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Nordic Science, Technology and Innovation (NORSTI) Seminar Series #1

- *Women in renewable energy and development,*

the Nordic experience

Introduction

It is our pleasure to invite you to the first Nordic Science, Technology and Innovation seminar in Japan, to be held at the Swedish Embassy in Tokyo on 31 May 2017.

On the occasion of the 10th Gender Summit „*Better Science and Innovation through Gender, Diversity and Inclusive Engagement*“ being held in Tokyo on 25-26 May, the Nordic Embassies would like to draw on their common experiences and specialised networks to shed a light on the issue of **Women in renewable energy**.

The Nordics share a common value-based offering in ST&I; associated with equality, innovativeness and strong cultural branding. We therefore invite you to come and join us for an afternoon of talks and discussion on this important topic.

Date: 31 May, 2017
Time: 14:00-17:00
Place: Alfred Nobel Auditorium, Swedish Embassy Tokyo
Address: Embassy of Sweden, 1-10-3-100 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Map: See final page
Language: English
Organizers: Embassies of Denmark, Finland, Norway, Iceland and Sweden in Japan

Program

14:00 Opening and welcome
14:10 Keynote speech by Dr. Irma Erlingsdottir
“Gender and Sustainability: The Role of Women in the Energy Sector“
14:30 Presentation by Dr. Miyoko Watanabe
“Gender equality in Japan and Gender Summit 10 in Tokyo“
14:50 Presentation by Ms. Suiri Takizawa
“Decision of S&T female students - Perspective through my experience in Japan and Denmark“
15:10 Discussion
16:00 Networking session

Registration and RSVP

Please register by email to heo@mfa.is no later than Friday 26 May.



About the speakers

-Dr Irma Erlingsdottir, Director of the United Nations University Gender Equality Studies and Training Program: Gender and Sustainability: The Role of Women in the Energy Sector

Dr. Irma Erlingsdóttir is an Associate Professor at the School of Humanities at the University of Iceland and the Director of UNU-GEST (United Nations University Gender Studies and Training Programme). UNU-GEST promotes gender equality, social justice and women's empowerment in developing countries, conflict and post-conflict societies through research and education. Erlingsdóttir also heads the The Center for Gender Research (RIKK) and EDDA – Center of Excellence in Critical Contemporary Research. She has led several large-scale academic projects in the fields of gender studies, globalization, contemporary politics and critical theory. She studied at Sorbonne University, Vincennes University and Paul Valéry University in France. She has a Ph.D. from Sorbonne University. As a specialist in gender, comparative literature and contemporary critical theory, she has published and edited books, articles and book chapters in these fields.

-Dr Miyoko Watanabe

Dr. Miyoko O. Watanabe serves at Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) as Deputy Executive Director, Director-General of Center for Science Communication and also Director of Office for Diversity and Inclusion. She has a long experience of research in semiconductor physics at Toshiba R&D Center in Japan, and also conducted research in Dalhousie University, Canada, and the University of Birmingham, UK. Returning to Toshiba, she served there at different positions, including that of Executive Quality Leader at Innovation Division in the headquarters. She joined JST in 2014 and is serving, there up to now. Currently she is the chair of both of Science Agora and the Gender Summit 10. She is also a member of the Science Council of Japan (SCJ), Chair of Committee on Comprehensive and Synthetic Engineering in SCJ, and a member of Specialist Committee on Gender Equality in the Council for Gender Equality of the Japanese Cabinet Office.

-Ms. Suiiri Takizawa, Process engineer at JGC Corporation

Suiiri Takizawa currently works at JGC Corporation as a process engineer. She studied at Tohoku University and Technical University of Denmark, and received a MSc in chemical engineering from Tohoku University. She participated actively in Tohoku University Science Angels program founded in 2009 for nurturing the next generation of female researchers with strong potential by having women graduate students serving as "Science Angels" (SA), accessible role models communicating the fascination of science to students in secondary to high schools. She points out the mindset and issues of current Japanese female students pursuing science and technology studies and carriers.



[Map to the Embassy of Sweden](#)

