the efforts to reintroduce oriental white storks and crested ibises into the wild and environmentally-friendly farming that helped the reintroduction of the birds.

SAITO Motohiko, Governor of Hyogo Prefecture;  
WATANABE Ryugo, Mayor of Sado City;  
TAKEUCHI Kazuhiko, President of IGES

(Part Two)

Lecture

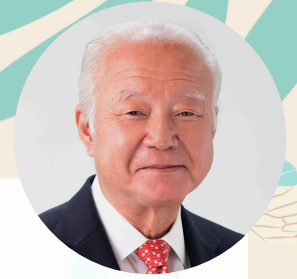
**"Not in isolation: Achieving Biodiversity conservation is a lever to achieving other SDGs"**  
SUBRAMANIAN, Suneetha M., Research Fellow,  
United Nations University-Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

## Speaker's Profile



**SAITO Motohiko,**  
Governor of Hyogo Prefecture

Born in Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture in 1977. After graduating from the University of Tokyo, he joined the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications. In addition to his work within the ministry, he has experienced working at various local governments, such as Sado City in Niigata Prefecture, Iitate Village in Fukushima Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture, and Osaka Prefecture. In August 2021, he became the 53rd Governor of Hyogo Prefecture.



**TAKEUCHI Kazuhiko,**  
President of IGES

Project Professor of the Institute for Future Initiatives at the University of Tokyo. He has also served as Acting Chair of the Central Environment Council of Japan's Ministry of the Environment and a Visiting Professor at United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability. He has received various awards, including the Ichimura Prize in Science against Global Warming for Distinguished Achievement, and the MIDORI Academic Prize. He specialises in sustainability science.



**WATANABE Ryugo,**  
Mayor of Sado City

He served as an employee of Sado City until 2019. In 2008, he established the certification system for the rice of Sado "Toki to Kurasu Sato" (Living in harmony with Japanese Crested Ibis). In 2011, he helped Sado City become one of the first sites in Japan to be recognised as a World Agricultural Heritage Site. He has also served as Director of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Division, General Affairs Division, and General Policy Division. He has been in his current position since 2020.



**SUBRAMANIAN, Suneetha M.,**  
Research Fellow,  
United Nations University-Institute for the  
Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)

Research Fellow in the Biodiversity and Society Programme of UNU-IAS. Has long experience of working in the science-policy-practice interface of Biodiversity and human well-being, focusing on issues of equity, integration of knowledge systems, socio-ecological resilience and related topics. She has actively contributed to several global assessments related to biodiversity and facilitated policy discussions in multilateral forums such as the Convention on Biological diversity.

## How to apply

Please apply by either method ① or ② below.

**Deadline: Tuesday, 17 October 2023**

### ① QR code (recommended)

Scan the QR code above (right) to fill out and send the application form.

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### ② Email or fax the following information:

1. Your name, 2. Name of your organisation, 3. Contact information (Email, TEL), 4. Address (city, ward, town, or village name)(optional), and 5. Your age group (e.g., 20s, 30s, 40s) (optional) to [apnseminar@gmail.com](mailto:apnseminar@gmail.com) or +81-78-230-8018 below.

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