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- ✓ **Venue:** Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Kyoto, Japan (on-site)
- ✓ **Language:** English (with simultaneous interpretation into Japanese)
- ✓ **In-person and zoom**



## ***Precis***

Achieving sustainable societies requires new human knowledge and workplace skills, but the definition, education, up-skilling and mainstreaming of everyday 'green human resources' are still in initial stages. RIHN's new Green Knowledge Center (GKC) was established in order to create and link green human capacity across the research, government, and private sectors, with the goal of supporting local-to-global sustainability transformations. The GKC amplifies earlier efforts at RIHN in this field by the Education Division, Uehiro Research Center for Japan Environmental Studies, and Future Earth Center, including the annual TERRA School, as well as within the University Coalition for Carbon Neutrality in Japan, which includes working groups on human resource development and international relations. Such initiatives are aimed at both domestic and global green transformations, and require collaborative local, national and international engagements and development.

The 20th RIHN International Symposium will create a forum for key parties to discuss the design, direction and expansion of integrated human capacity building for the green transformation.

## ***PROGRAM***

### **Day 1**

Wednesday, 10 December 2025

Introduction

Keynote speech Ilan CHABAY (Arizona State University, United States/RIHN)

Session 1. Manga as method in environmental communication

Session 2. Carbon neutrality beyond the policy discontinuity and the selfishness-altruism separation

### **Day 2**

Thursday, 11 December 2025

Session 3. Beyond the circular economy: Area-capability approaches towards socio-ecological and cultural circulations

Session 4. Toward a Resonant Future of Life: What Kind of Innovation Emerges from Dialogue Beyond the Human–Nature Divide?

Session 5. Hot collections of cherishing green human resources in our society

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