

## Virtual Forum

# Vision of a Sustainable Future

**Time & Date** : 8:00 – 9:45 (CET), 16:00 – 17:45 (JST), November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Organisers** : Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)  
Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Tokyo  
Delegation of the European Union to Japan

**Objectives** : Sustainability, sustainable development, sustainable development goals, sustainable lifestyle and sustainable cities are terms we hear often. We are committed to living sustainably, but do we know where exactly are we headed? What will the destination look like? What is the vision of a truly sustainable world we would like to live in? Does everyone share the same Vision?

Join us in imagining Society 5.0; Thriving Circular Economy; Regional/Local Circulating and Ecological Sphere; and Ecocivilisation, four visions of the future that embrace the concept of sustainability to the fullest.

**Language** : English

**Programme** : (approx. 105 min)

Time	Contents	Speaker
8:00 (CET) 16:00 (JST)	<b>Opening</b>	Moderator: <b>Dr. Vesna LAVTIZAR</b> (Policy Researcher, IGES)
	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Her Excellency Dr. Ana POLAK PETRIČ</b> (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Slovenia to Japan)
		<b>Her Excellency Dr. Patricia FLOR</b> (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to Japan)
8:15 (CET) 16:15 (JST)	<b>Society 5.0</b>	<b>Mr. Koichi AKAISHI</b> (Vice Minister for Innovation Policy, Cabinet Secretariat, Japan)
	<b>Circular Economy Transition in the EU</b>	<b>Mr. Pavel MISIGA</b> (Head of Unit "Circular Economy and Bio-based Systems", Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission)
	<b>Ecocivilisation</b>	<b>Mrs. Violeta BULC</b> (Consultant for Presidents, CEOs, and Board members; Former European Commissioner for Transport)
	<b>Regional/Local Circulating and Ecological Sphere (CES)</b>	<b>Prof. Kazuhiko TAKEUCHI</b> (President, IGES)
9:00 (CET) 17:00 (JST)	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Moderator &amp; Speakers</b>
9:40 (CET) 17:40 (JST)	<b>Closing</b>	<b>Dr. Vesna LAVTIZAR</b>