T7 Japan Summit Participants

**Tetsushi Sonobe**
Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), and T7 Japan Lead Chair

Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific through policy research and capacity building. Born in 1960 in Tokyo, Dean Sonobe obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University and BA in economics from the University of Tokyo. His research interests are centered on the empirics of economic development, particularly the roles of industrial clusters, human capital, social capital, management practices, and market competition in industrial development in developing Asia and other regions. Before joining ADBI in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo and taught economics for thirty years at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS. Dean Sonobe is a recipient of the Nikkei Book Publication Prize and the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics.

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**Kenji Yamada**
State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Mr. Yamada assumed the current post in August 2022. He is a member of the House of Representatives (elected four times). Earlier in his career, he worked for Sumitomo Bank (current Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation). He served as a Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2018 and Deputy Chairperson of Diet Affairs Committee of Liberal Democratic Party, in 2021. He graduated from Kobe University, Faculty of Law.
Amitabh Kant
G20 India Sherpa
(Online participation)

Amitabh Kant is presently India’s G20 Sherpa. He is a governance reformer and a public policy change agent for India, having driven key reforms and initiatives during his tenure as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) (2016-2022) and the Secretary of the Department for Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) (2014-2016), Government of India. He has been a key driver of flagship national initiatives such as Startup India, Make in India, Incredible India, Kerala: God’s Own Country and the Aspirational Districts Program.

Renana Jhabvala
National Coordinator, Self-Employed Women’s Association (SEWA) of India
(Online participation)

Renana Jhabvala is the National Coordinator of the Self-Employed Women’s Association (SEWA) of India, Chair of SEWA Bharat and co-founder and board chair of WIEGO. She has a long and distinguished career in organizing working women in India into trade unions and cooperatives, engaging on policy issues, and writing about the informal economy. Her publications on the informal economy in India include: *Informal Economy Centrestage: New Structures of Employment*, which she co-edited with Ratna M. Sudarshan and Jeemol Unni; and *The Unorganised Sector: Work Security and Social Protection*, which she co-edited with R.K.A. Subramanaya. She recently served as the Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute, a Deemed University in Tamil Nadu, India. Among other awards, she was awarded a Padma Shri from the Government of India in 1990 for her contributions in the field of social work.

Elizabeth Yee
Executive Vice President, Programs
(Video message)

Elizabeth Yee is the Executive Vice President of Programs. She oversees The Foundation’s portfolio of global programs, regional offices and learning and impact team, and leads the advancement of the Foundation’s strategic priorities. She is the former Chief of Staff and joined The Foundation in 2019 as the Managing Director of Climate and Resilience. From 2015-2019, Liz held various executive leadership roles at 100 Resilient Cities, a sponsored project of The Foundation, where she led the development of strategic partnerships and collaborated with member cities and investors to develop and mobilize financial solutions. Before joining 100 Resilient Cities, Liz co-led the Public Power and Utilities practice at Barclays Capital. During her seventeen years in financial services at Morgan Stanley, Lehman Brothers and Barclays
Capital, Liz originated, developed, structured and executed over $30 billion of infrastructure, energy, commodities and derivative transactions. She and her team were two time “Bond Buyer Deal of the Year” recipients for their innovative approaches to renewable energy finance. She is a visiting fellow at the University of Pennsylvania’s Perry World House, serves on Co-Impact’s Foundational Fund and Gender Advisory Boards, and co-chairs the Climate Coalition for Lower Manhattan. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

Kazuhiko Nakamura
Deputy Director-General/Deputy Assistant Minister (Ambassador), Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

NAKAMURA Kazuhiko assumed the positions of the G20/G7 Sous Sherpa, Ambassador (Economic Diplomacy), Deputy Director-General of the Economic Affairs Bureau and Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau in September 2021, after serving as Minister of the Embassies of Japan in France (2016-2019) and Israel (2019-2021). His previous posts include Director for Economic Treaties Division, International Legal Affairs Bureau (2013-2016), Counsellor, Third Department, Cabinet Legislation Bureau (2010-2013), Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Korea (2007-2010). His first posting overseas after joining the Foreign Ministry was the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva. He obtained the diploma of the Faculty of Liberal Arts of the University of Tokyo and the International Diploma of Public Administration of the Ecole Nationale d’Administration (ENA), France.

Sujan Chinoy
Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses; T20 India Lead Chair

Sujan R. Chinoy is the Director General of the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. A career diplomat of the Indian Foreign Service from 1981-2018, he was India’s Ambassador to Japan and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and earlier, the Ambassador to Mexico and High Commissioner to Belize. A specialist with over 25 years of experience on China, East Asia and the Asia-Pacific, he served in Indian Missions in Hong Kong and Beijing and as Consul General in Shanghai and Sydney. He also served as India’s representative to the First Committee at the United Nations in New York dealing with Disarmament & International Security Affairs and in the Indian Mission in Riyadh. At Headquarters, in the Ministry of External Affairs, he served as Director (China) as well as Head of the Expert Group of Diplomatic & Military Officials tasked with CBMs and boundary-related issues with China. He also served on the Americas Desk dealing with the USA and Canada, and as Officer on Special Duty in charge of press relations in the External Publicity Division. On
Bambang Brodjonegoro
Former Finance Minister, Indonesia; Lead Co-Chair, Think20 (T20) 2022 Indonesia; T7 Japan Advisory Board Member

Prof. Bambang Brodjonegoro started his career as an academic at the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Indonesia. Graduated as a Bachelor of Economics, he soon continued his education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, taking a Masters in Urban Planning, followed by a PhD in the same field — urban and regional planning. For his contribution to his alma mater, Prof. Bambang was appointed Dean in 2005. For more than two decades, Prof. Bambang devotes his knowledge and experience to the country in various roles. In his career in government, he has served as Minister of Finance (2014 - 2016), Minister of National Development Planning (PPN) / Head of the National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) (2016 - 2019), and Minister of Research and Technology / Head of Research and Innovation Agency National (2019 - 2021).

Yukari Takamura
Vice-President for International Affairs, Science Council of Japan, Professor at the Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo; Science 7 Japan (S7/G-Science Academies’ Meeting)

She serves as Vice President since October 2020. She is Professor at the Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo. Specializing international law and environmental law, her research focuses on legal and governance issues relating to multilateral environmental agreements as well as climate and energy laws and policies. She is member of the Editorial Board of Journal Sustainability Science and of the Editorial Advisory Board of Journal Climate Policy. She is member of Board of Directors of Japanese Society for Environmental Economics and Policy Studies as well as member of Board of Executive Directors of Japanese Society for Environmental Law and Policy Studies. She serves as member of governmental advisory bodies, among others, Central Environmental Council as President, and Procurement Price Calculation Committee for Feed-in Tariff Scheme for Renewable Energy as chair. She is member of Advisory Group on Climate Change and Sustainable Development of ADB. She received Environmental Conservation Merit's Minister of the Environment Award in 2018.
Mariko Kinai
National Director World Vision Japan / Co-chair, Japan Civil Society Coalition on G7 Summit 2023 / C7 Steering Committee

Mariko Kinai joined World Vision Japan (WVJ) in 2008 with over 21 years of professional experience which includes work for Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and the University of Tokyo. In WVJ, she assumed several responsibilities including response director of East Japan earthquake and tsunami, strategic and planning director, and National Director since 2017. Beyond her role in WVJ, Mariko serves as a board member for Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC) and Japan Non-Profit Organisation Centre (JNPOC). She is also a member of Advisory Committee for Evaluation in Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Mariko has Master of Science (Msc) degree in development economics from Oxford University and a member of Development Studies society in Japan.

Kazuhiko Takeuchi
President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies; T7 Japan Advisory Board Member

Prof. Takeuchi obtained M.Agr. and PhD from the Graduate School of Agriculture, The University of Tokyo. He served as a Vice-Rector and Senior Vice-Rector at United Nations University from 2008 to 2016 and as an Assistant Secretary-General at the United Nations from 2013 to 2016. From 2016, he has served as a Senior Visiting Professor at United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS). He was Director and a Project Professor of IR3S at The University of Tokyo from 2017 to 2019. He has served as President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) since July 2017. He took up the position as Project Professor of the Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI) at The University of Tokyo in April 2019. He has served, inter alia, as Acting Chair of the Central Environment Council; and Chair of the Nature Conservation Committee of the Central Environment Council, Government of Japan, Editor-in-Chief of the journal Sustainability Science (Springer Nature), and Distinguished Chair, Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies, University of Nairobi. He specializes in landscape ecology, environmental studies, and sustainability science and engages in research and outreach activities on creating eco-friendly environments for a harmonious coexistence of people and nature, especially focusing on Asia and Africa. Recently, he has been working toward establishing a global foundation for developing the field of sustainability science aiming to build a sustainable society. He is deeply involved in the SATOYAMA initiative, aiming at the restoration and revitalization of socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes around the world, and Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) initiated by FAO.
Sri Mulyani Indrawati  
Finance Minister, Indonesia  
(Video message)

Born in Bandar Lampung on August 26, 1962, Sri Mulyani Indrawati earned her bachelor degree in Economics major from the Universitas Indonesia (1986). Then she continued her study in the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, United States and earned Master of Science of Policy Economics (1990). In 1992, she earned Ph.D. of Economics.

This specialist of Monetary Economy and Banking as well as Labor Economics research was chosen to be the Executive Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF) representing 12 countries in the South East Asia (SEA Group) at the beginning of October 2002. Starting from November 1, 2002, she represented 12 member countries of SEA Group at International Monetary Funds. On December 5, 2005, she was appointed to serve as the Minister of Finance. During her devotion as the Minister of Finance, Sri Mulyani Indrawati achieved many achievements, such as stabilizing macroeconomy, maintaining prudent fiscal policy, decreasing cost of loan and managing debt as well as creating trust to investors. Minister of Finance’s reform was led by her very well. Hence, it created many fundamental changes in the Ministry of Finance. On September 18, 2006, Sri Mulyani was crowned as the best Minister of Finance in Asia by the Emerging Markets in the sidelines of World Bank and IMF’s Annual Session in Singapore. She was also elected as the 23rd world’s most influencing woman from Forbes magazine in 2008 and the 2nd most influencing woman in Indonesia from Globe Asia magazine in October 2007. Sri Mulyani was also awarded as the best Minister of Finance for 2006 from the Euromoney and the best Minister of Finance in Asia by the Emerging Market Forum on the same year. In 2008, she served as the Acting Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs after the Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Dr. Boediono was inaugurated as the Governor of Bank Indonesia. Then she was appointed as the Executive Director of World Bank commencing on June 1, 2010. On July 27th, 2016, President Joko Widodo inaugurated Sri Mulyani Indrawati as the Minister of Finance in his Working Cabinet. On February 11th, 2018, the World Government Summit has announced her as the best minister in the world.

Takehiko Nakao  
Chairman of the Institute, Mizuho Research & Technologies, Ltd.

Mr. Takehiko Nakao is currently the Chairman of the Institute at Mizuho Research & Technologies, Ltd. He is also an executive board member (external) of the Daiichi Life Insurance, Ltd. Concurrently, he teaches as Visiting Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) and Graduate School of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo. He is a member of the Trilateral Commission, Board of Governors of Asian Institute of Management (Manila), the Japan Corporate Governance
Network, and several other international and Japanese non-profit organizations.

From April 2013 to January 2020, Mr. Nakao served as President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which is based in Manila with membership of 68 countries including 46 regional developing countries. Mr. Nakao was the Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs between 2011 and 2013, and in charge of foreign exchange markets, G20 and G7 processes, ASEAN+3 financial cooperation, and bilateral financial relations with the US, Asian, and others. Mr. Nakao has gained extensive experience in international finance and development since he joined the Ministry of Finance in 1978. He was assigned as Minister at the Embassy of Japan in Washington D.C. between 2005 and 2007, and worked as advisor at IMF's Policy Development and Review Department between 1994 and 1997. He has published books and numerous papers on financial and economic issues both in Japanese and English. His memoir "The Rise of Asia: Perspectives and Beyond" covering his ADB days as well as those of Vice Minister was published by ADB in July 2022 (available on ADB HP). He also took an initiative and was a lead editor for “Asia’s Journey to Prosperity: Policy, Market, and Technology over 50 Years”, published by ADB in January 2020 (available on ADB HP). Mr. Nakao holds a BA degree in Economics from the University of Tokyo (1978) and a Master of Business Administration from the University of California-Berkeley (1982).

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**Abla Abdel-Latif**

Executive Director and Director of Research, Egyptian Center for Economic Studies; T7 Japan TF1 Co-Chair

Dr. Abla Abdel Latif is currently the Chair of the Presidential Advisory Council for Economic Development; and the Executive Director and Director of Research of The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES). She has been in both positions for the last seven years. She is an Egyptian national with a B.A. in economics from the American University in Cairo (AUC) (with highest honors) and an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California. She was a Professor of Economics at the American University in Cairo (AUC) for over twenty years, she has been selected to be a Life Time Research Fellow at the Economic Research Forum (ERF) and has authored a large number of publications in class A internationally refereed Journals. Her professional experience is also extensive, starting from being the Policy Unit Manager in the Industrial Modernisation Centre (IMC) to being the Minister of Industry’s Advisor shortly after the 25th of January Revolution and until 2015 when she became the Chair of the Presidential Advisory Council for Economic Development. She was also a Member of the Central Bank of Egypt’s Coordinating Council, and a Board Member of the National Bank of Egypt – the first female in this position, for over six years. She has also been a senior international expert in several UNIDO projects and other international organizations. In 2013, she was honored with membership of the Committee of Fifty, whose mission was to draft Egypt’s Constitution following June 30, 2013. In that capacity, she was officially representing the Egyptian Federation of
Industries, and one of only five females in the Committee. Dr. Abla received several awards among which a special award for outstanding achievement and excellence in research from Sussex University in the UK and a faculty excellence teaching award from the American University in Cairo.

She is also a cofounder and Board Member of BASEERA (the Egyptian Center for Public Opinion Research), and “El Nidaa” Foundation for job creation for women and youth in Upper Egypt.

Deepali Khanna
Vice-President of the Asia Region Office, The Rockefeller Foundation; T7 Japan TF1 Co-Chair

As The Rockefeller Foundation’s chief representative in Asia, Deepali Khanna oversees efforts to amplify the Foundation’s impact and initiatives to make opportunities universal and sustainable. She leads the efforts of the Asia Regional Office team to build and sustain networks with different institutions, leverage financing and collaborations, innovative grants, thought leadership and information on trends driving the Asian continent’s development.

In her role, Deepali is leading engagement with India’s G20 presidency to advance global economic equity, public health, clean energy, and sustainable food systems. Deepali currently serves as co-Chair of G20 India’s Business20 task force on Financing For Global Economic Recovery and as co-chair of G7 Japan’s Think7 task force on Development and Economic Prosperity. Deepali is also on the Digital Green Foundation Board and the International Jury of The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure Fellowship Programme.

Deepali joined the Foundation in 2015, serving as Director of the Foundation’s $75 million where she led Smart Power for Rural Development – later Smart Power India –to provide affordable and clean energy access to over a million people in India. She regularly writes on issues relevant to the sustainable development goals and the importance of south-south cooperation in regional and national publications across Asia, including Forbes Asia, The Straits Times, and The Bangkok Post. She is a regular speaker at regional platforms such as the Asia Venture Philanthropy Network, Philanthropy Asia Summit, and World Sustainable Development Summit among others. Prior to joining The Rockefeller Foundation, Deepali has held multiple leadership positions at The MasterCard Foundation, Plan International managing operations across several continents.
Dil Rahut
Vice-Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow, ADBI; T7 Japan TF1 Co-Chair

His research focuses on development microeconomics, agricultural economics, and environmental and natural resource economics. He is currently implementing experiments and field research in agriculture, natural resources, and climate in Asia. Prior to joining ADBI, he was a senior global program manager for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre’s (CIMMYT) socioeconomics and sustainable intensification programs and served as chair of the staffs’ committee at CIMMYT. He also previously worked for the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan’s Research and Statistics Department and served as a research fellow at the WorldFish Centre; senior fellow and Japan chair at the Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations; chief of research, planning, and monitoring and Visa/Mastercard director at the Bank of Bhutan Ltd; and assistant professor of development economics at South Asian University.

John Beirne
Vice-Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow

John has over 20 years of experience as an economist, primarily in the areas of international macroeconomics and finance. In his current role, he co-heads ADBI’s Research Department, leading research workstreams on macroeconomics, finance, and infrastructure. He is also co-managing editor of the ADBI Working Paper Series.

Previously, he was a research fellow at the ADBI and, before that, he worked as an economist at the European Central Bank in various positions for over a decade, mainly in the areas of international policy analysis and economic research on global financial markets, capital flows, and commodities. He also worked for around six years as an economic consultant with KPMG and senior economist with DTZ in Ireland and the United Kingdom (UK), and for three years as a part-time lecturer in economics at Brunel University in the UK. His research focuses on international macroeconomics, financial economics, and applied econometrics. He has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals in economics and finance, co-authored or coedited several ADBI books, and serves as an editorial board member of the Asian Development Review and Asian Economics Letters. He is also a frequent commentator in the media on global macro issues, at outlets such as Al Jazeera, Arirang (South Korea tv), BBC (Asia Business Report), Bloomberg, China Daily, The Japan Times, and Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK).
Nicolas J.A. Buchoud
Advisor to the dean and CEO of ADBI for the T7

Nicolas plays an integral role in guiding ADBI’s hosting of Think7 (T7) under Japan’s 2023 Group of 7 (G7) presidency and other collaboration with international forums, especially the Group of 20 (G20) and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). He has co-chaired infrastructure-related task forces of the Think20 (T20) since Japan’s G20 presidency in 2019 and led numerous policy briefs and related global seminars, particularly with Indonesia’s Ministry of Finance. He is also a knowledge partner of the group of cities of both the G20 and the G7.

Nicolas is a fellow at the Global Solutions Initiative (GSI) in Berlin, and at OP Jindal Global University Centre for Sustainability in Sonipat, India. He is an honorary member of the Indonesia Creative Cities Network (ICCN) and an advisor to Indonesia Wellness Institute (IWI), initiated at the G20 summit in Bali in Nov. 2022. A former member of the office of the President of Paris Ile de France Region he is the co-founder and president of the awarded Grand Paris Alliance for Metropolitan development (Cercle Grand Paris de l’Investissement Durable (est. 2011) think-tank specializing. He is the founding principal of Renaissance Urbaine strategic advisory (est. 2006), which has advised several multiyear international excellence research programs in Japan, Russia (Siberia) and France.

Norichika Kanie
Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, Keio University

Norichika Kanie is a professor at the Graduate School of Media Governance, Keio University, Japan, and the Representative of xSDG Laboratory of the SFC Research Institute at the same university. He previously worked at Tokyo Institute of Technology and the University of Kitakyushu. He was also a Marie Curie Incoming International Fellow of the European Commission. He serves various committees and steering groups, including a member of the SDGs Promotion Roundtable Meeting, established by the Japanese government under the SDGs Promotion Headquarters; a member of the Expert Study Group for the Promotion of SDGs by Local Governments for Japanese Cabinet Office. He has been appointed by the UN Secretary-General as a member of fifteen independent scientists to prepare the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report. His publication includes: Governing Through Goals: Sustainable Development Goals as Governance Innovation (MIT Press, 2017, co-edited with Frank Biermann); Norichika Kanie, David Griggs, et al., “Rules to goals: emergence of new governance strategies for sustainable development”, Sustainability Science, Volume 14, Issue 6, November 2019, pp.1745-1749.
Dennis Snower  
Founder and President, Global Solutions Initiative; T7 Japan co-chair

Dennis J. Snower is the President of the Global Solutions Initiative, Berlin; Program Chair at The New Institute; Professorial Fellow at the Institute for New Economic Thinking, Oxford University; Non-resident Fellow at Brookings. Previously he was President of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and Professor of Economics at the Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel. He is an expert on labor economics, socio-economics, public policy and inflation-unemployment tradeoffs. As part of his research career, he originated the “insider-outsider” theory of employment and unemployment with Assar Lindbeck, the theory of “caring economics” with Tania Singer, the theory of “high-low search” with Steve Alpern, and the “chain reaction theory of unemployment” and the theory of “frictional growth” with Marika Karanassou and Hector Sala. He has made seminal contributions to the design of employment subsidies and welfare accounts. He has published extensively on employment policy, the design of welfare systems, and monetary and fiscal policy, and the role of psychological motivation systems in economic decision making.

Sachin Chaturvedi  
Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries; T7 India Core Group Member

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi is currently Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based Think-Tank. He works on issues related to development economics, involving development finance, SDGs and South-South Cooperation, apart from trade, investment and innovation linkages with special focus on WTO. Currently, he is also Vice Chairman, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis; and ex-officio Vice Chairman of Madhya Pradesh State Policy and Planning Commission. He is also Member, Board of Governors, Reserve Bank of India. He has been part of several important initiatives of the Government of India and takes keen interest in transforming economic policymaking towards integrated and evidence-based approaches. He is one of the foremost commentators on India’s external sector economic engagements and partnerships. He is considered as most dynamic and affable by his peers and has mentored several bright scholars and researchers in the profession.
**Tomoko Hayashi**  
Vice-President, Economic and Social Research Institute, Cabinet Office, Japan

Tomoko Hayashi is Vice President, Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), attached to the Cabinet Office. The ESRI, the largest government-affiliated economic think tank, conducts empirical research on macroeconomics, structural policies and international economic relations, and also publishes various economic statistics including the National Accounts (GDP). She joined the government as an economist in 1987. She has held various positions of economic research, forecasting and macroeconomic policy-making, including Director for Macroeconomic Policy Coordination with the Bank of Japan, and Director for Economic Policy Framework in charge of medium- and long-term fiscal consolidation issues. She also served as Vice Chair of the APEC Economic Committee and Vice Chair of the OECD Economic Policy Committee. When she was Director-General for Economic and Fiscal Affairs, she supported Prime Minister Abe at the G7/G20 Summit meetings as the chief representative of the Cabinet Office.

**Venkatachalam Anbumozhi**  
Director of Research Strategy and Innovation, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

Dr Venkatachalam Anbumozhi has published several books, authored numerous research articles and produced many project reports on resource management policies, energy infrastructure design, and private sector participation in Green Growth. Dr Anbumozhi was invited as a member of the APEC Expert Panel on Green Climate Finance and the ASEAN Panel for promoting climate-resilient growth. He has taught resource management, International cooperation and Development Finance at the University of Tokyo and has speaking engagements at some of the leading international organisations. He obtained his PhD from the University of Tokyo.

**Akio Takemoto**  
Programme Head, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

Akio Takemoto is Programme Head at United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) based in Tokyo Japan. He leads academic and administrative activities of UNU-IAS focused on the governance for climate change and sustainable development which includes studies in synergies between climate action and SDGs and development of postgraduate degree specialization in climate action for the Paris Agreement. Previously, Dr. Takemoto served as Senior Environmental Specialist at Global Environmental Facility (GEF) in Washington DC, USA, managing the GEF programs in Climate Change and Chemicals & Waste focal areas. He also served for climate change policy as
Director for International Strategy on Climate Change at Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and as Directors of Research and Information Office and Climate Change Adaptation office at MOEJ. He contributed to formulation of Japan’s first National Adaptation Plan to Climate Change, and served as delegation to the IPCC and UNFCCC, and promotion of earth observation and environmental research programs. He served as Secretariat Director for the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN-GCR) to provide financial and technical support for regional research activities for the 22 member countries and as Secretary to Permanent Delegation to Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

**Kazuo Matsushita**  
Senior Fellow, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies; Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University; T7 Japan TF2 Co-Chair

Professor Matsushita is senior Fellow, Institute of Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University. He served as Professor of Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies (Global Environmental Policy), Kyoto University, between 2001 to 2013. He also served as Visiting Professor of United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) and an Examiner for Environmental and Social Guidelines at Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Before holding these positions, he worked at several institutions including the Ministry of Environment of Japan, the Environment Directorate of the OECD, and as a Senior Environment Planning Officer of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). He has long been engaged in environmental administration, particularly global environmental policy and international environmental cooperation. His major research areas are sustainability studies as well as climate change and biodiversity conservation policies and global environmental policies from the viewpoint of environmental governance.

**Shinobu Yamaguchi**  
Director, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability; T7 Japan TF2 Co-Chair

Dr. Yamaguchi assumed leadership of UNU-IAS in November 2019. Her fields of specialisation include international development and cooperation, ICT in education, reform and policy of education, science and technology policy, and the application of technology in world heritage site preservation. Prior to this post, she worked at Tokyo Institute of Technology as Professor (from 2006), and is currently serving as Professor Emeritus. At her earlier career, Dr. Yamaguchi worked for the UNESCO, first at the Paris headquarters, and then in the Beijing Office. While with UNESCO, she was involved primarily in the development of education systems in China, Indonesia, Mongolia, and Pakistan. Dr. Yamaguchi is an Associate Member of the Science Council of Japan, and an active member of the Comparative and International Education Society,
the Japan Society for International Development, and the World Council of Comparative Education Societies. She also has served on numerous committees, including those organised by the Government of Japan (MOFA, MEXT), JICA, and JSPS. Dr. Yamaguchi holds a PhD in Economics of Education from Columbia University. She has authored or co-authored more than 200 publications and conference/seminar presentations.

**Dina Azhgaliyeva**
Senior Research Fellow, ADBI

She joined ADBI as a Research Fellow in July 2019. Previously she worked as a Research Fellow in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She was a Research Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading (United Kingdom), where she worked on a project entitled “Kazakh-British Centre for Competitiveness.” She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan. Her research focuses on energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. Dina has published articles on these topics in journals such as *Energy Economics, Technological Forecasting and Social Change, Australasian Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Environmental Management, Energy Policy,* and *Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment*. She is currently a guest editor for the Applied Energy special issue “Integration of Renewable Energy in Energy Systems, Perspectives on Investment, Technology, and Policy.” She earned her PhD and MSc in economics from the University of Essex (United Kingdom). She also holds an internationally recognized teaching qualification from the Fellow of Higher Education Academy and a qualification in research career management from the Staff Educational and Development Association.

**Sibylle Bauer**
Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
(Video message)

Sibylle Bauer is Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament at SIPRI, with responsibility for SIPRI’s work on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation for nuclear, biological and chemical weapons; dual-use and arms trade control; emerging technologies; and arms production, arms transfer and military expenditure. She is also the current Chair of the EU Nonproliferation and Disarmament Consortium. Previously, she managed SIPRI’s Dual-use and Arms Trade Control Programme. In that capacity, she designed and implemented capacity-building activities in Europe and South East Asia. Dr Bauer joined SIPRI in 2003.
Ettore Greco  
**Executive Vice President and Head of the Multilateralism and Global Governance programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali**

Ettore Greco is Executive Vice President of the IAI and also Head of the Multilateralism and Global Governance programme of the institute. He was also Director of the IAI from 2008 to 2017. He worked as visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution from January 2006 to July 2007. He taught at the universities of Parma and Bologna. From 2000 to 2006 he worked as correspondent for the Economist Intelligence Unit. From 1993 to 2000 he directed the IAI’s programme on Central and Eastern Europe. He was also Deputy Director of the IAI from 1997 to 2008. From 2000 to 2006 he was Editor of The International Spectator. He is the author of a number of publications on the EU’s institutions and foreign policy, transatlantic relations and the Balkans. He has been a free-lance journalist since 1988.

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Rector of the United Nations University; Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Previously, he taught at the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa) and was Executive Assistant to the Technical Director at South African Breweries. He has been a visiting scholar/professor at universities in the USA, the UK, China, and South Africa, and has extensive academic, policy, management, and international experience, and is a co-holder of five patents. His research has been multi-disciplinary, involving the theory and applications of artificial intelligence to engineering, social science, economics, politics, finance, and medicine. He has served on a variety of global and national policymaking bodies, and has worked with such United Nations entities as UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, and WIPO.

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Her 100 academic papers and 13 books include the prize-winning book: A Field of One’s Own: Gender and Land Rights in South Asia (1994); Gender and Green Governance (2010) and Gender Challenges (2016), a three-volume compendium of her selected papers. In 2005 she led a successful civil society campaign to make India’s Hindu Inheritance law gender equal.

Agarwal’s awards include a Padma Shri from India’s President; several book prizes; the Leontief Prize; Louis Malassis International Scientist Prize; and the International Balzan Prize.
Anna-Katharina Hornidge
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Sumer Johal is a global leader with over 25 years of professional experience in building and managing digital-first organizations across multiple industries and global geographies. Mr. Johal has spent the most recent decade of his professional career addressing systemic challenges in global development, environmental stewardship and sustainability, food security, rural livelihoods and digital access equity - within agri- and rural-centric ecosystems. He currently serves as the Executive Director of AgStack - a project of The Linux Foundation (non-profit) where he leads the development of the world’s first digital infrastructure for food and agriculture. He is part of the The Linux Foundation Leadership Team addressing global sustainability goals (SDGs) through open-source technology and data. Mr. Johal grew up in an agriculture family in Northern India (Punjab) and immigrated to the US as a teenager. He earned a BS and MS in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a minor in economics.

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