

## UPDATES ON FUTURE EARTH ACTIVITIES AND ROLES OF SECRETARIAT JAPAN HUB

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Through its co-creation activities, Future Earth has roles to facilitate and coordinate ongoing research projects and actions in the society for global sustainability. It also supports generating new knowledge to fill the gap and for better use in those activities. Knowledge-Action Networks (KANs) have been developed as practical venues to activate such facilitations and collaborations across scientific disciplines and between scientific communities and their partners in the society. So far, about ten KANs were approved to be developed on simple themes such as Food-Water-Energy Nexus, Urban, Health, SDGs etc., and preparatory processes are taken place in individual KANs. Core Projects (now called Global Research Projects: GRPs) are taking leading roles in many of the KANs. Future Earth Secretariat in Global Hubs and Regional Centers/ Offices is supporting GRPs and KANs and connecting them with other projects or activities with similar ideas and missions. Developing communication tools, organizing public engagement events, facilitating science –policy interface, building capacities are other aspects of Future Earth functions. At this session, secretariat roles to support those Future Earth activities, in particular those taken in charge by Japan Hub are introduced.

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