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United Nations conference to seek synergy solutions to address climate crisis and sustainable development setbacks

New York/Tokyo, 19 July -- A United Nations conference opening tomorrow, in Tokyo and virtually, aims to find synergies in solutions to the global climate emergency and the actions needed to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The two-day conference will bring together over 1,000 leaders and experts, including government ministers, mayors and governors, and representatives from business, research institutes and many international, civil society and youth organizations. It comes just days after the UN's annual [_____](#) [_____](#) showed that years or even decades of development progress have been halted or reversed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and other global crises, and called for an urgent rescue effort

held in partnership with United Nations University (UNU) at its Tokyo headquarters, as well as with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

Mr. Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, Minister of Environment, Japan, said: This forthcoming conference is aiming to gather good practices on synergies between climate and SDGs and accelerate action toward the goals. I will introduce the Decarbonization Leading Areas of Japan. I look forward to seeing participants in Tokyo or online on July 20 and 21.

Special events on 20 July (19:15-20:00 JST) will include an awards ceremony by the Japan Ministry of Environment for cities and regions leading on decarbonization, as well as the launch of the Global Compact Japan 2022 Report, examining business sustainability practices. This will be followed by a high-