

OECD-Japan Policy Dialogues on Developing Decommissioning Industry Clusters in Fukushima

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), together with the Japanese Government, Fukushima Prefecture and Fukushima Innovation Coast Framework Promotion Organisation (FIPO), is organising a series of **OECD-Japan Policy Dialogues on Developing Decommissioning Industry Clusters in Fukushima**, to support the development of decommissioning industry clusters in the Fukushima Coastal Area (Hama-dori) and to contribute to the long-term sustainable development of Fukushima and local economy.

What do the Policy Dialogues aim to do?

OECD-Japan Policy Dialogues aim to provide the venue for open discussion among OECD experts, central/local governments and local stakeholders. This interactive process will concentrate on how to better implement the Fukushima Innovation Coast Framework and how to ensure long-term sustainable development of Fukushima, with a focus on the decommissioning industry clusters in the Coastal Area that underlies the safe and timely decommissioning of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plants. Specifically, the Dialogues aim to:

- Provide opportunities for mutual learning from Fukushima and the OECD
- Contribute to open and constructive discussions of the decommissioning industry cluster and reconstruction of the region based on the OECD and Nuclear Energy Agency's (NEA's) knowledge accumulated over the past decades.
- Encourage close communication with, and broader participation of, local stakeholders and communities

The Project also aims to be a platform for disseminating Fukushima's progress and challenges to the world.

OECD's perspectives on the topic

The OECD team will join the Dialogues to deepen the discussion by offering expertise and knowledge of:

- **Local asset-based development:** different regions have different potentials and need different policies.
- **Sustainable development** (inclusive growth, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)): Fukushima could be a good example of localisation of SDGs.
- **SMEs and entrepreneurship play a critical role** in regional development
- **Governance structure matters:** policy co-operation and alignment beyond administrative borders
- **Engaging** with local communities and citizens.

Policy Dialogues structure and steps

- While learning about Fukushima, discuss how the OECD and NEA can provide useful experiences and lessons on industry clusters, innovation, regional development and decommissioning.
- Once topics and areas of interest to Fukushima are identified, then OECD will provide further information and best practices on the selected topics.
- Seek opportunities for open exchange with local citizens, communities and firms.
- Hold several dialogues throughout 2019.
- Disseminate the results in a synthesis report during 2020.

*This is a proposed framework. The details will be discussed with the participants of the dialogues.

Site visits and kick-off meeting in February 2019

Following site visits to the Fukushima Coastal Area, an initial meeting convened Japanese policy makers from Fukushima Prefecture, FIPO and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and OECD experts on regional development, SMEs, nuclear decommissioning, and stakeholder engagement. Participants deepened their understanding of current situation and challenges surrounding Fukushima and discussed possible OECD contribution.

- Policies to link the decommissioning process with local economic development and employment opportunities.
- Examples of industry clustering and innovation and from OECD regions.
- Engagement of local stakeholders and communities in the discussion for the future of Fukushima

