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CITY DIPLOMACY MELBOURNE MASTERCLASS

SHARED PATHWAYS
specialist program on climate action

THE SHARED PATHWAYS PROGRAM IN A NUTSHELL

Delivered as a **specialist track** of the City Diplomacy Melbourne Masterclass, *Shared Pathways* is an exchange and capacity building program focused on strengthening city diplomacy in tackling climate change.

It involves an online component (48 hours total) over one month and an in-person intensive workshop (4 days over a week), **mixing knowledge modules with skills sessions**, delivering a **practical capstone policy project** of direct impact to shape climate action in the participants' cities.

up to 20

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FULLY FUNDED PLACES available**



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THE OPPORTUNITY

A unique opportunity to connect capacity building, city leadership and international peer exchange, funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) through the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations (NFACTR).

This bespoke Masterclass cohort is centered on enhancing the *Shared Pathways* experience by also building bilateral connection between Australian and Chinese cities. This opportunity offers a unique opportunity to **blend practical training with networking toward a more cohesive net-zero transitions dialogues** between Australia cities and their Chinese counterparts, whilst engaging with other colleagues from the Asia-Pacific and beyond.

Collaborative climate action is key for China and Australia: Cities account for roughly 85% of Chinese CO2 emissions, and 90% of Australians live in cities increasingly bearing the brunt of climate-induced hazards. Shared Pathways takes the 28th UN Conference of the Parties Summit in 2023 (COP28) as a turnstile for that action and seeks to convene a collaborative cohort of Australian and Chinese city officials.

This bespoke fully-funded program supports two Masterclass Cohorts of the *Shared Pathways* program. Cohort 1 will complete online training in March–April 2023 culminating in an in-person Melbourne workshop in May 2023. Cohort 2 will complete online training in June–July 2023 and an in-person workshop in China in July 2023.

Up to twenty fully funded NFACTR places are available for municipal officers from Australian and Chinese cities to take part in either Cohort 1 and 2. A selected group of cohort participants (on the basis of their capstone projects) will also be awarded **special CoP28 travel awards** to attend a major convening of the Shared Pathways program at CoP28 in the United Arab Emirates in November 2023.

LEARN MORE about the Masterclass and APPLY at:

<https://sites.research.unimelb.edu.au/cities/education/city-diplomacy>

Learn more about NFACTR at:

<https://www.australiachinafoundation.org.au>



WHO CAN APPLY?

This fully-funded opportunity is open to **all early- to mid-career municipal staff from Australian and Chinese cities** with an interest in city leadership for climate action

WHAT DO THE NFACTR SUPPORTED PLACES COVER?

The program offers up to 10 awards per cohort to **fully cover tuition fees, visas, course materials and accommodation** for one of the intensive workshops

The program also provides for an additional **4 special awards** for selected participants to support attendance to CoP28 in Dubai in November 2023

