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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Korea Youth-led Climate Policy Think-Tank GBSI is pleased to announce the launch of a collaborative research initiative with the Micronesia Center for Sustainable Transport (MCST), the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), the British Embassy Seoul, and Ewha Global Institute for Sustainable Partnership and Empowerment (EGISE).

The research will propose an innovative climate finance model to support a just transition in the maritime sector of Pacific Small Island Developing States (Pacific SIDS). It will examine practical financing pathways for green electrification, sustainable maritime infrastructure, and shipping decarbonisation, with a focus on enabling vulnerable island economies to access the finance needed for a resilient low-carbon transition.

Through this research, we contribute to advancing inclusive climate finance solutions that connect international cooperation, youth-led policy research, and the real needs of Pacific SIDS in the global transition toward sustainable maritime systems.

**Youngbin Choi**

President, GBSI

**August 2026**

*Partners' meeting for commemorating the establishment of Initiative "Climafic"*

**August 2026 - September 2026**

*Research Phase I*

**October 2026**

*Expert roundtable for financing just maritime transition of Pacific SIDS*

**October 2026 - November 2026**

*Research Phase II & Stakeholders Engagement on COP31*

**January 2027**

*The 3rd GBSI Forum - Climate Finance Session with the initiative "Climafic"*



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**EGISE**  
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As part of its youth-led climate diplomacy and policy research for Pacific Small Island Developing States, the Korea Youth-led Climate Policy Think-Tank GBSI launched the Climafic Initiative under the slogan “From Korea to the Pacific: Youth Driving Maritime Decarbonization.” Climafic, which stands for “Climate Change + Pacific,” aims to strengthen international cooperation for climate action in Pacific SIDS by connecting youth perspectives, climate finance, maritime decarbonization, and sustainable development.

From August 2026 to January 2027, the initiative will contribute to Pacific climate action through the GBSI Model Conference of Parties, youth opinion-building, in-depth policy research, expert consultations, and COP31 engagement. Through these activities, Climafic seeks to advance youth-led policy solutions that support a just and resilient transition for Pacific SIDS, while contributing to SDG 4, SDG 13, SDG 16, and SDG 17.

## Policy Research on structuring climate financing model



Climafic will conduct policy research to structure an innovative climate financing model that supports a just maritime transition in Pacific Small Island Developing States. The research will examine how bilateral and multilateral climate finance, including Korea–UK cooperation, can be mobilised to advance green electrification, sustainable maritime infrastructure, and shipping decarbonisation.

By integrating youth perspectives, expert input, and the practical needs of Pacific SIDS, the research aims to propose actionable financing pathways that contribute to a resilient and inclusive low-carbon transition.

## Publications and Outreach



Climafic will translate its research outcomes into publications and outreach activities to enhance the visibility and impact of youth-led climate policy research. Key outputs may include research briefs, policy reports, presentation materials, and stakeholder-facing publications developed through youth consultations, expert feedback, and COP31 engagement.

Through these activities, Climafic seeks to communicate policy recommendations to governments, international organisations, academic institutions, and civil society partners, while strengthening broader awareness of Pacific SIDS’ climate finance and maritime decarbonisation needs.