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NPO Fukushima Dialogue  
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## The 23rd Fukushima Dialogue Agenda

"Sharing about the issues of the ALPS-treated water<sup>1</sup> at  
Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Fukushima"  
(Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and  
Japanese)

Date: 9:00 - 17:00 on Sunday 28 November 2021 (Japan Time)

Online delivery using Zoom

At this stage, we are not expecting a general audience, but only  
presenters and panellists who live in the prefecture to be present  
at the meeting.

In cooperation with :

Japan Health Physics Society (JHPS)

The Society for Risk Analysis (SRA), Japan

French Nuclear Protection Evaluation Centre (CEPN)

French Institute for Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety  
(IRSN)

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<sup>1</sup> According to the definition of the Japanese administration, "treated water" is different from "contaminated water". Although radioactive materials remain in the treated water, most of radioactive materials with the exception of tritium are removed by treating contaminated water using the Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS). The latter must meet the regulatory standards for the discharge of wastewater from a nuclear power plant.

(<https://www.meti.go.jp/english/earthquake/nuclear/decommissioning/qa.html#q2>)



This year marks the tenth anniversary of the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.

In the affected areas, some people and communities have returned to more or less normal life, and they are making progress. One of the remaining and very controversial issue is how to handle the ALPS-treated water collected and kept at the plant site.

In May 2021, the Japanese government decided that the method of disposing of the treated water would be to discharge it into the ocean. Although discussions are ongoing with stakeholders, many people are not yet convinced of this decision.

We want to know more, talk more, check more and also hear the opinions of other people because we still have doubts. Don't we all feel this way?

The Fukushima Dialogue will focus on the topic of decision-making regarding ALPS-treated water. We will listen to those who are concerned about the disposal of the treated water and discuss the issues together. The purpose of the meeting is not to debate "for" or "against". Instead, we wish participants to share their perceptions of the situation and its challenges. It aims to allow them to think about what should have been done and what should be done.

There is a worldwide interest in the disposal of ALPS treated water. This interest lies not only in the method of disposal but also in the decision-making process associated with it. What are the issues in Fukushima and Japan, and how are they discussed? These are the focus of attention.

Wherever there is a nuclear facility, there are often disagreements between the operator, the authorities, the general population and the local residents. For example, they dispute how the nuclear facility should be managed, how nuclear waste should be



disposed of, etc. In the Fukushima Dialogue, there will be two international guests. One is Yves Lheureux of the ANCCLI (National Association of Local Information Committees and Commissions), established in the vicinity of nuclear facilities in France, and the other is Pippa Feinstein. She has been involved in consultations between residents and nuclear facilities in Canada. They will share their experiences abroad and their views on the situation in Japan.

Through simultaneous interpretation between Japanese and English, we will also be able to take this opportunity to inform people abroad about the situation in Japan.

#### Content

Morning: 7 – 8 people give a 20-minute presentation (live or recorded).

Afternoon: 12 people form a panel discussion (Dialogue).

Residents of Fukushima Prefecture can participate directly in the meeting at the local venue, Nara-Ha Canvas.

Out-of-towners and those who do not want to participate directly can join the meeting online (Zoom).

\*The content of the discussions at the Fukushima Dialogue is intended to be open to the public.

\*For presenter:

Please give a 20-minute presentation. Both live and recorded presentations are possible. However, if you wish to use a recording and PowerPoint, we ask you to submit the material at least one week in advance to allow us to prepare translations.



\*For participants in the panel discussion:

Please join the panel discussion in person. Participants will have a few minutes to answer each question prepared by the facilitator.

\*For all presenters and panelists:

You will be asked to prepare a short introduction (3 lines) and a photograph at least one month in advance if you are happy to share it with the public.

\*For participants who come to the venue:

We will reimburse your travel expenses. We will also pay for your lunch.

\*No honorarium will be paid for presentations or panel participation. It should allow you to speak more freely.

\*The meeting will be open to registered participants via zoom. For participants abroad, the meeting recording will be available online for one month after the conference.

\*With permission from the presenters and panelists, we will archive their presentations and the meeting record on the NPO Fukushima Dialogue website.

\*To avoid conflict of interest in the meeting, the meeting cost will be funded by NPO Fukushima Dialogue and donations. The cost of simultaneous interpretation will be paid by IRSN and CEPN. No subsidies will be used to cover the meeting costs.

\*No media restriction. The press will be notified of the event.