

Conference Program and Prospectus

Advancing Security and Sustainability at the G7 Hiroshima Summit

Date & Hour : 09h00-17h30, : March 29, 2023

Venue: Global Square Building, Room AE452, Soka University, Hachioji, Tokyo, Japan

Sponsors: Soka University, the G7 Research Group, the International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation and Soka Gakkai International

Participants: International conference with 25-30 invitees and 30-40 observers

Times are subject to change.

Program

09h00-09h15 **Welcome**

- Masashi Suzuki, President, Soka University
- John Kirton, Director, G7 Research Group
- Audrey Kitagawa, President, International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation (IAMC)
- Hirotugu Terasaki, Director General, Peace and Global Issues, Soka Gakkai International (SGI)

09h15-10h15 **G7 Contributions to Global Governance**

Chair: Minoru Koide, Soka University

- John Kirton, University of Toronto: G7 Performance, 1975–2022
- Madeline Koch, G7 Research Group: G7 Compliance, 1975–2022
- Jonathan Luckhurst, Soka University: G7-G20-UN Synergies

10h15-10h30 **Break**

10h30-11h30 **Japan's Contribution to G7 Governance**

Chair: Tomoko Utsumi, Soka University

- Hugo Dobson, Sheffield University: Japan's G7 Contributions
- To be determined

11h30-12h15 **Keynote Address: Japan's Plans, Priorities and Preparations 2023**

Chair: John Kirton, G7 Research Group

- Takashi Ariyoshi, Director of Economic Policy Division and Deputy Secretary General of the G7 Hiroshima Summit Secretariat

12h15-13h15 **Lunch**

13h15-15h15 **Controlling Nuclear Weapons**

Chair: Nikolas Emmanuel, Soka University

- Anna Ikeda, SGI Representative to the United Nations [virtual]

- Audrey Kitagawa, IAMC
- Jonathan Granoff, President, Global Security Institute
- Rorry Daniels, Managing Director, Asia Society Policy Institute
- Mitsuru Kurosawa, Professor Emeritus, Osaka University [virtual]
- Nobuyasu Abe, former ambassador; former director, Center for the Promotion of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Japan Institute of International Affairs

15h15-15h30 **Break**

15h30-17h00 **Strengthening Climate, Energy and Health Security**

Chair: Anar Koli, Soka University

- Ella Kokotsis, G7 Research Group, Canada: G7 Performance on Climate Change [virtual]
- Miranda Schreurs, Technical University of Munich, Germany: Japan's Contributions – Past, Present, Potential
- Mark Elder, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Tokyo
- Hideaki Shiroyama, Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, Tokyo University

17h00-17h30 **Recommendations for G7 Hiroshima Summit Action**

Chair: Jonathan Luckhurst, Soka University

Presentations by session chairs summarizing the recommendations arising from their sessions

Prospectus

The G7's Hiroshima Summit on May 19-21, 2023, confronts four key potentially existential, interrelated, global threats – the danger of nuclear war in Europe and Asia, irreversible climate change and global health. Japan's G7 presidency identified these threats as priorities from the very start of its year as G7 host, alongside other immediate challenges in the economic, social, ecological and political-security domains.

As Japan and its G7 partners develop their agenda and prospective actions for the Hiroshima Summit, they and their citizens will consider several key questions.

1. How well have G7 summits governed nuclear weapons, climate change and global health in the past, through timely, well-tailored, collective commitments and members' faithful compliance with them?
2. What further advances have come from recent summits influenced by G7 members, notably the G20's Bali Summit in November 2022?
3. How and where has Japan, especially as a G7 host, effectively shaped summit action on nuclear weapons, climate change and global health in the past and what assets does it have for doing so now?
4. What are the most urgent and important needs for actions to control nuclear weapons, climate change and global health now, and ones that Japan's Hiroshima Summit can best supply in May?

To assist in finding answers to these questions at an early stage, the G7 Research Group, Soka University, Soka Gakkai International and the International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation are sponsoring a one-day invitational, international conference at Soka University in Tokyo on March 29, 2023. At this hybrid livestreamed event, experts from the educational, academic, civil society and government communities will gather in person and virtually to share their perspectives and offer their best analysis and advice on what Japan's Hiroshima Summit should do to control nuclear, climate and global health risks. The conference will conclude by assembling specific recommendations that command the most consensus at this event, as the basis for priority recommendations to be sent by the sponsors to the G7 planners themselves.