



United Nations 75th Anniversary Declaration and the SDGs
AN ONLINE SEMINAR WITH PROF AKIKO YUGE

2 October 2021 (Saturday)
8:00-9:30 PM Japan Time

Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ)
Association of Former International Civil Servants (AFICS) – Japan
Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS) Tokyo Office
Kyoto Peacebuilding Center (KPC)

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- 8:00 – 8:05 Opening announcement by Dr. Dahlia Simangan
- 8:05 – 8:20 Presentation by Prof. Akiko Yuge
- 8:20 – 8:30 Comments by Mr. Norimasa Shimomura
- 8:30 – 8:40 Comments by Ms. Mikiko Tanaka
- 8:40 – 8:50 Comments by Ms. Chikako Takase
- 8:50 – 9:25 Discussion moderated by Prof. Sukehiro Hasegawa
- 9:25 – 9:30 Closing announcement by GPAJ

To attend the meeting, register through <https://forms.gle/GeqMM1jitjn9NbFF9>
or contact Dr. Dahlia Simangan via simangan@hiroshima-u.ac.jp.



Speaker



Prof. Akiko YUGE assumed her current position as Professor, Department of Global Politics, Faculty of Law, Hosei University, Tokyo in 2014. Prior to the current position, she served as Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Representation Office in Tokyo and Special Advisor to the UNDP Administrator (2012-13); UN Assistant Secretary-General/UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau of Management in UNDP Headquarters (2006-2012); Director, UNDP Tokyo Office (2002-06). Previously, she was Professor of Development Studies, Department of Global and Inter-Cultural Studies, Ferris University, Japan (1999-2002). In UNDP, she also served as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Bhutan, Deputy Resident Representative in Indonesia, and Assistant Regional Representative in Thailand. Earlier in her career, she worked as Programme Officer, Engineering Consulting Firms Association (ECFA), Japan; and Area Officer for China and the Philippines, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP Headquarters. Professor Yuge holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Barnard College, Columbia University, and Master of Arts (M.A.) in Development Economics from New York University.

Commentators



Mr. Norimasa SHIMOMURA has started as UNDP Resident Representative in Indonesia on 1 October 2020. He has more than 25 years of experience at the United Nations, promoting sustainable human development in many countries.

Prior to his current assignment, he served as the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Kazakhstan in 2015-2020 and UNDP Resident Representative for Kazakhstan until December 2018 when the global UN reform separated the positions of UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative. Earlier, he spearheaded development initiatives as acting UNDP Resident Representative in Montenegro, UNDP Country Director in Tajikistan and Albania, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in the Republic of North Macedonia, and acting UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Georgia. He also served as Program Manager of Western Balkans cluster at UNDP headquarters Regional Bureau for Europe & CIS, and Special Assistant to the Director of UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery. Prior to that, he was Economic Advisor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations serving as delegate for the GA Second Committee, ECOSOC and its subsidiary committees, and UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board. He started his career as UNDP programme officer in Turkmenistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

He holds Master of International Affairs from Columbia University in the City of New York, and B.A. from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.



Ms. Mikiko TANAKA was the UN Resident Coordinator in Guyana (2016-August 2021). She has 27 years of international development experience in sustainable development, youth and women empowerment, public administration and decentralization, rule of law, disaster risk management, conflict prevention and recovery, partnering with governments, private sector, civil society organisations and UN agencies at field level (Guyana, Yemen, Timor-Leste, Pakistan, Benin, China, Lao PDR, Thailand) and headquarters in New York.

Ms. Tanaka worked in several crisis contexts when serving as UNDP Country Director in Yemen (2013-2016) and Timor-Leste (2010-2013), and as Deputy Country Director in Pakistan (2007-2010). Earlier in her career, she served as UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Benin (2002-2007),



UNV programme coordinator and UNDP poverty alleviation advisor in China (1999-2000), and UNDP Assistant Resident Representative in Lao PDR (1995-1999). Prior to joining the UN, she worked in CARE International in Thailand (1993-1995) in rural community micro-enterprise development projects.

Ms. Tanaka earned her MSc in Public Policy and Management from the School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London, Masters of Rural Development Management from Khon Kaen University in Thailand. She obtained her BA specialized in intercultural communications from the International Christian University in Japan.



Ms. Chikako TAKASE retired from the United Nations in June 2017 after serving for 34 years. She started as Associate Expert for UNIDO in Jakarta, Indonesia in 1983, before joining the UN in 1984 to work on medium-term forecasting of the world economy at Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (currently DESA). She then worked on the World Economic Survey (1989-1994), before joining the Division for Sustainable Development (DSD) (1995-2005). While at DSD, she was involved in the preparation as well as organization of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2002. At DSD, her work mainly focused on changing consumption and production patterns. She also had an opportunity to work for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (1996-1999). She then served as Deputy Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UN DESA, before assuming the Director of the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Nagoya, Japan in 2011. Currently she teaches part-time at several universities. She also serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Former International Civil Servants – Japan (AFICS-Japan). She holds B.A. in Liberal Arts (Economics) from International Christian University, Japan, and M.A. in Development Economics from the University of Sussex, UK.

Moderators



Prof. Sukehiro HASEGAWA is Distinguished Professor of the Kyoto University of the Arts and Director of Kyoto Peacebuilding Center. He is also President of the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan (GPAJ). Executive Director for Academic Exchange, UN Association of Japan (UNA-Japan). Director, Academic Council on the United Nations (ACUNS), Tokyo Liaison Office. He is former Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Timor-Leste. UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in South Pacific, Rwanda and Timor-Leste; Deputy Executive Coordinator of the UN Volunteers Programme; UNDP Deputy Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific. Director of Policy Planning, UNOSOM II, Somalia.



Dr. Dahlia SIMANGAN is an Associate Professor at Hiroshima University's Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. She contributes to the research activities of the university's Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability (NERPS) and teaching activities of the International Peace and Co-existence Program of the School. Prior to that, she was a Kanagawa University JSPS postdoctoral fellow for research in Japan, nominated by the United Nations University–Centre for Policy Research in Tokyo. She holds a PhD in International, Political and Strategic Studies from the Australian National University.