

The Case Study Approach to Sustainable Development Goals

Objectives

- ✧ China Case Center for Public Policy and Management (CCCPPM), School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM), Tsinghua University
- ✧ Institute for Sustainable Development Goals of Tsinghua University (TUSDG)



The Sustainable Development Goals

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice, and so on.

The 17 SDGs are integrated - that is, they recognize that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability. For example, the coronavirus pandemic has shocked the world with the agility and speed of its spread. Millions of people are experiencing untold misery and suffering as the virus overwhelms our bodies and economies. The pandemic has not only influenced the achievement of the SDG 3 - good health and well-being, but also affected education, economy, environment, and social development. The pandemic has forced us to reconsider almost every aspect of how we live. It presents both an enormous challenge and tremendous opportunities for reaching the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

Each team of participants should focus on a case topic that is relevant to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. You are supposed to showcase your policy knowledge and application through the analysis of a public policy case study concerning SDGs topics. You have the opportunity to pick an issue in local

community or one that affects people around the world. The topic you focus on should allow you to investigate an issue from various aspects, but it should not be too broad.



<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

<https://feature.undp.org/covid-19-and-the-sdgs/>

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- ✧ The competition will provide a platform for you to cooperate, interact and compete with students from various countries, disciplines and cultures.
- ✧ You will have a chance to work in teams to research real-world challenges, interview organizations and people, discover exciting cases and find innovative public policy solutions for sustainable development problems.
- ✧ You will deepen your understanding of case study method, and develop skills in analytical thinking and reflective judgment by discussing complex, real-life scenarios.
- ✧ SPPM will select excellent candidates from the competition to study at Tsinghua-Geneva Dual Degree Master of Public Policy for Sustainable Development Goals (MPP-SDG) and its PhD program.

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- ✧ **C a a a a** are eligible to take part in this competition without any geographical restrictions.
- ✧ You can participate in the competition **a a a a a**. Each student can only be enrolled in one team. If there is a master student in the team, the team needs to register as a master student team on the online platform.

- ✧ Case studies must be written in English, and should be original work that has not been submitted elsewhere and be free of copyright disputes.
- ✧ CCCPPM holds two case analysis competitions (one is in Chinese and the other is in English) this year. You are only allowed to participate in one competition.

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| April 25, 2021 – May 24, 2021 | Registration & submission of case proposal Every team should register and submit a case proposal through the competition online platform by 13:00 May 24, 2021. http://166.111.7.233:8888/cmpten/login.html |
| June 8, 2021 | Announcement of first round winners |
| June 9 2021 – July 23, 2021 | Case-based research & submission of case analysis report Participants conduct research, interviews or on-site investigations. Each team should submit a case analysis report by 13:00 July 23, 2021. |
| August 10, 2021 | Announcement of second round winners |
| August 21, 2021 | Online final competition & announcement of final winners Each team will present their work and answer questions from the judges in the final competition. |

** Under the premise of complying with the requirements of epidemic prevention and control, the participants are encouraged to conduct field research or online interviews.*

** SPPM's Admission Information Session will be held on August 22, 2021.*

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Please refer to the attached Submission Guidelines for the format and submission requirements.

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Ab MPP SDG

On January 16th, 2017, President Xi Jinping of China and the President Doris Leuthard of the Swiss Confederation jointly witnessed the signing of the memorandum between Tsinghua University and the University of Geneva (UniGe) on comprehensive cooperation on SDGs. During the roundtable, President Qiu Yong of Tsinghua University and President Yves Flückiger of the University of Geneva signed an agreement on a dual Master of Public Policy for Sustainable Development Goals (MPP-SDG) .

Within this cooperative framework, the School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) of Tsinghua University is partnering with the Geneva School of Social Sciences (G3S) of UniGe to start a highly interdisciplinary 2.5-year dual master's program for the SDGs from September 2018. This program focuses on defining and developing concrete solutions for the SDGs through hands-on, team-based and project-driven activities, in parallel with courses on the fundamentals of sustainable development. Candidates from a broad range of backgrounds will gain both theoretical understanding and practical field experience that will prepare for employment on sustainable development projects.

This program can be started either at Tsinghua University or the University of Geneva, depending on where the student registers first. Tsinghua University delivers a Master of Public Administration (MPA), organised by the School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) and called Master of Public Policy for Sustainable Development Goals (MPP-SDG). The University of Geneva delivers a highly interdisciplinary Master of Science (M.Sc.) hosted by the Geneva School of Social Sciences (G3S), the Master in Innovation, Human Development and Sustainability (MIHDS).

<http://www.sppm.tsinghua.edu.cn/xwjy/sss/zsxx/26efe48964e0bfd01655bda7f7c0016.html>

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/LTenaJn6MG1P1zduPM1jBA>

Ab SPPM

The School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) of Tsinghua University was founded in the year of 2000. As the first graduate school in public administration in China, the mission of the SPPM is to foster a new generation of leadership in Chinese and global public affairs, to generate policy impacts for public benefits, and to pursue academic excellence in public policy and management research. The School's long-term objective is to become a world-class institution that actively engages in teaching, research, and consulting in global public affairs.

<http://www.sppm.tsinghua.edu.cn/english/>

Ab CCCPPM

The China Case Center for Public Policy & Management (CCCPPM) was established in 2004 as a subsidiary of the School of Public Policy & Management, Tsinghua University. It serves to write and store professional case studies on China and other countries for the courses developed by SPPM in order to improve teaching quality and train qualified professional public administrators. The Center also organizes seminars and workshops on case teaching and writing to promote teaching techniques and use of case studies among domestic educators. Meanwhile, the Center organizes national case analysis competitions for Chinese undergraduate and master students annually with different themes. From 2018, the Center started to hold yearly SDGs case analysis competition targeting to global students.

Ab TUSDG

Housed in the School of Public Policy and Management in Tsinghua University, the Institute for Sustainable Development Goals of Tsinghua University (TUSDG) was founded on May 14, 2017. It aims to establish a leading platform to conduct interdisciplinary research and collaborate with global partners to address challenges in implementing UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By integrating theoretical learning and practical experience in the field, TUSDG strives to cultivate a new generation of talents who are dedicated to the implementation of SDGs and the improvement of global governance. In addition, TUSDG will make every effort at creating a high-end open platform in the research field of SDGs, attracting world-class experts and scholars to engage in teaching and research activities. Finally, TUSDG aspires to become a leading think tank in China on SDG-related policies through cooperative partnerships with relevant government agencies.