

# Symposium on International Contributions for the SDGs and International Solidarity Tax

**Date and time** July 26 2018, 13:30-16:30 (Registration starts at 13:00)

**Venue** International Conference Room, First Members' Office Building of the House of Representatives  
(3-minute-walk from Exit 1 of Kokkai-gijido-mae Station, Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line or Chiyoda Line)

## Agenda and speakers

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Session 1: Opening addresses by the co-organizers and keynote speech by an expert on international solidarity tax

Session 2: Speeches for support by various stakeholders

Session 3: Adoption of the declaration

(After the symposium, a cocktail party will be organized until 18:30)

Keynote speech:

- Prof. Fumio KANEKO, Professor Emeritus and ex-Vice President, the Yokohama City University

Report of EU-FTT:

- Ms. Kumiko TSUDA, Graduate student, Hokkaido University, Graduate School of Law,, Research Fellow (DC1) of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

Opening Addresses:

- Mr. Tetsuji TANAKA, President of the Forum for Global Solidarity Tax
- Mr. Seishiro ETO, Member of the House of the Representatives, President of the Parliamentarian League for International Solidarity Tax
- Mr. Taro KONO, Minister of Foreign Affairs (TBD)

Other Speeches:

- Prof. Hiroshi KANEKO, Professor Emeritus, the University of Tokyo (TBD)
- Ms. Wakako HIROHANA, ex-Director General of the Agency of Environment and ex-member of the House of Councilors

Proposition of the Declaration

- Ms. Noriko SHIRASU, President of Results Japan

## Background

International solidarity tax was first discussed at the Paris Conference on Innovative Financing in February 2006. In Japan, the Parliamentarian League for International Solidarity Tax (nonpartisan) was established in February 2008. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan first proposed the creation of international solidarity tax in 2009 and has since been working on it with the support of the Parliamentarian League and NGOs. However, 9 years after the first proposition, international solidarity tax is not yet realized.

Today, the global society is working together to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) but there is a huge gap in financing for development. Japan will chair next year's G20 leaders' summit meeting in the city of Osaka and this will be a great opportunity for Japan to make an international contribution by taking initiatives in creating new financing mechanisms for development such as international solidarity tax. This symposium aims to arouse public opinion and to generate a momentum for creating international solidarity tax. The

symposium will adopt “the Declaration to realize an international solidarity tax in Japan”.

**Co-organizers** Co-organizers: Forum for Global Solidarity Tax, Parliamentarian League for International Solidarity Tax

Cooperation: Results Japan

**Participation** For registration, please click here <https://goo.gl/T8QSkx>

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