

Climate Action Network Japan – Membership Guidelines

1. What is the Climate Action Network Japan (CAN-Japan)?



The Climate Action Network was formed as a way to deal with the problems of climate change. Currently, approximately 900 environmental organizations from over 90 countries make up the international network. Climate Action Network Japan serves as the Japanese base. Since its establishment in 1989, CAN has been actively involved in climate change negotiations by making proposals for international systems based on research and analysis by specialists, sharing information and strategies for strengthening climate change measures, and lobbies governments and media. For 25 years, CAN has been the voice of those in civil society that are passionate about solving the problems of climate change.

CAN is organized into national and regional “nodes” with Can-International being in charge of CAN’s overall operations.

CAN-Japan, which is the node for Japan, works with CAN-International on international activities and with domestic NGOs to advance international negotiations, strengthen domestic climate change policies that support sustainable energy choices as well as develop domestic activities that strengthen foreign climate policies.

2. Mission:

CAN-Japan’s primary mission, with the cooperation of CAN-international, is to take an active role in negotiations such as those at COP under UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol.

3. What CAN-Japan aims to do:

CAN-Japan aims to meet the ultimate objective of COP which is to “stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere”. create an ambitious and effective 2015 agreement for COP21 and work towards a sustainable climate change framework.

- To develop an international framework beyond 2020
- To encourage the Japanese government to put forth an ambitious climate change target from a civil society standpoint
- To raise awareness and give Japanese people the opportunity to have a better understanding of the problems with climate change
- To build a “low carbon society” through wide-scale adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures
- To develop activities with the cooperation of NGOs and society from around the world as well as Japan

4. Activities

Participation in international climate change negotiations and development of partnership activities

Take part in activities/events such as COP and work with CAN-International on lobbying.

Raising awareness

To raise awareness, CAN-Japan holds debriefing sessions to report on international meetings. In addition, CAN-Japan works towards creating a better understanding of climate change negotiations for policy makers, businesses and citizens. Using social media outlets like Facebook, information related to CAN-Japan can be spread easily.

Building partnerships

Establishing a framework for domestic partnerships with CAN-Japan facilitates the spread of information and the submission of policy proposals.

5. How to become a member:

Qualifications:

Environmental organizations that agree to the activities of both CAN-International and CAN-Japan are eligible to become members of CAN-Japan. Regardless of an organization's type of legal entity or even if it has no legal status, administrative organizations, businesses and research organizations are welcome to join. However, individual membership is not allowed.

Annual fee: 10,000 yen

How to join: Please send your application form and an overview of your organization to the CAN-Japan office by email, fax or post. Upon receiving applications, there will be an approximately 2 week review period. Following this, an organization will officially be a member of CAN-Japan after membership fees are paid. In addition, an organization must have recommendations from 2 existing CAN-Japan organizations (please contact the CAN-Japan office for more information).

6. Mailing list registration:

A representative or staff (excluding volunteers) of a CAN-Japan organization can sign up for the following mailing lists. The contact person given on the CAN-Japan application form will be automatically added to the mailing list.

CAN-Japan mailing list: Communicate with fellow CAN-Japan members (Japanese)

CAN-talk mailing list: Communicate with CAN members from around the world (English)

Note: Information shared in both mailing lists above is confidential unless otherwise mentioned thus sharing information to outside parties is strictly prohibited.

7. CAN-Japan Regulations:

Please refer to the CAN charter and the CAN-Japan bylaws.

8. How to get in touch with us:

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