

Joint Statement
Thirteenth Global Summit of Research Institute Leaders
October 5, 2024

We, leaders of public research institutions, held a global summit today in connection with the STS *forum* in Kyoto. This year, leaders of 23 institutes from around the world participated in the event.

The theme of our discussion was “Reducing our ecological footprint without compromising research excellence”. The participants presented ways through which their respective institutes are taking on this challenge. These included efforts to reduce energy and water consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and the consumption of limited natural resources. It was mentioned that by incorporating eco-efficiency into new project plans, and adopting open innovation/open science to allow facilities to be shared to avoid duplication we can make inroads on achieving a reduced carbon footprint.

As leading research institutions, we recognize that we have an important role to play in performing research that will support and encourage the creation of greener societies. At the same time, the international commitment to achieving net zero emissions means that we must achieve a balance between reducing our own ecological footprints while maintaining high-level research that will help achieve that goal. We believe it is important to do so based on scientific predictions of how our efforts will be most successful. We remain committed to collaborating to share ideas on ways to make research more sustainable. We remain committed to collaborating both to strengthen our efforts and promote research leading to more sustainable societies.