

## **GJETC Outreach (Webinar)**

Key results, lessons learnt and perspectives of the  
German-Japanese Energy Transition Council (GJETC)  
in the light of the Corona Crisis



**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**

**10:00-11:30 CEST / 17:00 – 18:30 JST**

## Background

The Corona pandemic has brought the interdependency of all countries and the economic vulnerability of the globalized world economy into public awareness like no other crisis after the Second World War. The pandemic called for immediate and joint action by the world's nations to contain the disease and its potential damage. Unprecedented fast decisions and determined actions could be seen around the globe. But no similar urgent measures have been decided on climate change and "to emerge from emergency" (Club of Rome 2020). "The impact of the coronavirus is immediate and dreadful. We must act now, and we must act together. Just as we must act together to address another urgent global emergency that we must not lose sight of - climate change." (António Guterres, April 28, 2020).

How can a long-term and risk-minimizing energy strategy which protects the climate and natural resources and at the same time creates jobs and drives the economy be realized? This is a challenge where international cooperation is more important than ever. As leading industrialized nations, Germany and Japan have a special responsibility to take the lead for implementing the "Paris Agreement" and to contribute as much as possible to a global deep decarbonization pathway.

Since its foundation in 2016, the German-Japanese Energy Transition Council has been working on strategic and systemic analysis to develop policy advice for new and long-term perspectives on the way to an ambitious energy transition. In its second phase (2018-2020), the GJETC has put a focus on the topics of a *Hydrogen Society* and *Digitalization* with regard to the energy transition. The studies analyzed the similarities and differences, opportunities and challenges for Japan and Germany and derived policy recommendations for both.

The Co-chairs of the GJETC will share the results and policy recommendations of the second phase (2018-2020) in the outreach webinar and discuss it with a broader audience also in the light of the Corona Crisis.

The webinar will be held in English language via GoToWebinar.

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## **Program**

*Moderation: Ms. Johanna Schilling (ECOS)*

### **Welcome (Video Message)**

*Ursula Borak (Director for International Energy Affairs, Fossil Fuels and Nuclear Energy, BMWi)*

*Hirohide Hirai (Deputy Commissioner, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy ANRE/METI)*

### **Key Findings of the GJETC 2018-2020**

*Dr. Stefan Thomas, Head of Research Group Energy, Transport & Climate Policy, Wuppertal Institute*

- Hydrogen Society
- Energy Efficiency in Buildings
- Transportation & Sector Coupling

*Prof. Jun Arima, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo*

- Digitalization & the Energy Transition
- Climate & Energy Policy: The Role of Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms
- Integration Costs of Renewable Energy

### **Policy Recommendations of the GJETC**

*Prof. Masakazu Toyoda*

*Chairman of the Institute of Energy Economics Japan (IEEJ) and Co-Chair of GJETC*

### **Q&A**

### **Impacts of the Corona Crisis on the Energy Transition – German and Japanese view**

*Prof. Peter Hennicke and Prof. Masakazu Toyoda*

*Co-Chairs of the GJETC*

### **The GJETC as a role model for bilateral cooperation & future perspectives**

*Prof. Peter Hennicke*

*Former President of the Wuppertal Institute and Co-Chair of the GJETC*

### **Q&A**