



US-Japan Forum June 3, 2016



The Global Economy and the U.S.-Japan Alliance: Charting a Course for Next U.S. Administration and Prime Minister Abe's Road to 2020

The U.S.-Japan Forum aims to identify constraints on sustainable economic growth in the United States, Japan, and the world, and policies to confront these impediments. At a time of great uncertainty in the global economy, the 2016 Forum will address urgent issues such as income inequality, stagnant wage growth, structural impediments to growth, and other factors that impact both the United States and Japan, as well as the rest of the world. The Forum will also explore the implications of these economic, social and political challenges for international relations in the Asia-Pacific and globally, and for the U.S.-Japan alliance.

Welcome and Opening Remarks (9:30-10:00)

- Neera Tanden, President and CEO, Center for American Progress (CAP)
- Kazumasa Kusaka, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

Session One: Domestic and International Economic Uncertainties (10:00-11:30)

- Japanese presenter: Masaaki Tanaka, Senior Advisor, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ; Vice-Chair, Board of Councilors, U.S.-Japan Council
- U.S. presenter: Paula Stern, Founder and Chair, The Stern Group; Former Chairwoman of the U.S. International Trade Commission

Questions:

- What are the trends for the global economy? How will they affect the United States and Japan?
- What is the outlook for the domestic economies of the United States and Japan?
- How will the challenge of rising inequality impact sustainable growth in the United States and Japan?
- What are the available policy options to respond to these challenges?

Moderator: Andy Green, Managing Director, Economic Policy, Center for American Progress (CAP)

Break/Gather Lunch (11:30-12:00)

Session Two: Domestic Politics (12:00-1:30)

- U.S. presenter: John Halpin, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress (CAP)
- Japanese presenter: Keiichiro Kobayashi, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Keio University

Questions:

- What is the outlook for domestic politics in Japan and the United States through 2020?
- How will domestic politics impact sustainable economic growth in the United States and Japan?
- How will current and emerging domestic constraints and structural impediments, such as inequality and depopulation (in the case of Japan), define our future?
- How will domestic politics impact foreign policy in Japan and the United States?

Moderator: Hideichi Okada, Executive Advisor, NEC Corporation; Former Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Government of Japan

Break (1:30-1:45)

Session Three: Political-Economy of the Asia-Pacific (1:45-3:15)

- Japanese presenter: Hideichi Okada, Executive Advisor, NEC Corporation; Former Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Government of Japan
- U.S. presenter: Nirav Patel, President and CEO, The Asia Group

Questions:

- What are the trends in the political-economy of the Asia-Pacific?

- What is China's economic future? How will a Chinese slowdown impact international relations?

Moderator: Glen S. Fukushima, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress (CAP)

Session Four: U.S.-Japan Regional and Global Cooperation (3:15-4:45)

- U.S. presenter: Vikram Singh, Vice President, National Security and International Policy, Center for American Progress (CAP)
- Japanese presenter: Yoriko Kawaguchi, Professor, Meiji Institute for Global Affairs, Meiji University; Former Member of the House of Councilors of Japan; Former Minister of Foreign Affairs; Former Minister of the Environment

Questions:

- What should be the agenda for U.S.-Japan cooperation over the coming four years? How will it be impacted by domestic and international economic developments?
- How should the United States and Japan prioritize cooperation globally versus in the Asia-Pacific?

Moderator: Naoyuki Haraoka, Executive Managing Director, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks (4:45-5:00)

- Neera Tanden, President and CEO, Center for American Progress (CAP)
- Kazumasa Kusaka, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation (JEF)

Farewell cocktail reception (5:00-6:30), Pennsylvania 6 Restaurant, 1350 Eye Street NW