

Japan-ASEAN Online Program Towards SDGs

## Intercultural Exchange Online Workshop

### The Nexus Analysis of Sustainability Issues

#### Overview:

As part of the mutual exchange between the Six National Universities and AUN, a four-day online training will be held for students from AUN member universities and the Six National Universities. In this workshop, students will experience the nexus analysis of sustainability issues and learn the importance of comprehensive approaches to SDGs. Through group work among university students from ASEAN countries and Japan with diverse backgrounds, the training will enhance cross-cultural communication skills in the process of addressing the issues and provide an opportunity for multicultural understanding.

#### Theme:

Intercultural Online Workshop: The Nexus Analysis of Sustainability Issues

#### Objectives:

**Sustainability challenges are often described as “wicked problems”**—complex issues that are deeply interconnected and resistant to simple solutions. Efforts to address one issue, such as energy production or land use, may unintentionally create trade-offs that worsen another, such as biodiversity loss or social inequality. This interdependency requires us to shift from siloed thinking toward a more holistic and integrated approach.

In this workshop, participants will engage in **nexus analysis**—a method for identifying the interconnections between different sectors, such as food, water, energy, and ecosystems. By exploring the trade-offs and synergies among these sectors, participants will experience the importance of cross-sector collaboration and systems thinking in solving sustainability issues.

#### Organizers:

Niigata University, Okayama University, SUN/SixERS, and AUN

#### Targeted participants:

Students from AUN and SUN/SixERS member universities who are interested in SDGs.

#### Language:

English

#### Schedule:

December 8 (Mon) – 11 (Thu), 2025

16:45~18:45 (JST)

Date	Time (JST)	Activities
Day 1 Dec 8	16:45 17:00 17:50 18:45	Opening ceremony Ice-breaking activity: Self-introduction Cross-cultural exchange activity in 10 groups End
Day 2 Dec 9	16:45 16:55 17:10 17:15 17:45 18:30 18:45	Ice-breaking activities Introduction: What is nexus analysis and how to do it? Group work: Assignment of sustainability themes for individual work Individual work: Research and summarize the assigned theme Group work: Nexus analysis of the results of your survey Summary & Homework End
Day 3 Dec 10	16:45 16:55 17:00 18:00 18:30 18:45	Ice-breaking activities Review of the previous day's work Group work: Deep analysis of nexus solutions Presentation preparation (group proposals) Summary & Homework End
Day 4 Dec 11	16:45 18:30 18:45	Presentations Closing ceremony End

**Platform:**

Zoom and Google Docs

**Certification:**

After completing the program, participants will receive certificates issued by AUN and SixERS if their attendance rate is more than 80%.

**Registration:**

Application deadline: November 14 (Fri), 2025

Registration Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/nNa9SADtkX>

**Criteria for recruitment:**

The program will admit 50 students, with 30–40 from AUN Core Member Universities and 10–20 from SixERS. In the event that applications exceed capacity, participants will be selected based on their reasons for applying and their English language proficiency. Successful applicants will receive a confirmation email by November 25 (Tue), 2025.