



### The Hong Kong Climate Action Report Card

*“The overriding and deeply significant finding of the work is that the next 4 years will determine whether or not the world’s megacities can deliver their part of the ambition of the Paris Agreement.”*

*C40 Cities/Arup. Deadline 2020: How cities will get the job done. London 2016*

**Paris Watch – The Hong Kong Climate Action Report** is a project aiming to contribute to the momentum for climate change action in Hong Kong and comparable cities by researching, ranking and evaluating contributions to the Paris Climate Agreement’s goals. This will be promoted with related communications and networking activities.

The project will produce a **“Paris Watch: Hong Kong Climate Action Report Card”** to illustrate in an easy-to-understand yet compelling manner how cities, provinces and states similar to Hong Kong are measuring up to the letter and the spirit of the **Paris Climate Agreement**. Formats will include printed material as well as coverage in social media and interactive online presentations which will allow examination of the underlying data.

The core information will be promoted through a comprehensive **communications strategy** to ensure this work gets noticed and promotes discussion on the subject: “How does my city measure up in the global effort to reduce and adapt to climate change?”

The project hopes to create a **network of independent organizations** in Hong Kong and around the world with a common interest in tracking, assessing and publicizing climate action progress in cities measured against the Paris Agreement targets and its component Nationally Determined Contributions.

## A model of change to make a difference

This project aims to ensure Hong Kong's climate plans undergo clear analysis, informed public debate and serious international benchmarking. A key component of this will involve the presentation of information in an accessible and approachable way.

We believe that a fair ranking and benchmarking of achievements is a useful tool for prompting improved performance and accelerating climate action.

Hong Kong's performance on climate mitigation and adaptation will be benchmarked against cities and other comparable sub-national territories, or against the action necessary to achieve the Paris Agreement's target of holding temperature rise between 1.5°C and 2.0°C. By building on the information over several years, we can chart the pace of progress in Hong Kong towards the Paris Agreement targets, including concepts of "fair shares" (responsibility and capacity) as well as how Hong Kong contributes to China's national targets.

## Areas for climate action examined in the Report Card

In keeping with the Paris Agreement design, the project will examine the following aspects of climate action:

- **Mitigation:** Reducing GHG emissions, saving energy and transitioning to clean energy
- **Adaptation:** Protecting the health, life and property of citizens and their organizations
- **Finance:** Developing green financial instruments and institutions necessary to finance a carbon-neutral economy by the second half of this century
- **Technology and Capacity building:** Developing the core competences, technologies and institutions needed to reach the Paris goals
- **Monitoring, reporting and verifying:** Ensuring climate plans and actions are transparent and accountable