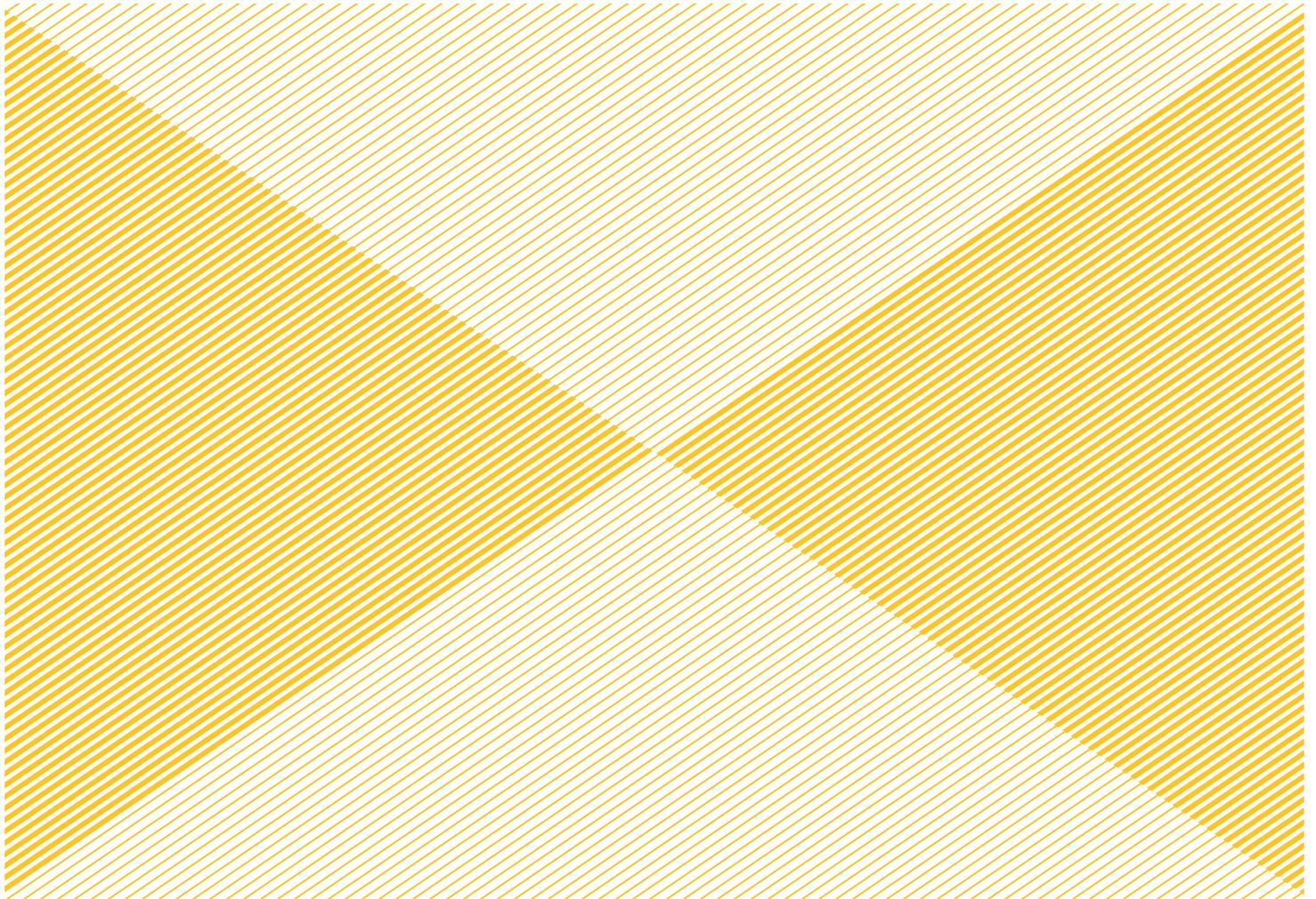


Regional Agenda

World Economic Forum Japan Meeting 2013 Meeting Overview

Tokyo, Japan 11 June 2013



Shaping the New Japan through Global Partnerships

Japan is facing its biggest challenges since the Second World War. In addition to the unprecedented difficulties caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 – including recovery and reconstruction efforts, the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident and consequent energy shortages and vulnerable economy – Japan is still struggling to emerge from its two “lost decades”. Despite more than 20 years of slow growth, it remains the world’s third-largest economy, after the United States and the People’s Republic of China. Japan must restore its economic foundation by implementing policies to achieve growth and improve its fiscal balance for a rapidly ageing society. Creating a stable government is also an important element in its transformation.

In this context, and in order to maintain its competitive economic position, Japan needs urgently to transform its social structure. If Japan can resolve its current malaise by embracing new and innovative strategies through joint action, it is possible that the rest of the world will benefit too.

Under the preliminary theme, Shaping the New Japan through Global Partnerships, the World Economic Forum Japan Meeting 2013 will convene 150 multistakeholder leaders in Tokyo to take a practical look at what policies and strategies can support the aspirations of Japan’s transformation. The meeting will provide an opportunity for an in-depth dialogue between traditional and new leaders that can mend long-standing fault lines and facilitate a truly multistakeholder partnership for the future.

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My task is pure and simple; it is to free the untapped resources of Japanese people... I know the clock is ticking in many respects in Japan: big debt, ageing population to cite only two.

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Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan (at the Japan Night during the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2013)

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The East Japan Earthquake in 2011 helped us to understand that international aid is about interdependence. Until then, aid had just travelled one way from Japan, but the idea sprouted in developing countries that Japan is also a country in need of assistance and this caused them to try and lend a hand.

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Mrs Sadako Ogata, Chairperson, World Economic Forum Japan

Meeting Information

The Forum has further improved the interactive, outcome-oriented format of meeting discussions. Speeches are strongly discouraged and all participants are invited to contribute actively to constructive, lively debate.

Private Meetings provide an informal, interactive and off-the-record setting to discuss and debate a range of topics. Invited participants are able to make new connections and easily network in a more relaxed setting. Topics can be conventional and unconventional, where creative ideas can be explored and new insights can emerge. For more information on the available private meetings, please contact: Tokyo@weforum.org

Interactive Sessions pursue topics related to the three pillars of the programme in greater depth and are structured around a panel, bringing together expert views and contrasting perspectives. Prepared remarks by the panel are kept to a minimum in favour of intensive discussions under the guidance of a moderator. The objective of each interactive session is to formulate two to three concrete action points on the topic. Some of the interactive sessions are sector-specific and industry-focused.

Plenary Sessions feature senior government officials and business leaders, and cover broad issues on the meeting's theme. These sessions provide the conceptual framework for further discussions. In virtually all cases, ample time for questions, answers and discussion allows government officials to give first-hand information on critical economic and business issues. The Luncheon Plenary highlights the outcomes of the meeting and maps out the future engagement of the main stakeholders.

For sessions that are not open to the reporting press, please note that the Chatham House Rule applies:

When a meeting/session is held under the Chatham House Rule, neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s) may be revealed. The aim is to provide anonymity to speakers and encourage openness and sharing of information. It is used worldwide as an aid to free discussion.

The same rule applies to blogging and tweeting of sessions. To encourage free-flowing debate, bloggers and twitterati are asked not to reveal the identity or affiliation of speakers in sessions without their permission.

FAQs

Where will the meeting take place?

The meeting will take place in the Academyhills, 49th Floor, Roppongi Hills Mori Tower, Tokyo, Japan

What is the working language of the meeting?

Sessions will be held in English. Simultaneous interpretation in Japanese will also be available for all sessions.

Where do I find additional information about the programme?

Upon registration, you will receive your personal access to the meeting's private area.

Who do I contact for more information?

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Preliminary Programme at a Glance

Tuesday 11 June

08.00 - 09.00	Private Session — Private Meetings
09.00 - 10.30	Opening Plenary — Opening Session
10.30 - 10.45	Community Break — Community Break
10.45 - 12.15	Interactive Session — Economy — Geopolitics — Society
12.15 - 12.30	Community Break — Community Break
12.30 - 13.30	Plenary Session — Lunch
13.30 - 14.00	Community Break — Community Break
14.00 - 18.30	Private Session — Private Meetings
18.30 - 20.00	Closing Reception — Closing Reception



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