

Why Did We File Climate Litigation in Taiwan?

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1 Who am I?

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- Current Position
 - Policy Analyst at Solutions for Our Climate (SFOC)
 - Member Board of Directors at
 - Taiwan Youth Climate Coalition (TWYCC)
 - M. mutica in action, TW
 - CSO Representative, Taiwan's Ministry of the Environment's Carbon Fee Rate Review Committee
- Experience
 - Former Director of the Climate Change and Just Transition at Environmental Rights Foundation (ERF)
 - Former Convener of the Climate Law Working Group, Taiwan Climate Action Network (TCAN)



2 My journey before filing the lawsuit



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2 My journey before filing the lawsuit





02 The Litigation

- 1. Why did we decide to bring a climate litigation?
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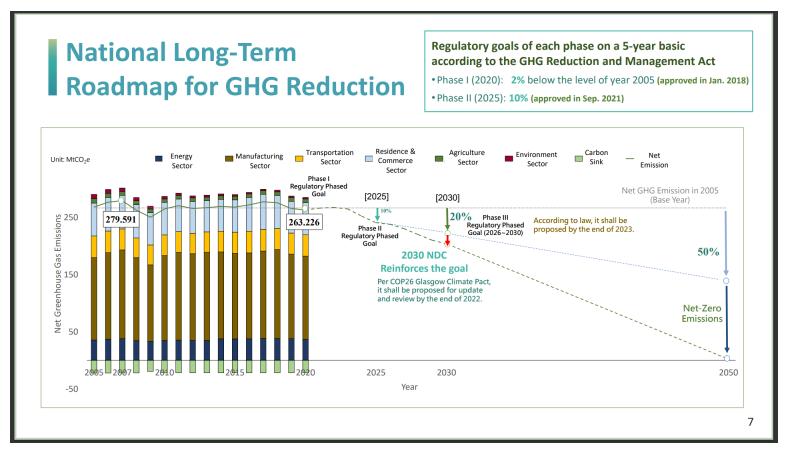
1 Climate Laws and Policies Advocacy Since 2020



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Taiwan carbon emissions reduction targets

Baseline year: 2005 President: Historic Status of Ambitious Climate Targets National Climate Change Committee at the Presidential Office (Since June 19, 2024)



source: Taiwan National Development Council

2050: Net Zero emissions targets in Climate Change Response Act (2023 Feb.) 2030: 26-30% (Dec. 2024) 2032: 28-32% (Jan. 2025) 2035: 36-40% (Jan. 2025)

Climate Change Response Act No fixed short-term and longterm Targets (on a 5-year rolling basis): 2020: 2% (Unachieved) 2025: 10% (Unachieved)

1 Conduct climate litigation training for lawyers Since 2021

活動資訊:

ERF works with scholars, bar associations and environmental law groups



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Trained 100 Climate Lawyers in Taiwan









1 Published Handbook of Climate Litigation in 2022

With an aim to help legal professionals and the public to better understand climate litigation worldwide .



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1 Finding Taiwan's Greta Thunberg since 2022

Building the capacity of youth and identifying potential plaintiffs for climate litigation.



1 Taiwan Climate litigations

- First Climate Constitutional Litigation in Taiwan (Jan. 2024)
 - Requesting the Taiwanese government to announce more aggressive carbon reduction targets and reduction pathway from 2025 to 2050.



2 Challenges & Opportunities in Taiwan's Climate Legislations and Policies

- Economic Structure and Energy Transition
- Renewable Energy Bottlenecks
- Carbon Pricing and Corporate Concerns
- Legal and Institutional Gaps
- Climate Adaptation and Vulnerable Groups
- Lack of an Integrated Strategy
- Energy and Geopolitical Risks





Thank You

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