



Rits Super Global Forum 2018 (RSGF2018)

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Ritsumeikan High School, Kyoto, Japan

Detailed Information

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Dear All,

We are pleased to announce that we have set the main theme for RSGF2018: **“What can we do to realize a sustainable world? Approaches to solving problems related to food security.”** and the five approaches/positions to be used to realize the goal. We will discuss the issue from the viewpoints of the five different positions below. For all approaches, please make your posters and prepare for the discussions based on the information given below.

RSGF2018 Theme: **“What can we do to realize a sustainable world?”**
 --- Approaches to solving problems related to food security

Five Approaches/Stakeholders: 1. Producers
 2. Consumers
 3. Companies
 4. Governments
 5. NGOs / NPOs / Volunteers

★Poster submission

We would appreciate very much if you could print the posters by yourselves. Please print and bring your posters with you, according to the following parameter: [size; A0-sized paper]. We are not planning to print them out for you. For those who are unable to bring their own pre-printed poster, please let us know in advance.

★Preparation for poster presentations:

Please choose one out of the 5 approaches/stakeholders (please see the attached information about this year’s main theme and approaches) and focus on it in making your posters. Also, **please try to mention in your posters what has been done to help solve the issues in your own countries as a case study, or you can involve what you have done at your school, etc.**

★Preparing for group discussions:

Students should develop their discussions at a higher level than the typical process of "How do we solve this problem?" → "Aid is needed" or "It is important to know about this." We expect the students to hold the discussions having studied ahead of time about the actual global conditions and having as much knowledge as possible about the their assigned approaches.

★Dividing your school’s RSGF2018 participants:

If you have 5 or more participants, please put at least one person into each of the 5 approaches. Please try to place people equally into each Approach. If there are less than five participants, please make sure that each should join different approaches.

If you have any inquiries about this, or need additional information, please contact Ms. Misa Nakanishi at Ritsumeikan High School by emailing misa@fkc.ritsumei.ac.jp or rsgf2018@fkc.ritsumei.ac.jp, or by calling +81-75-323-7111.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miki Horie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Principal

2018 THEME:

What can we do to realize a sustainable world? Approaches to solving problems related to food security

By 2050, the world must feed 9 billion people. The demand for food will be 60% greater than it is today. The United Nations has set ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture as the second of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the year 2030. However, we will not be able to continue eating in the same way because of our food system's limitations: malnutrition, food waste, our limited natural resources, and so on. Such limitations clearly show that our food system must be transformed. Each step of the food system – production, processing, distribution, consumption – needs to be adjusted to ensure healthier food to our growing population, and to reduce its environmental impact. But above all, it is necessary to bring all the stakeholders together: **producers, consumers, business people (companies), governments, and NPOs/NGOs** – to tackle with the problems related to food security. So, let us put our heads together at RSGF2018 and share our ideas about “**What can we do to realize a sustainable world?**” For this forum, we are focusing on “**approaches to solving problems related to food security**” and we have set up 5 approaches/stakeholders to help us better grasp the issue from different aspects. **Please choose one out of the 5 following approaches/stakeholders below and focus on it in making your posters and discussions during the forum.**

Approaches/Stakeholders:

1. **Producers** (farmers, fishers, people who produce products, etc.) [related to SDGs #1,2,12,13,14,15]
 - What are the problems/situations involved in this area - related to producers /production?
 - What are the resulting effects on others / the environment?
 - What role do producers play?
 - What has been done to help solve these issues?
 - Are the current practices /actions of these actors *really* sustainable?
 - How can SDGs help improve these issues?
 - What changes are needed in production and/or society at large?
 - How can you / we be involved as one of the stakeholders in making change in this area?

2. **Consumers** (people who buy and consume food) [related to SDGs #1,2,3,10,12]
 - What are the problems/situations in this area - related to consumers / consumption?
 - What are the resulting effects on others / the environment?
 - What role do consumers play?
 - What has been done to help solve these issues?
 - Are the current practices /actions of these actors *really* sustainable?
 - How can SDGs help improve these issues?
 - What changes are needed in consumption and / or the society at large?
 - How can you / we be involved as one of the stakeholders in making change in this area?

3. **Companies** (people who process, sell or transport products) [related to SDGs #1,2,3,10,12,17]
 - What are the problems/situations in this area - related to companies?
 - What are the resulting effects on others / the environment?
 - What role do companies play?
 - What has been done to help solve these issues?
 - Are the current practices /actions of these actors *really* sustainable?
 - How can SDGs help improve these issues?
 - What changes are needed in companies and/or the society at large?
 - How can you / we be involved as one of the stakeholders in making change in this area?

4. **Governments** (people who make laws / policies locally, regionally and nationally)

【related to SDGs #1,2,3,10,16,17】

- What are the problems/situations in this area - related to governments?
- What are the resulting effects on others / the environment?
- What role does government play?
- Are the current practices /actions of these actors *really* sustainable?
- What has been done to help solve these issues?
- How can SDGs help improve this issue?
- What changes are needed in governments and/or the society at large?
- How can you / we be involved in making change in this area?

5. **NGOs / NPOs / Volunteers** (people who work in the non-profit sector)

【related to SDGs #1,2,3,10,12,17】

- What are the problems/situations in this area - related to NGOs / NPOs / Volunteers?
- What are the resulting effects on others / the environment?
- What role do NPOs/NPOs/volunteers play?
- What has been done to help solve these issues?
- Are the current practices /actions of these actors *really* sustainable?
- How can SDGs help improve these issues?
- What changes are needed in NGOs/NPOs/volunteers and/or the society at large?
- How can you / we be involved as one of the stakeholders in making change in this area?

Note: As you know, the SDGs are an interrelated set of targets. Although we are focusing mainly on the goals stated above, you may also want to examine and use other goals.

