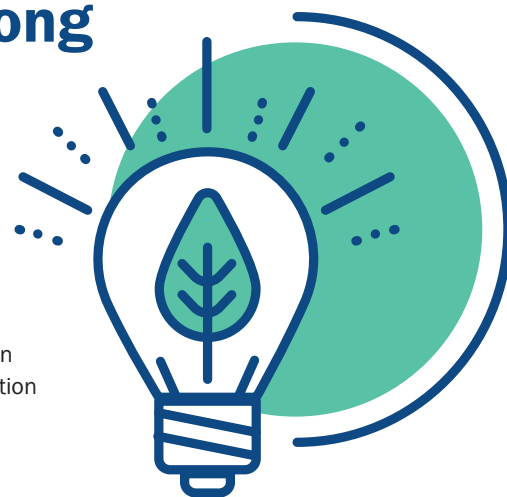


# Increasing Climate Ambition through Capacity Building Among Youth and Educators

**National University of Singapore – COP25 Side Event**

**Date: Thursday, 12 December 2019 ▶ Time: 18:30 – 20:00 ▶ Room: 1**

Climate change is one of the most pervasive and threatening issues of our time. Given the increased focus on the need to respond to our changing climate, climate change education has become increasingly important in many countries. This session will highlight evidence-based case studies of such practices that advance climate action and ambition while promoting the effective and lasting implementation of the Paris Agreement. This will be an opportunity to inspire and empower youth and educators to increase climate ambition at a local and national level.



## PROGRAMME

18:00	<b>Registration</b>
18:30	<b>Opening Remarks by Moderator</b> <b>Melissa Low</b> Research Fellow, Energy Studies Institute, NUS  <b>Welcome Remarks by Moderator</b> <b>Grazyna Pulawska</b> Senior Project Manager, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
18:40	<b>Climate Change Negotiations Capacity Building in Singapore</b> <b>Eric Bea</b> , Research Assistant, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law  The National University of Singapore ran two six-week climate change negotiations training workshops for youth and educators in 2018 and 2019. The training was organised by the Energy Studies Institute (ESI), National University of Singapore together with the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, NUS Law and conducted in partnership with the NUS Office of Environmental Sustainability and Ridge View Residential College (RVRC), the National Youth Council Singapore and the Ministry of Education Singapore. This presentation will give an overview of the workshop programme, highlights reflections and ideas generated by participants, and shares next steps.
18:50	<b>Universities Network for Climate Capacity – Role &amp; Next Steps</b> <b>Gregg Walker</b> , Professor of communication, Oregon State University  The Universities Network for Climate Capacity (UNCC) was established following COP22 in Marrakech. It recognizes that capacity building is a cross-cutting issue and there is a need for global organisation of higher education institutions. This presentation will also touch on the role of the Research & Independent Non-Government Organisation (RINGO) constituency in the UNFCCC and participation in the Paris Committee on Capacity Building.
19:00	<b>#Decarbonize #Decolonize Youth Climate Change Project: Global Mobilization through Technology</b> <b>Terry Goldwaldt</b> , Executive Director, The Centre for Global Education <b>Sarah Flynn</b> , Program Director, TakingITGlobal Youth Association  Bringing together over 10,000 young people from the Global North and South, through online dialogue, research, and action, the #Decarbonize project utilizes a talanoa framework to facilitate youth understanding of the local, regional, national, and global intersections of climate change, oceans and waterways.

19:10	<b>Mission and Action of Global Alliance of Universities on Climate (GAUC)</b> <b>Zhang Jian</b> , Deputy Secretary, Global Alliance of Universities on Climate
	<p>An introduction to the Mission and Action of Global Alliance of Universities on Climate (GAUC), which was established in May 2019. The member universities of the Alliance include Australian National University, the University of California Berkeley, the University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, the London School of Economics and Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Tokyo, Tsinghua University, the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, the Indian Institute of Science, Sciences Po, and Stellenbosch University.</p>
19:20	<b>Low-carbon Transformation and Student Action in Tsinghua University</b> <b>Zhang Jiaxuan</b> , Youth Delegate of Tsinghua University
	<p>An introduction to the efforts of Tsinghua University, as the initiator of Global University Alliance on Climate (GUAC), in building a low-carbon campus.</p>
19:30	<b>“With your own two hands” - The Youth Energy Academy: A practical action approach to youth engagement in climate change</b> <b>Susana Guerreiro</b> , Senior Programme Officer, Asian Institute of Technology, Co-founder Sustainable Energy Youth Network (SEYN)
	<p>An introduction to the Youth Energy Academy (YEA). The YEA is a unique and disruptive training programme that was implemented in Thailand last October, with the support of the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), aiming to equip young people with the hard and soft tools to start their own decentralized renewable energy projects. By blending theory and practice and through the creation of spaces for exploration, playful and purposeful social interaction, participants from various backgrounds and nationalities, understood the role of energy in community development, discussed how to turn ideas into actionable projects, and got hands-on experience in building their own solar energy systems. In the end, participants left with the “can-do” attitude and the inspiration to take a leading role in their communities.</p>
19:40	<b>Moderated Q&amp;A for 15 minutes</b>
19:55	<b>Closing Remarks by Moderator</b>
20:00	<b>Event Close</b>

Moderator:

Ms Melissa Low, Research Fellow, Energy Studies Institute, NUS

Co-organizer for opening remarks:

Ms Grazyna Pulawska, Senior Project Manager, Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum), Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)