

NEWS

San Diego Regional Decarbonization Framework: A Model for Other Jurisdictions Across the US and Globally

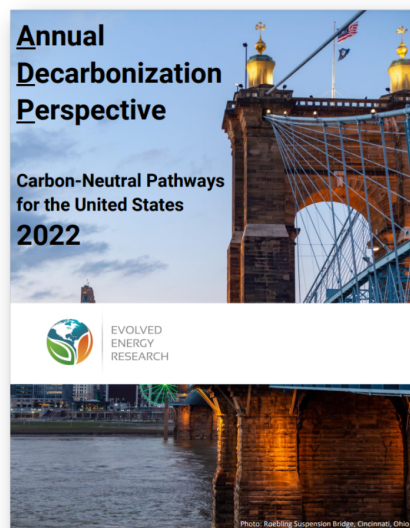
SDSN continues to work closely on an initiative that will help accelerate deep decarbonization efforts and inform science-based pathways to net zero



The San Diego Regional Decarbonization Framework (RDF) provides technical and policy pathways to decarbonization in the medium-term to inform near-term policy-making in regional, county, and city governments. The RDF provides a technical roadmap, gap analysis, and recommended policy actions toward deep decarbonization across all jurisdictions in the San Diego region based on science-based pathways that align with the Paris Climate Agreement and State goals and mandates. It examines the potential for natural climate solutions, the impact of jobs during the decarbonization transition, and uses energy systems modeling to analyze how changes in the electricity, transportation, land use, and buildings sectors could make up technical pathways for arriving at net-zero emissions by mid-century or sooner.

Access the San Diego Regional Decarbonization Framework's Technical Report and Summary for Policy Makers [here](#), and SDSN's accompanying Guide to Regional Decarbonization [here](#).

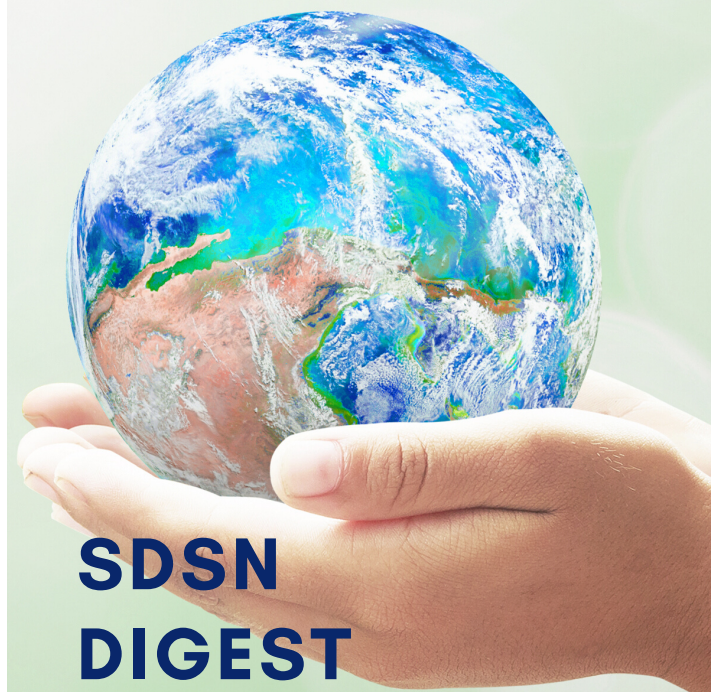
Press Release: Annual Decarbonization Perspective (ADP) 2022



Introducing a new report, developed by Evolved Energy, the modelers behind SDSN's Zero Carbon Action Plan (**ZCAP**) and Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project (**DDPP**).

In the wake of the newly passed Inflation Reduction Act, which proponents hope will decrease U.S. greenhouse gas emissions up to 40% by 2030, a **new study** charts a course to their complete elimination by mid-century. It analyzes multiple pathways to net-zero and how it can be reached given many potential twists and turns along the way, such as the rise and fall of oil prices, technology breakthroughs or stagnation, and public preferences. The research was conducted by Evolved Energy Research, which developed the energy models that underlie many of the best-known decarbonization studies to date, including Princeton's **Net Zero America**, Third Way's Decarb-America, and **SDSN's Zero Carbon Action Plan**.

[Access the study and technical documentation.](#)



SDSN DIGEST

August, 2022

GRANT-MAKING AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Applications, Grants Program, National Geographic Society

Provides seed funding and support to early career individuals, as well as those more advanced in their careers, who are working to address critical challenges, advance new solutions, and inspire positive transformation across all seven continents. Funding information: level one grants – up to USD 20,000; level two grants – up to 100,000. Deadline: Oct 12, 2022.

Call for Code Global Challenge, Code of Council

Form a team and take on sustainability issues from improving supply chains to clean energy solutions and protection of biodiversity. Prizes: USD 285,000 total prize pool amount - All winners will receive open source support from the Linux Foundation. Deadline: Oct 31, 2022.

Call for Applications, Daily Grant Program, The Pollination Project

Micro grants 365 days a year to grassroots global change agents who seek to spread compassion in their communities and in the world for the benefit of all. To contribute to the creation of a more just, sustainable, and compassionate world for all. Funding information: total cost for the immediate project for which you are requesting funding from TPP must be less than USD 40,000. Deadline: ongoing

New Roddenberry Foundation's Catalyst Fund

The Roddenberry Foundation is accepting applications for its Catalyst Fund from anyone, anywhere in the world who has an early-stage idea. Funding information: USD 10,000 to USD 100,000. Deadline: Ongoing

Fund for Innovation in Development Grant Program

A new initiative to support innovation that contributes to reducing global poverty and inequality. Through flexible grant funding, FID enables innovators and researchers to test new ideas, build rigorous evidence of what works, and scale the highest-impact and most cost-effective solutions. Deadline: ongoing

Expedition Grants, Explorers Club and Discovery, Inc.

To foster scientific understanding for the betterment of humanity and all life on Earth and beyond, including our commitment to mitigate climate change, prevent the extinction of species and cultures, and ensure the health of our lands, oceans and all that inhabit them. Funding information: grants generally range from USD 25,000 to 40,000. Deadline: ongoing

Global Impact Cash Grant Program for NGOs and NPOs

Cisco welcomes applications for Global Impact Cash Grants from community partners around the world who share their vision and offer an innovative approach to a critical social challenge. Funding information: USD 10,000 to USD 100,000. Deadline: Ongoing

EVENT

Science-Based Choices for Climate Action: Insights from the IPCC 6th Assessment Report



We are pleased to invite you to join us for a symposium **hosted by Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, USA** that will bring together authors of the newest reports from Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), policy makers, other experts, and the audience to engage in conversations about findings from the **IPCC's 6th assessment report**, why they matter, and how they can be used to mobilize more ambitious and equitable actions on climate change. The symposium celebrates awarding of the **2022 Sam Rose and Julie Walters Prize at Dickinson College for Global Environmental Activism to the IPCC** in recognition of their important work.

Attendance is free, but pre-registration using the links below is requested.

For more information please [click here](#).



SDSN KAZAKHSTAN NEWS

ISE KAZGUU Lecture with Dr. Bakhytzhon Kurmanov: "Open Government and Citizen Empowerment in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Central Asia"

M. Narikbayev KAZGUU invites you to International School of Economics (ISE) Dean's Lecture Series.

Date: 13 September, 2022 (Tuesday)

Time: 12:00 (duration 1 hour)

Location: M. Narikbayev KAZGUU, Korgalzhyn Highway 8, 1st Floor, Library (Foreign Literature Reading Hall)

Please confirm your attendance to **Artur Utebayev**, Vice-Dean at the ISE, at the following email:

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Short Bio of the Speaker:

Dr. Bakhytzhon Kurmanov is an Assistant Professor, ISE KazGUU. Bakhytzhon's research interests include open government, citizen activism, authoritarian politics, public sector reforms, and the political economy of the post-soviet countries.

His work has been published in several leading journals, including Journal of Eurasian Studies, Europe-Asia Studies. Bakhytzhon also writes analytical pieces for The Loop at the European Consortium Political Research, East Asia Forum at the Australian National University and for the Central Asia Program at George Washington University.

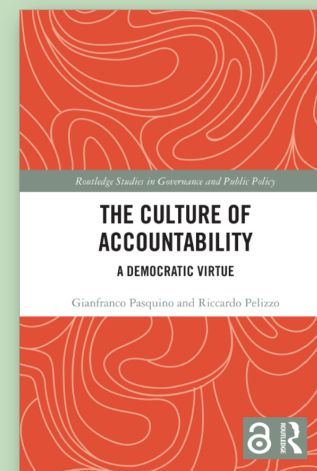


Abstract of the lecture:

The introduction of open government has been used in many countries to improve the transparency, accountability of the state, and promote participation by citizens in collaborative governance. Post-Soviet Central Asian regimes from Uzbekistan to Kazakhstan to the Kyrgyz Republic have actively pursued open government reform in their different interpretations in the past five years. This drive in the open government adoption in non-democratic Central Asia raises two related research questions. First, is there evidence that open collaboration, as the most developed form of open government, has empowered citizens in autocracies? Second, and more generally, why would hybrid/authoritarian regimes seek to adopt open government when the concepts of autocracy and openness are antithetical? The discussion is based on the original research: the author has conducted in-depth interviews with almost 50 civil society activists and state officials in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyz Republic.

[Link to article](#)

We are pleased to present the book
"The Culture of Accountability: A Democratic Virtue" by Gianfranco Pasquino (*University of Bologna*), Riccardo Pelizzo (*Nazarbayev University*)



This important book explores the cultural conditions that favour political accountability. It examines the channels through which accountability can be secured and the role that accountability plays in ensuring good governance. In addition to problematizing the notion of accountability, the book suggests that it is the product of three different—albeit, related—processes: taking account of voters' preferences, keeping account of voters' preferences, and giving account of one's performance in office. It further explores the relationship between accountability and political culture by analyzing the relationship between accountability and religion, religious denomination, familism, civicness, secularism and postmaterialism, revealing that the level of accountability is influenced by the diffusion of post-material values and by the level of civicness in a given country.

[This is the link to the book](#) (one chapter is in open access)