

## Thursday Sep 30, 10:25am-12:00pm

## The Journey Toward a Carbon-Neutral Society

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Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report stated unequivocally that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean, and land.

Global surface temperatures will continue to increase and will exceed 1.5° and 2°C during this century unless drastic reductions in carbon emissions occur in the next decades.

Cities continue to play a major role in global decarbonization as they generate 70 percent carbon emissions and still account for two-thirds of energy consumption.