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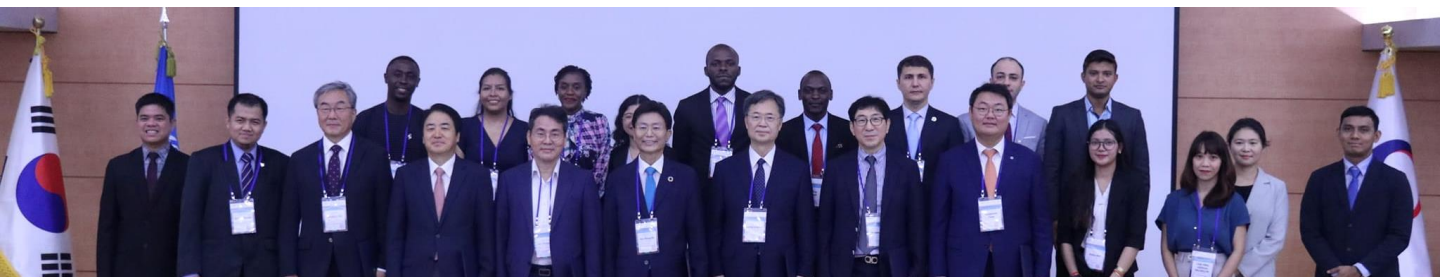


01 ISUS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE in the United Nations Workshop for Implementing SDGs at the Local Level

A significant workshop was held at the Government Complex Seoul, titled "Building Partnerships for Sound Policymaking and Effective Institutions to Implement the Sustainable Development Goals at the Local Level" on the 29th of August 2023. The event was jointly organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), and the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), with valued support from the Korean Government.

The primary objective of this workshop was to cultivate collaborative partnerships among National Research Institutes (NRIs), local and regional governments (LRGs), and national government ministries (NGMs) to provide valuable insights into the development of policies related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the local level by harnessing the collective expertise of these entities.

The workshop touched upon a diverse range of topics. The discussions revolved around understanding the pivotal role of civil servants in the attainment of SDGs and emphasized the significance of both vertical and horizontal cooperation among governmental institutions.



Furthermore, the event delved into the transformative role of technology in facilitating intergovernmental collaboration, with a specific focus on how artificial intelligence can be employed to promote collaborative public administration.

Notably, Michelangelo Sevara, a distinguished representative from the MURD 6, presented his country's experience. He shared insights through a presentation on "Assessment of the Local or Provincial Government Unit Result Matrices in the Localization of the Philippine Development Plan and the SDGs," shedding light on practical strategies and approaches in this context.

In addition to the enriching discussions, this event served as a platform for students from ISUS to engage with experts and international students from various Korean universities. The interactions fostered cross-cultural learning and the exchange of ideas, further enhancing the significance of the event.





02 ISUS STUDENTS at the 3rd Forum on Low Carbon Cities

On August 29, more than a dozen ISUS students participated in the 3rd International Forum on Low-Carbon Cities, co-organized by ESCAP's East and Northeast Asia Office and Incheon Metropolitan City during the Korea Global Adaptation Week. It was also supported by the Green Climate Fund, the Incheon Carbon Neutrality Center, ICLEI, the Institute for Global Decarbonization Progress, CityNet, the Climate Change Center and the Local Government Association for Climate and Energy Transition. This platform brought together local governments, international and regional organizations, national and regional city networks, and other stakeholders to foster discussion on climate solutions and stakeholder engagement by encouraging information sharing and strengthening partnerships between cities and city networks in North-East Asia and beyond.

The forum was structured into three sessions: "The Roles of Cities and City Networks in Local Climate Action", "Technology and Innovation for Local Climate Action" and "Public-Private-Citizen Engagement towards Low-Carbon Cities". Under the expert moderation of Professor Park Hyeon, the third session examined methods for mobilizing the whole of society, including the private sector and youth, in local climate action. Representatives from major companies such as Samsung Electronics and certain youth organizations committed to fighting climate change while carbon neutrality experts took part on stimulating exchanges highlighting the crucial importance of public-private-citizen engagement in achieving climate goals.

Following the Forum, the professor extended an invitation to the students to join him for a coffee, providing an opportunity to spend quality time together.



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STUDENTS FROM MGLEP Attend Korea Global Adaptation Week 2023

On the 30th of August, students from the master's Program for Future Global Leaders in Environmental Policy (MGLEP), batch 8 and 9, participated in the Korea Global Adaptation Week 2023 (KGAW 2023). This event served as a platform to highlight and promote actions and practices aimed at adapting to the impacts of climate change. The event was hosted in collaboration with several organizations, including the Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change of the Korea Environment Institute (KEI KACCC), and Incheon Metropolitan City.

The KGAW also hosted the Regional National Adaptation Plans (NAP) Expo for Asia and the Pacific, in which MGLEP students attended conferences on "Regional Approaches in Implementing NAPs (LEG)" and "Maximizing the Potential of Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessments to Scale-Up Adaptation Action".

Students also paid a visit to the KEITI (Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute) stand at the expo, where they explored innovative solutions and initiatives designed to address the challenges posed by climate change.





04 ISUS STUDENTS DIVE INTO the World of Smart Cities at WSCE 2023 Il-san

ISUS students from different programs plunged into the world of smart cities by visiting the World Smart Cities Expo (WSCE) at Il-san on September 7 and 8. The event, hosted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport and the Ministry of Science and ICT, and organized by Korea Land and Housing Corporation (LH), K-Water and Korea International Exhibition Center (KINTEX), offered students the opportunity to discover the latest smart city technologies.

The WSCE, the largest platform for global smart city leaders, brought together representatives from around the world to exchange technological ideas for improving cities. At the expo, students were able to explore trends, technologies, and solutions for smart cities, showcased by leading cities and companies offering services related to these fields. In addition, various conferences held at the event also discussed smart city policies, issues, and technologies.





05 ISUS 82nd & 83rd URBAN INFRA FORUM

Highlights: Navigating Asia's Net Zero Transition and Korean Environmental Policy Evolution

- **Asia's Transition to Net Zero and Sustainable Bond Markets**

An interesting discussion by Dr. Donghyun Park, Economic Advisor of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on "Asia's transition to net zero energy and sustainable bond markets" was featured at the ISUS 82nd Urban Infra Forum, held on Wednesday, September 13th. Dr. Park delivered a comprehensive explanation of the climate policy and the crossroads being faced by 'Developing Asia'. He highlighted that this region, aside from its vulnerability to climate change, significantly contributes to global climate issues. The presentation included a detailed analysis of emission pathways based on commitments outlined in the Paris Agreement, with a comparison to more optimal routes for achieving net-zero emissions. It examined necessary transformations in the energy sector and land use, considering socioeconomic implications, policy costs, climate benefits, air quality co-benefits, and labor market outcomes. Furthermore, the forum explored policies for an efficient and equitable transition and highlighted how Asia's journey towards net zero is spurring rapid growth in sustainable finance, particularly in sustainable bond markets.

- **Korea's Environmental Policy Journey**

The ISUS 83rd Urban Infra Forum, held on Wednesday, October 11th, offered valuable insights into the "Evolution of Environmental Policy in Korea." Dr. Kwangsuk Park, Former Administrator of the Korea Meteorological Administration, provided a comprehensive overview of the evolution of environmental policy in Korea. The focus was on air quality, water management, and waste management. The lecture examined the implications of Korea's environmental policy changes, considering their impact on economic growth, democratization, and the environmental movement.

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are welcome to
this event!



06 Seoul Smart City Forum 2023

The Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) invited ISUS to attend the annual Seoul Smart City Forum (SSCF 2023), hosted by Seoul City Hall on September 26. The forum aims to gather world-renowned experts in the digital field to share their knowledge and define the vision of smart cities.

The theme of this year's forum was "The Challenges of Digital Innovation and Inclusivity". The event covered three key sessions: "Challenges and Future of Digital Technology", "Direction and Future of Inclusive Smart Cities", and finally session "Smart City Index, the Criteria to Identify Smart Cities". Through this event, SMG aims to showcase the success of its partnership program with digitally vulnerable populations to city leaders worldwide. The forum discusses ways to address the challenges that smart cities face and provides an opportunity to reflect on a new urban paradigm. It also examines the role of citizens and sheds light on the harmonious coexistence of cities, technologies, and people.





07 ALUM OF THE MONTH

Ana Lazovic | MUAP 11

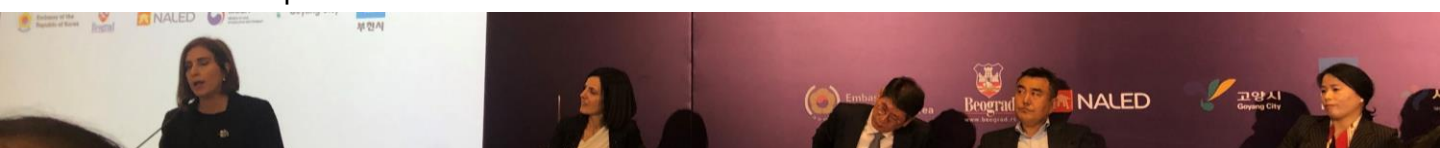
Ana Lazovic from Serbia is a graduate of MUAP 11 (2020), one of the participants in KRIHS World Campus, which brought her back to Korea this month. She has more than 13 years of experience in sustainable urban city development.

Q1. Can you please introduce your current organization and your role within it?

I am the Lead Urban Planner at the Urban Planning Institute of Belgrade, the leading institution of Belgrade city development. Among my responsibilities, I develop and manage urban planning documents, including strategic and physical planning, related to the priority development projects of the city. I am also a Senior Urban Planning Expert in a European Union Base of approved consultants working on major Serbian investment projects.

Q2. What was the importance of the Seminar "Smart Solutions for Urban Challenges", and what was your role in it?

The Seminar, held on the 30th anniversary of Korean-Serbia diplomatic relations in 2019, was a milestone in city and urban development organized by Serbian and Korean stakeholders. It allowed Belgrade and Serbia to learn from the Smart City practices and policies of Korea. I organized the event on behalf of the City of Belgrade and delivered concluding remarks, sharing my professional development as a former student in Korea and emphasizing the importance of the Smart City Strategy based on Korean expertise and cooperation.



Q3. How was your experience in the World Campus Program in Korea (October 15 - 21)?

I am very excited to have been selected for the KRIHS World Campus Program in Seoul, among 150 participants and together with eight ISUS members.

The knowledge-sharing program focused on learning about land development experience, involving lectures, live sessions, and roundtable discussions with Korean experts from academia and government. It also considered site visits to the best urban development cases in Korea and resulted in Project Concept Proposals for our countries in cooperation with Korea. KWC delivered knowledge, experiences, and networking, with prospects for cooperation.

Q4. What benefits do ISUS alumni enjoy, and what advice do you have for current ISUS students?

The best part of being an ISUS Alumni is continuous education on development and networking. I recommend students use the outstanding opportunity to continually engage in learning activities and partnership-building by Korean institutions and international organizations after graduation. My participation in the KRIHS program was a result of such efforts.

I also encourage ISUS students to be motivated to address their home country's development challenges and learn from successful Korean policies for cooperation and growth. Your role matters, but the important things are passion and the right timing. And please keep in touch!

"Congratulations on the remarkable milestone, the 10th Anniversary of ISUS! I am highly grateful to SMG, UOS, and my advisor, Professor Shin Lee, as well as the ISUS professors. They have equipped us with world-class knowledge to contribute to our countries' development and make a global impact. Moreover, I am thankful for the 'once in a lifetime' experience and cherished memories within the multinational ISUS family".





Andrés Cavero, Enkhchimeg Bayarsaikhan (MIPD 5), and Irene Cárdenas (MURD 6) actively engaged in ISUS's Kendo Club, a contemporary Japanese martial art with roots in kenjutsu. Kendo involves the use of bamboo swords (shinai) and protective armor (bōgu) during practice and competition.



New students from MUAP, MUD and MIPD participated in the traditional soccer games organized by students from various ISUS master's programs. These events also welcome national and international undergraduate students, contributing to enhanced integration.

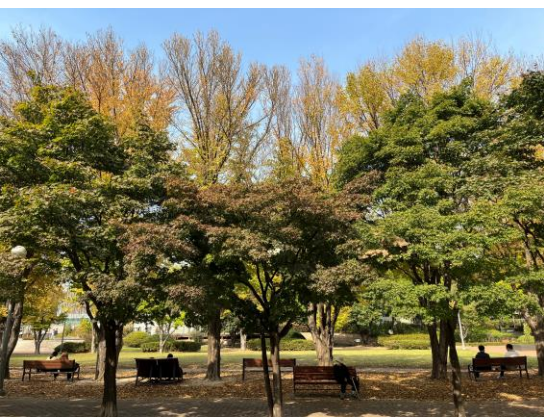


Daniela Noriega, an MGLEP 8 student from Mexico, volunteered for the third edition of the "Marine Plastic Hunt." This event, organized by the province of Chungnam and the Taean Marine Culture Promotion Center, focused on observing and collecting marine microplastics as part of an environmental education initiative.

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