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## LCOY MACAU 2022 FINAL REPORT



This report is meant to serve as a documentation of the work that **Genervision House's** LCOY Working Team has done in preparing and organizing the LCOY Macau 2022 and drafting the Macau Youth Statement Towards Addressing Climate Change.

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## **INTRODUCTION & MISSION**

## BACKGROUND

For many young people, the future of our planet is concerning. The IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) states that there have been more frequent and intense extreme climate and weather events since last reported in 2014, such as heavy precipitation, drought, and wildfire. Climate change impacts are amplifying, and they are hindering the progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. According to the Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2022 by The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the Asia-Pacific region will only be able to accomplish all the Sustainable Development Goals (or SDGs) by 2065 - which is 35 years behind the world's set goal. The most alarming phenomenon in the Asia-Pacific is that responsible consumption and production as well as climate action are both regressing severely. For this generation in Macau we have already experienced the drastic damage brought by Typhoon Hato in 2017. More recently, Macau broke 8 records when it comes to extreme weather in 2021 - three out of seven Signal No. 10 typhoons issued since 1968 occurred in the past five years.

For Macau to become a low carbon emission center as mentioned in the Second Five-Year Plan, more awareness, norm-building, and capacity development for sustainable development practices and policies are critical. These green capacities include skills, systems, structures, values, processes, and resources. Given that the International Monetary Fund has recently conditioned Macau's economic outlook to its exposure to climate change for the first time, it is also becoming increasingly evident that negative environmental impacts will also hinder sustainable development in the social and economic realms.

As a local NGO founded nearly two years ago, we started our journey to promote sustainable development through knowledge-sharing and advocacy when we noticed a major gap in societal awareness about the SDGs and their implementations. Since then, we have been committed to localize the SDGs not only through educational events and content production but also through capacity-building workshops for all sectors of society. Fighting against climate change is one of our main focuses. This year, we are really delighted to be hosting the first-ever Local Conference of Youth Macau 2022, thereby creating meaningful conversations and capacity-building towards climate action. Ultimately, our mission is to shape Macau's societal norms and help frame the direction of policies on green development.

## **OBJECTIVES**

To support our mission, we strive to achieve the following objectives:

- Motivate local youth to participate in Macau's environmental governance and inspire their action in combating climate change;
- Raise public awareness of climate action by providing insights from experts and initiating informed discussions online;
- Achieve a wide media coverage to gain more societal support;
- Co-create knowledge through the Climate Change Position Statement Workshop;
- Submit the Climate Change Position Statement co-written by Macau youths to COP27;
- Produce one meaningful outcome report with inputs from various stakeholders and share with the relevant Macau government departments.

With the exception of the last objective - a separate outcome report to the Macau government is in the process of making, all the objectives and goals of LCOY Macau 2022 were achieved.



## LCOY MACAU 2022 REPORT



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Officially endorsed by the youth constituency of YOUNGO under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) Macau 2022 is the first conference of its kind in Macau. The twoday virtual conference centered on the following discussion themes:

- Causes and Impacts of Climate Change;
- Urban Green Transition and Climate Governance;
- Youth Participation and Policy Advocacy;
- and Climate Change Position Statement Writing Workshop.



Three core values were upheld throughout the organization of the conference. LCOY Macau 2022 is **intergenerational** and **inclusive**, and embraces **diverse views**.

### INTERGENERATIONAL

The conference not only welcomes participants from secondary students to young professionals in the climate change position statement writing workshop, it also allows the general public interested in youth climate action and Macau's green development to attend the other three discussion panels.

### INCLUSIVE

As Macau is a diverse community with Cantonese. Mandarin, English, and Portuguese as the dominant local arranged translation languages, we services in Chinese (Cantonese) and English to cater to our broad range of audiences. Also, the climate change position statement writing workshop participants into three organizes language groups - Cantonese, Mandarin, and English - for better expression of viewpoints.

### **DIVERSE VIEWS**

A total of 11 speakers from various backgrounds were invited to share their insights in the discussions, ranging from lawmaker and ESG expert to university professors. In addition, three young climate activists from Hong Kong and Macau were also invited to support the position statement writing workshop alongside Genervision House members.



Photo: Event Coverage by Macao Daily News

### MEDIA COVERAGE & SUPPORT FROM STAKEHOLDERS

LCOY Macau 2022 was covered by the Chinese news outlet of Macao Daily News and will also be featured in English platform of Macao News.

Notably, the conference opening ceremony was attended by the Head of the Environmental Planning Office under the Environmental Protection Bureau and the Associate Director Sustainability of Sands China Ltd., of which the latter entity provided sponsorship for our conference. The conference was also made possible with the support of our endorsing organizations, which are listed as follows:

- British Chamber of Commerce in Macao;
- History and Culture Association of Port of Macau;
- Society of Food and Environmental Health (Macao);
- Geography and Education Research Association of Macau;
- Pan Mac Junior Chamber (JCI);
- Macao News;
- Network of Environmental Student Societies;
- CarbonCare InnoLab;
- Social Responsibility Practitioners;
- The Macao Water Supply Company Ltd.;
- and Guangdong Lingnan Educational Charity Foundation.

During the Climate Change Position Statement Writing Workshop, youth participants came together to discuss their visions for climate action surrounding the following five topics:

- Action for Climate Empowerment;
- Climate Adaptation;
- Climate Change and Cities, and Health;
- Renewable Energy;
- and Green Jobs.

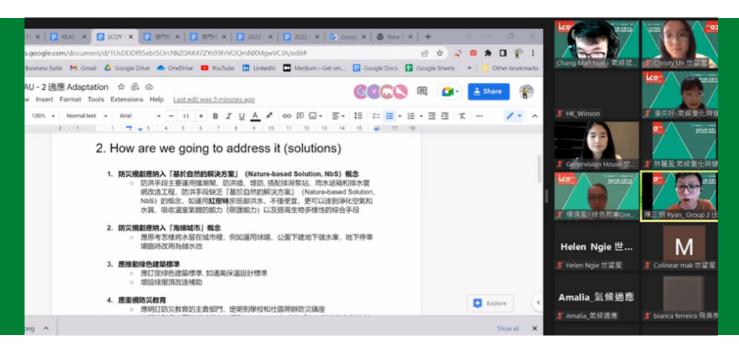


Photo: Climate Change Position Statement Writing Workshop

# METHODOLOGY

## Timeline

## May - June

Submitted LCOY application to LCOY Working Group Set date and event format Developed event program and invitation lists Identified and engaged with guest speakers

## July - August

Confirmed event format and date Developed advertising materials Confirmed guest speakers and special guests list Created applications

## September - Early October

Launched event advertisement and applications Finalized the guest list Collated and confirmed event program and schedule Event walkthrough Sent final email to guests and attendees Reviewed roles and responsibilities for working team on event day Late October - Event Began

### **Post-event Arrangements**

Submitted the Climate Change Position Statement from LCOY MACAU 2022 to the LCOY Working Group, thus delivering the output to COP27.

Presented certificates to qualified participants

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|             | October 22, 2022 (Sat)  |
|             | Opening Ceremony  |
|             | Roundtable: Causes and Impacts of Climate Change                  |
|             | Break   |
| 15:45-17:05 | Keynote Speech: Urban Green Transformation and Climate Governance |
| 17:05-17:10 | Conclusion for Day 1  |
|             |   |
|             |   |
|             | October 23, 2022 (Sun)  |
| 13:30-13:40 | Preview for Day 2 activities                                      |
|             | Roundtable: Youth Participation and Policy Advocacy               |
| 15:00-15:20 | Break   |
|             | Climate Change Position Statement Writing Workshop                |
|             | Closing Ceremony  |
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## PROGRAM

The two-day LCOY MACAU 2022 program was curated by Genervision House's members, with the goal to gather the voices of youth representatives and local experts.

## LCOY ONLINE

The LCOY MACAU 2022 registration was launched via Google Forms, and the event was held on Zoom.

## HUMAN RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

13 Working Group members were recruited for LCOY MACAU, who are also members of Genervision House. The different tasks of preparing and hosting LCOY MACAU were assigned base on the members' original roles within Genervision House. Four interpreters volunteered to provide interpretation services during LCOY MACAU.

# ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVITY

The event was held virtually to ensure every interested youth could participate in LCOY MACAU. Interpretation was also provided for guests and participants throughout the event.

## **FINANCES**

The event received financial support from Sands China Ltd., a local integrated resort operator. The main expenses were incurred on Zoom webinar and advertisement of the event.

## **LOGO DESIGN**

"LCOY Macau 2022" logo is designed by: Soumyadip Dewanji | Instagram @dewanjiphotography @theclimate.studio | Twitter @Dewanji2020 | Facebook @soumyadip.dewanji

# DEMOGRAPHICS DASHBOARD



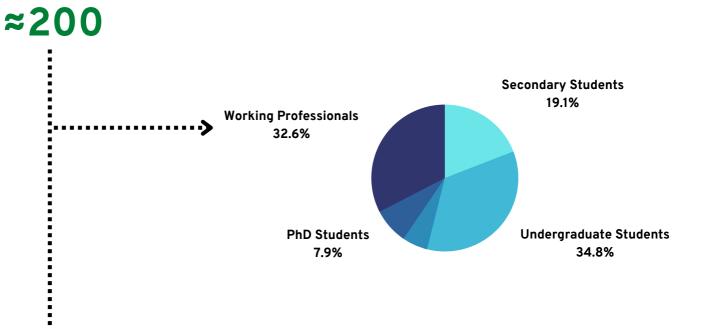
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Location: Macau SAR (Online Conference)



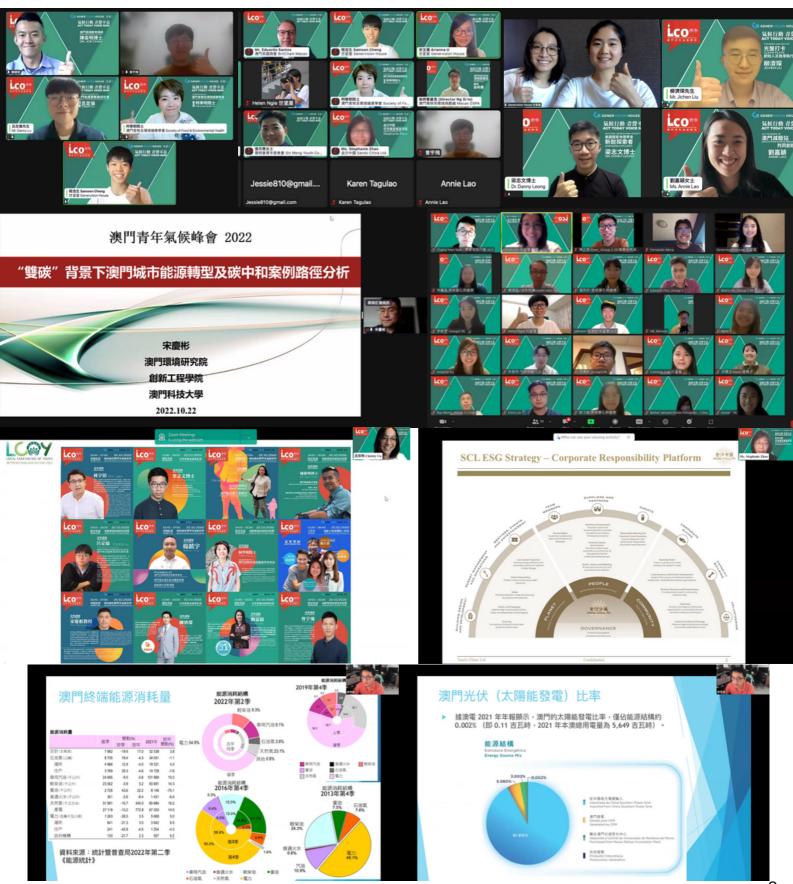


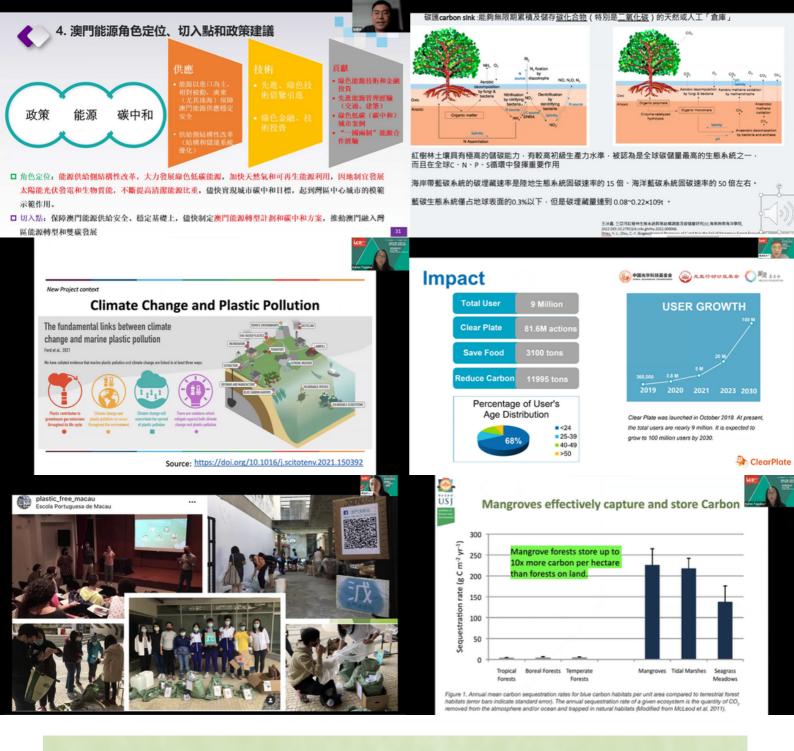
### Number of Attendance:



### 58 Youths participated in the Climate Change Position Statement Writing Workshop

# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS





## **TOPICS HIGHLIGHTED IN DISCUSSIONS**

- Energy structure and renewable energy;
- Macau's pathway towards carbon neutrality;
- · Youth climate activism, e.g. plastic waste and food waste reduction;
- Carbon sinks and climate change;
- Nature-based Solutions (NbS), e.g. mangroves;
- ESG and Corporate Social Responsibility;
- The relations between climate change and biodiversity;
- Macau's policy environment for green urban governance;
- Green career-planning and job market.

# ABOUT GENERVISION HOUSE & LCOY

Genervision House is a Macau-based NGO for knowledge sharing and advocacy, as well as a community that promotes the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. We are the first Macau member organization of Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Youth and of YOUNGO. Recently, we have also joined the Global Alliance of Universities on Climate (GAUC) to become the co-initiator of the Global Youth Climate Week.

Our organization distinguishes itself with the following five pillars of environment-related work:



Customized SDG workshops for all sectors of society







In collaboration with local NGOs



Public Utility Service Provider: Macao Water



Universities: USJ, City University



Period Positivity Workshop x Handmade Sanitary Pads Session



#### **Public-facing Community Events**



Eco-friendly Soap Printing



Urban Farm Experience x Sustainable Food System Educational Workshop

#### Content Production



#### Genervision Cape Monthly Newsletter



Videos including those touching on environmental issues, e.g. eco-tourism

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Storms, floods and deaths on the rise as climate fallout takes shape in Asia @ =

It's no coincidence that we're seeing climate change. Not only do natural disasters cost lives, but they also destroy habitats and increase the risk of future pandemics.



Op-ed pitches & partnerships with local news outlets



#### Flagship Conference



## ORGANIZATIONAL APPROACH

Our organization focuses on the following five elements in our education, capacity-building, and policy advocacy work:



## WHAT IS LCOY?

The Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) is an event under the umbrella of YOUNGO, the official youth constitutency of the United Nations framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Launched in 2014, the initiative aims to compile national and regional inputs into positions of global youth, which will in turn be fed into the climate negotiations. This final year, the youth position statement of LCOY Macau 2022 is delivered to COP27 and the 17th Global Conference of Youth (GCOY).

# **EVALUATION:** STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

## STRENGTHS

- Invited guest speakers from various sectoral backgrounds who are active in Macau and mainland China.
- Leveraged the support of other LCOY organizers from Hong Kong; invited several young climate activists from Hong Kong and Macau to help facilitate the Climate Change Position Statement Writing Workshop.
- Secured sponsorship from Sands China Ltd. to cover the operational costs and advertisement fees.
- Obtained the support of various stakeholders for our event, notably the Head of the Environmental Planning Office under the Environmental Protection Bureau.
- Forged extensive outreach partnerships with endorsing organizations at both the local and regional levels.
- Delivered a strong social media strategy to raise our event profile.

### WEAKNESSES

- Our LCOY Macau team did not receive much advance notice about the Global COY and LCOY timelines.
- Due to the uncertainties brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, LCOY Macau 2022 was hosted virtually, which may affect the engagement level of participants.
- Perfect Cantonese and English translation of materials and simultaneous interpretation were made difficult to achieve due to the limited preparation time of volunteer translators and the late submission of speakers.
- The delivery of souvenirs and certificates of participations for youths engaged in the Climate Change Position Statement Writing Workshop was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS** FOR THE LCOY WORKING GROUP

- Provide more advance notice about the Global COY and LCOY timelines and logistics. Extend the deadline for the LCOY inputs to be fed into the Global Youth Statement, so as to ensure more buffer time for better quality LCOY/RCOY inputs.
- Create a database to document other LCOYs/RCOYs taking place around the world. This would help us to learn from how the other LCOYs/RCOYs are organized and provide opportunities for collaboration.
- Organize monthly meetings for mutual collaboration and experience sharing as well as for the LCOY Working Group to follow up with the progress of each LCOY/RCOY organizers.
- Provide templates of report and position paper on website with clear guidelines so that organizers with no previous experiences of hosting LCOY can have references.











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## Local Conference of Youth Macau 2022

## Macau Youth Statement Towards Addressing Climate Change

**Youth Collective Position Papers** 





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#### 1. Introduction

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Sustainable Development is a development that meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is clear that the older generations have failed to protect the planet, and the youth will have to pay with their futures. As the largest generation of youth in history and leaders of tomorrow, we have to scale up our efforts to protect our only home and



our future.

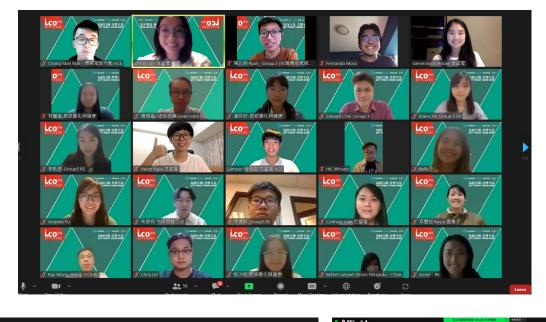
The Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) is an initiative of YOUNGO & UNFCCC to empower youth and make their voices heard globally. LCOY Macau 2022 is officially endorsed by YOUNGO and sponsored by Sands China Limited. As the first conference of its kind in Macau, the two-day virtual conference centered on the following discussion themes: Causes and Impacts of Climate Change; Urban Green Transition and Climate Governance; Youth Participation and Policy Advocacy; and Climate Change Position Statement Writing Workshop.

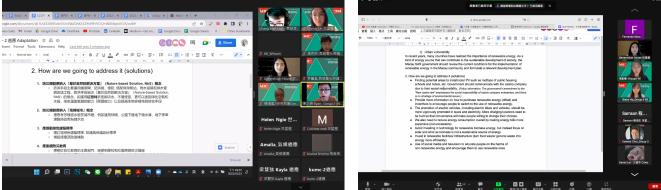
The conference attracted nearly 200 participants and featured guest speakers ranging from lawmaker to climate activists and environmental





educators. We aim to create a space for youth to listen to other voices and join the climate dialogue, and to inspire them to take climate actions.





Photos: Climate Change Position Statement Writing Workshop

This is a collective climate change position statement co-written by nearly 60 participants. During the LCOY Macau 2022, they came together to discuss their visions for climate action surrounding 5 topics: Action for Climate Empowerment; Climate Adaptation; Climate Change, Cities, and Health; Renewable Energy; and Green Jobs.

Let's "Act Today, Voice Now".





#### **Guest Speakers of LCOY Macau 2022**

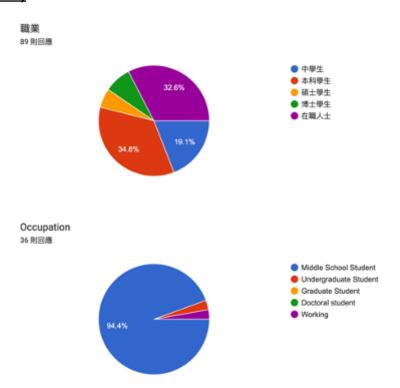






#### Occupations of the participants (Chinese-speaking & English-speaking

#### participants):



#### Other Endorsing Organizations:







#### 2. Action for Climate Empowerment

Education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and international collaboration are the six priority elements under the framework of "Action for Climate Empowerment" (ACE) (UNESCO, 2020). Adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) since 1992, the ACE elements are crucial to promoting inclusive community engagement, and fostering a better understanding of, climate change and its response.

We noticed that there is rich biodiversity in Macau with relatively easy access, and our citizens need to build connections with nature, learn to appreciate it, and encourage behavioral changes. However, there is a lack database on Macau's environment and biodiversity, which makes it hard to advocate for collective and behavioral changes without enough data. There is also a lack of financial resources to develop such databases, and relevant majors in universities or training to nurture talents.

We urge the Macau government to implement the following actions to enhance Action for Climate Empowerment within Macau:

- To establish a fund for citizens to participate in nature activities. There are a few associations and individuals in Macau specializing in holding local nature activities, yet hard to sustain due to a lack of financial resources. If there is a nature activities fund, schools and local associations can collaborate with those specialists to promote biodiversity and climate actions in Macau, meanwhile incentivizing more youth to learn about this profession.
- To encourage more international activities in Macau, such as Model United Nations, where students can discuss international topics and raise public awareness on climate topics.
- 3. To promote environmentally friendly behavior through education and financial incentives. For tourists, the Macau government could provide more subsidies





or favorable incentives to use public transportation instead of private car or taxi. There should be more policies to promote waste management, recycling,

and resource-saving in Macau as well, which can start with university dorms and student societies.

4. To publish data and progress reports on climate actions in Macau periodically and transparently on the one-stop-shop platform for climate information, which we also hope to be presented in a more systematic way and to ease public access to information.





#### 3. Climate Adaptation

After Typhoon Hato in 2017, Macao's lack of adaptation to climate change was highlighted. As a coastal city, Macao is at the forefront of climate change, so climate adaptation is both important and urgent.

- "Nature-based Solutions" (NbS) should be incorporated into disaster prevention planning. Currently, flood control in Macau mainly employs tide gates, flood walls, and embankments, together with drainage pumping stations, rainwater culverts, and drainage network renovation projects. However, it lacks the component of "Nature-based Solutions" (NbS). An NbS flood control can be using mangroves to resist floods. Not only is it affordable, but it can also clean up air and water quality and absorb greenhouse gases (acts as carbon sinks), and it is a way to enhance biodiversity.
- 2. Disaster prevention planning should incorporate the concept of "sponge city". We should consider how to keep water in the city, such as using permeable pavement for pedestrian walks and roads, building underground storage tanks under football courts and parks, and temporarily converting underground parking lots into storage tanks.
- 3. Attention should be paid to disaster prevention education. The responsible departments of disaster prevention education should be specified, and regular lectures on disaster prevention should be held in schools and communities. It is difficult to quantify the "awareness rate of the public on basic knowledge of public safety" in the 10-year Plan for Disaster Prevention and Reduction of the Macao Special Administrative Region for 2019-2028. We suggest that the government set short-term and medium-term targets for the number of participants in annual community disaster prevention seminars.
- Increase funding for academic research on climate adaptation. Enhance academic research and funding for climate adaptation, such as sponge cities and urban drainage systems.
- 5. Disaster prevention policies should pay attention to climate change and other hazards, such as extreme heat. The 10-year Plan for Disaster Prevention and





Reduction should include other disasters of climate change, such as extreme heat. The countermeasures could include the addition of subsidies for green roof renovation, the establishment of summer cooling centers, and the establishment of high-temperature leaves.

6. Green building standards such as ventilation and insulation design standards should be established.





#### 4. Climate Change, Cities, and Health

Buildings are responsible for a large number of carbon dioxide emissions. And without weatherization and renovation, they will continue to emit CO2 and we will not be able to achieve the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C target. The majority of the buildings in Macau are built without the consideration of climate adaptation and are in need of renovation.

On the other hand, there are many brownfields in Macau that cannot be used due to the ambiguity of ownership. However, they can be turned into public green spaces that serve as recreational spaces and as well as city carbon sinks.

According to the Report on the State of the Environment of Macao, emissions from land transportation constitute a large part of Macau's greenhouse gas emissions. This necessitates a green transition of public transportation as well as the adoption of private electric vehicles.

If we can solve the above problems, we can greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Macau and also increase the quality of life for its citizens. But there are structural and legal issues that hinder the success of initiatives that aim to solve these problems. For example, despite Macau's urban building regulation dictates building owners should carry out maintenance of their buildings every five years, it imposes no penalty for building owners who fail to conduct maintenance.

 Transform existing legislation to enable easier and more affordable building renovation. We suggest that the government can review existing legislations that make building renovation difficult and revise them so that buildings can be easily transformed into greener and more habitable environments. Besides, the government and banking institutes can consider putting out mortgage plans that incentivize buildings/homeowners to green their buildings.





- 2. Put brownfields into use and provide each district/zone with a green space of the same quality with a low cost of use (e.g. time and distance to reach). Although the new urban master plan seeks to "complement the lack of green or public open space areas" and enhance their "accessibility and connectivity to residential areas," data and maps from the draft show that residents outside the prescribed areas may not have equal access to green space. So, we suggest the government make full use of the brownfields by revising the existing legislation to enable access to them and encourage public participation during the design stage of green spaces.
- 3. Develop a transportation plan for pedestrians instead of vehicles. Despite the light rail system was built to decarbonize public transportation, it has not been used as a major transportation tool for the majority of Macau citizens. While buses are still in high demand and traffic still impacts the bus routes each day during peak hours. We suggest that the government can innovate the existing transportation plan from a pedestrian perspective, and create public transportation routes that can allow easy access to low-carbon transportation tools and ones that incentivize people to drive less. For example, building bike lanes in the new urban zone will be a good way for people to commute with low carbon emissions and exercise, which is both good for their health and the environment.





#### 5. Renewable Energy

According to the Companhia de Electricidade de Macau (CEM), Macau generates only 5% of the electricity used by the city, with over 90% purchased and imported from Mainland China. This reveals a vulnerability when it comes to energy, one that we experienced during typhoon Hato. Macau purchases a majority of its electricity from China Southern Power Grid, which claims over 50% of its electricity is generated from renewable sources. Yet, it is still unsure how much of the renewable energy gets fed into Macau's power grid each day. Therefore, it is important for Macau to develop its own renewable energy. Despite having published a set of safety and installation regulations in 2015 to encourage the installation of photovoltaic systems, there have only been 5 installations in Macau to this day. The government needs to review the current conditions for the implementation of renewable energy in the Macau community and formulate a relevant development plan.

- Find potential areas to install solar PV such as rooftops of public housing, schools, hotels, etc. Government should communicate with the casino companies for them to take up their social responsibility (policy information: The government's amendment to the "New casino law" emphasizes the social responsibility of casino company enterprises, and there is no shortage of environmental issues.)
- 2. Provide more information on how to purchase renewable energy (offset) and incentives to encourage people to switch to the use of renewable energy.
- The promotion of electric vehicles, including electric bikes and vehicles, should be more vigorously promoted in taxes and electricity. More charging locations need to be built so that convenience will make people willing to change their choices.
- 4. Reduce energy consumption overall by implementing Tiered Electricity Rates to make it more expensive for consuming large amounts of electricity.
- 5. Avoid investing in technology for renewable biomass energy, but instead, focus on solar and wind as biomass is not a sustainable source of energy.





- 6. Invest in renewable facilities/ infrastructure (turn food waste/ general waste into energy more efficiently)
- 7. Use of social media and television to educate people on the harms of non-renewable energy and encourage them to use renewable ones.
- 8. As the only power company in Macau, CEM should cooperate with government policies to vigorously develop green and low-carbon energy, and accelerate the use of natural gas and renewable energy.
- For public utility companies, such as electricity and water supply companies, to come up with a plan for sustainable resource input and development for future discussion.
- 10. The government needs to make a clear commitment and a goal to build up a renewable energy network in the community. Our proposed goals: increase the use of renewable energy by 10% by 2030; by 50% by 2050; power the city with 100% renewable energy by 2060.
- 11. Considering that the government has already installed solar power systems at bus stops, consideration can be given to upgrading the power supply system at similar public service facilities such as street lighting.
- 12. Encourage residents to buy electric vehicles but at the same time limit the growth of vehicles.
- 13. Achieve Carbon Neutrality/ Net Zero by 2050
- 14. Generate our own renewable energy, instead of buying and importing from neighboring countries.
- 15. Require a certain area of the solar power system on the rooftop of new buildings, especially public bureau/service buildings, which is not less than 40% of the open area. Encourage the installation of solar power systems on the rooftops of buildings where the existing conditions permit





#### 6. Green Jobs

There is still a long way to realize a positive outlook for Macao's sustainable economic diversification. The development of green careers could bring recovery to the local job market, and the International Monetary Fund has conditioned Macao's economic outlook to its exposure to climate change for the first time. For Macao to become a low carbon emission center as mentioned in the Second Five-Year Plan, industries ranging from stores to hotels need to be greened.

It is crucial to educate the public about green sectors and which topics are related to green jobs to support the growth of green industries in Macao and recruit people to work for them. However, the general public's awareness of the green business is still limited, and many incorrectly think that it is just a traditional industry that has a "direct" connection to the sale of eco-friendly products and the provision of clean energy. However, this only reflects the public's misunderstanding, the lack of social concern, and insufficient government advocacy.

In addition, Macau lacks opportunities for graduates with environment-related academic backgrounds; based on current observations, Macau has adequate measures to support the four key sectors, but the region's emphasis has been primarily focused on these industries in which the demand is too singular. In contrast, environment-related supporting incentives are very limited. Regarding the private sector, green incentives are very much only limited to hotels, such as the Macao Green Hotel Award, thereby lacking the participation of other businesses. Furthermore, the SAR government does not provide adequate subsidies for the green transformation of businesses and industries, nor deliver support to cultivate the talent development of related industries. Similarly, the supporting legislations are also lacking a clear direction, resulting in low efficiency and making it challenging to foster a green economy and related industrial growth.

Green industry promotion cannot and must not rely on a single stakeholder. To promote a variety of environmental protection measures and low-carbon actions, the government must take the lead, with the support and collaboration of all sectors of society. Creating a sustainable society is a difficult endeavor and the development of green industries is only one element of it. We still need to handle concerns such as reducing environmental pollution, conserving energy, and lowering emissions. How





can a goal be attained if we all continue to pursue our individual paths instead of working together?

Against this backdrop, Genervision House has collected relevant suggestions and put forward solutions in the areas as follows.

#### 1. Education:

• To address the public's misunderstanding of the green industry and the low levels of attention paid to this area of concern, Macao should begin with education. The government can incorporate sustainable development courses into the regular educational curriculum of primary and secondary schools, educating students about sustainable development from an early age. In addition, as it may take some time to integrate these topics into the regular curriculum, schools can encourage students to share topics related to the SDGs during morning and weekly assemblies.

• In the meantime, government departments can work together to promote the SDGs via various communication methods. For example, the Environmental Protection Bureau and the Education and Youth Development Bureau could jointly organize competitions and workshops on related topics to improve students' understanding of green industries and work, thereby fostering student interest and understanding of these future industries. In addition, schools and teachers could guide and encourage graduating students to look for more opportunities in their career planning, indirectly encouraging them to pursue their future in the green industries.

• To foster talent in green industries, the government can offer educational scholarships or funds for environment-related subjects. Additionally, providing internships for undergraduates to work at businesses in mainland China and arranging green job matching, thereby not only meeting the demands for green talent but also increasing the competitiveness of Macau youth and providing undergraduates with more employment prospects.

• To better understand how the public perceives the development strategy for Macao's green industries, the Environmental Protection Bureau could also work with the Economic and Technological Bureau to create a mobile application - based on referencing the IAM Connect app - to gather public opinions and feedback on pertinent policies.

#### 2. Promoting Economic Diversification:





The true meaning of promoting green industry is to gather the consensus of all sectors of society, promote the upgrading and transformation of industries, continue to work on greening society, jointly undertake the social responsibility of caring for nature, conserve resources, reduce pollution, recycle and reuse products, practice a green and low-carbon management model, and work together towards the vision of the Environmental Protection Planning of Macao 2021-2025.

Macao can add green elements to existing industries, including politics, education, innovation and science, tourism, retail, finance, construction, logistics, and hospitality, and encourage them to explore the possibilities of various green jobs.

In terms of steering the industry, rather than relying on the industry to carry out the greening industry chain reform and implement corresponding measures, the Government should set up a Business Greening Force Committee, led by the Government's expert advisory team, and influential representatives from various sectors selected by the business community, and monitored by the Municipal Affairs Bureau, the Environmental Protection Bureau and environmental NGOs. The main tasks are as follows: bring together all sectors to ensure that all sectors are on the right track to achieve their goals by implementing the reforms and new measures they have promised to promote; hold a cross-industries work meeting every six months, which is attended by representatives from each industry, sum up the year's environmental work and submit a direction for the next year, promote the communication between the different sectors, such as establishing resource sharing network, setting up incubation center for environmental protection talents, launching cooperation promotion plan, etc., so as to improve work efficiency.

#### 3. Green Talent

As aforementioned, developing green industries require an integrated approach. We need to encourage more industries from Macao to become a part of the green industries, which would in turn provide more green job opportunities for the local job market. Every job could also be greened and thereby increase the participation of the general public.

- Although Macao has limited resources domestically, the region could leverage its positioning and resources as a city in the Greater Bay Area and a bridge with Portuguese-speaking countries, in order to develop its green economy by encouraging more talent to go abroad for personal development while also attracting local talent to return to Macao for career development.
- The government could also develop a green talent incubation center, help Small and Medium-sized Enterprises to develop green industries, and increase related job opportunities. Furthermore, the government could align local or overseas green businesses for green job matching.





• In the area of talent admission, the government can broaden the assessment criteria and import talent from green industries. As the latest talent admission scheme will focus on importing talent from the "big health", modern finance, high and new technology, and culture and sport industries, we advise the government to further integrate green industries and also take greening the four aforementioned industries into consideration. For example, the green finance industry has prospects with high development potential and high and new technology talent could be attracted to develop green asset management and data analysis capabilities through Artificial Intelligence and big data.

# **SPEAKERS' INFORMATION**

## **CAUSES & IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE**





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