

Report of Activities in FY2021

1. Period covered

- From establishment to March 31, 2022

2. Purpose

- Our purpose is to accelerate policy shifts and actions to protect the climate, through research, analysis, engagement and communications, based on an integrated approach to science, policy, and society.

3. Activities this fiscal year

The first half of our inaugural fiscal year was dedicated to developing the organizational structure and hiring staff to allow us to implement our programs. Based on the Articles of Incorporation, many of the activities were primarily concerned with developing relationships, gathering information, and exploring program opportunities. We were able to establish a solid foundation for full-scale operations to start in fiscal 2022.

- **Building the organizational foundations**

- Fundraised
- Opened office, adopted Articles of Incorporation, completed corporate registration
- Established governance structure (directors, employees, advisors)
- Developed human resources/accounting systems and organizational policies
- Developed vision/mission paper (Japanese / English)
- Launched website (Japanese / English)
- Recruited/~~screened~~/hired staff (4 persons), made outsourcing arrangements

- **Activities based on Articles of Incorporation**

- (1) Studies, research, and making recommendations relating to climate change**

- Analysis of the power sector**

Launched a joint project in partnership with the U.S.-based Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The Berkeley Lab is developing models and scenarios for power grid decarbonization by 2035 in the United States, China, and Korea. Initiated joint research based on that work. Climate Integrate is responsible for providing input into scenarios, translating reports, preparing documentation, considering scenario-based policy recommendations, organizing seminars in Japan, and coordination tasks. In fiscal 2021 we made progress with

preliminary research, consultation, and technical reviews for the feasibility of power sector decarbonization in Japan. Outputs from this work are anticipated in late 2022.

•Sustainable Finance

Conducted interviews to consider effective approaches to acceleratesustainable finance in Japan. Interviewees included government officials, institutional investors, experts, and overseas organizations. Based on information obtained, the plan for fiscal 2022 is to summarize key issues for Japan and launch full-scale efforts to promote sustainable finance.

(2) Engagement in policy making relating to climate change

Collaborated with overseas organizations and institutions to develop strategies and related activities to promote climate and energy policy transition in Japan from the climate diplomacy angle.

(3) Information dissemination about climate change

Despite an abundance of information being available, climate- and energy-related issues are not necessarily well understood. We developed our own approaches to provide basic information tools to audiences that are concerned about the climate. We initiated a collaborative tie-up with Visual Thinking and released our first infographic, the “2022 Japan Climate Calendar - Top Ten Highlights.”

Introduced our organization and informed audiences through lectures, articles and interviews, and participated in panel discussions, upon request from various organizations, companies, and media (list).

(4) Dialogue, advice, and support for domestic and overseas stakeholders relating to climate change policies and actions

Interacted and shared information with a range of stakeholders.

•In January 2022, visited Sakata City, Yamagata Prefecture. With cooperation from local wind power operators, solar-sharing farmers, co-operatives, NGOs, REaction100 members, city councilors and university faculty, visited the Sakata Kyodo Thermal Power Station (coal), wind farms on land, and planned offshore wind farm sites, etc. Also lectured.

•Engaged in dialogue with institutional investors, government (Financial Services Agency, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, governors and mayor; etc.), financial institutions, and parliamentarians.

•Began considering work to develop educational materials with CRP Japan and the Development Education Association and Resource Center (DEAR).

5. Other activities supplementary to and/or associated with the above items

Nothing to note.

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