

Taking Stock of IGES's Research Project "Asia Pacific Climate Security (APCS)"
Framing presentation





## **Background: why climate security?**

Climate change is no longer a simple environmental/energy concern, but it's a **problem that drastically destabilizes our social, economic, and political life** through various pathways.

- Social incoherence caused by internal and/or cross-border migration
- Resource competition over limited resources
- Political disagreements over whether to promote climate policies, such as renewable energies

Security lens provides a space to reflect on and improve climate policy and action, such as:

- 1. to consider the impacts of climate change and climate action holistically
- 2. to identify the critical pathways that climate change and climate action lead to instability
- 3. to reflect on what types of security concerns climate action and policy should serve
- 4. to consider geopolitical conditions of climate action and policy
- 5. to strategize climate change action and policy at various scales



# Asia Pacific Climate Security (APCS) overview

## Three objectives

- Conduct original research and make inputs to relevant Japanese policy
- Contribute to climate security in the Asia Pacific region through research and activities
- Recognition of IGES as a research hub on climate security

#### Thematic focus



**Energy Security** 



**Food Security** 



**Human Mobility** 



**Adaptation** 



**Ocean Governance** 



# Asia Pacific Climate Security (APCS) timeline

2023-2024
Research and networking

Nov-Dec Policy Report publication

July 2023 Project Launch

8 October ISAP Session

January 21, 22 Final Symposium



### **Panel Discussion**

- What has been the most significant finding or insight from your research on climate security? What are the challenges you have faced? What gaps do you believe are remaining?
- Amidst a fluid geopolitical landscape, what is required for future climate security research and initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region?

# ご清聴ありがとうございました。

Thank you very much for your attention.

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