

Greenway 2025 - Accelerating change: Recommendations

In view of promoting the green transformation of our economies, the following recommendations from the industry are presented to Mr. Tse Chin-Wan, Secretary for Environment and Ecology.

Green City & Infrastructure

1. Adopt “Whole Life-Cycle” Carbon assessments for construction projects; set up a database for sustainable & low-carbon construction materials / suppliers.
2. Further incorporate and encourage sustainability features in public procurement rules and tendering practices.
3. Provide additional incentives & building policies and regulations to support and encourage the retrofitting of existing buildings for energy efficiency.
4. Explore the increased (and ultimately mandatory) disclosure of buildings electricity consumption data and increased use of energy ratings systems and benchmarking.
5. Further incorporate biodiversity enhancement and low carbon features in new developments (including Northern Metropolis), and urban planning.

Green Finance

6. Leverage and enhance Hong Kong's role as an International Finance Centre, supporting the financial industry in financing the low-carbon transition and further developing the competitiveness of Hong Kong's green and sustainable finance ecosystem.
7. Improve public knowledge and awareness of green finance and green investing (increase demand for green investment); encourage and incentivise the financial industry to develop green financial products that further help to consolidate greener behavioural change (increase impactful product supply).
8. Further channel existing investment capital (e.g. MPF, HKIC, Exchange Fund) and reserve allocation specifically for green investment and green technologies, thereby diversifying and enhancing both the long-term sustainable impact and investment returns.

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9. Support interoperability / harmonization of green financial standards with key jurisdictions, including taxonomies and ESG reporting as well as exploring Hong Kong's participation in the multi-jurisdiction Common Ground Taxonomy.

Trade and Sustainability / Circular Economy

10. Build on Hong Kong's role as a sourcing / supply chain management hub to promote sustainable business, supply chain, green supply chain financing and corporate due diligence and drive the green transformation in Asia.
11. Integrate sustainability into trade frameworks and trade agreements.
12. Increase the comprehensiveness and efficiency of the waste management and recycling system. Encourage cooperation with key stakeholders (e.g. in property, hospitality, retail).
13. Encourage and support dialogue between the EU and RCEP trading blocs on green trade opportunities

Green Mobility & Transport

14. Utilise Hong Kong's position as a premier transportation and logistics hub to advance regional leadership in sustainable aviation and shipping
15. Increase investment in sustainable fuel's infrastructures, bunkering capacity and supply chain, and leverage Hong Kong's financial system, rule of law and blue economy as a green fuel trading hub.
16. Develop comprehensive strategies and policies to accelerate sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) adoption in Hong Kong, including demand-side measures to support the SAF usage target and supporting infrastructure such as blending/storage facilities
17. Encourage ships to connect to shore power while at berth and facilitate the repair of green engines.
18. For land transport, continue to promote the transition towards electric mobility, clean fuel and facilitate adoption of in-vehicle technologies for improved energy efficiency.

Green Technology and Innovation

19. Support green technology and innovation through regulations, government funding and long-

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term vision.

20. Further promote cross border green R&D, greentech and green fintech investments through collaborative platforms and for improved access to opportunities and exchange.

21. Explore digital and AI-driven solutions and increase the quality of data.

Awareness and Talent

22. Promote awareness on sustainability, climate change and nature across the population and include these topics into primary and secondary education.

23. Address the talent gap by incorporating high-quality sustainability courses into higher education degrees, encouraging upskilling, certification programmes, and green talent schemes, and attracting overseas talent.

These recommendations have been prepared following a series of events and consultations involving industry experts and professionals. They were presented to Mr. Tse Chin-Wan, Secretary for Environment and Ecology, at the occasion of the “Greenway 2025 – Accelerating Changes” on 23 June 2025

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