Guam Green Growth G3 Working Group Launch Event
9:00AM to 12:00PM | Thursday | January 30, 2020
Guam Museum

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Start Time: 9:00AM
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Speakers: Honorable Lou Leon Guerrero (Governor of Guam), Honorable Joshua Tenorio (Lt. Governor of Guam), Dr. Thomas Krise (President of the University of Guam), Dr. Austin Shelton (Director of the UOG Center for Island Sustainability), Trina Leberer (Direct of The Nature Conservancy), Lauren Swaddell (G3 Coordinator) and Krystal Paco (Office of the Governor of Guam)

TOPIC: Welcome and Open Remarks

Krystal Paco: Good Morning, Manana Si Yu’os, my name is Krystal Paco I’m the Press Secretary for the Office of the Governor of Guam and I am delighted to see all these very important people, very hardworking people all in one room this morning. Again, we are here for the Guam Green Growth that's the G3 Working Group Launch Event. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the presence of our Honorable Maga’haga Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. As well the Sigundo Maga’lahi Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, as well as the UOG President Dr. Krise. We also have our speaker for the 35th Guam Legislature…Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes, as well as Senator Amanda Shelton. And I could also introduce every one of you in the room, because you are all very important people. So rather than do that and be here all morning, let’s give a round of applause for all of you. Thank you so much for taking the time out of your very busy schedules. So, we’re going to go ahead and get our program started I’d like to introduce again our Honorable Maga’haga for her opening remarks.

Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero: Thank you, Krystal. Do you know why I like to be Governor? I like to be Governor because yesterday we took care of the Manåmko', and today we are going to take care of climate change because we need to do that to continue taking care of our Manåmko', our people, our children and everybody.

So, I just want to thank everybody for putting this together, and this is what we need…we need a working group to get our goals and objectives and our action items and remember when we do action items we need to make sure that somebody owns that action item, right? Otherwise it’s not done. That’s why we were able to do the war reparations, because I told Tony Babauta you own this and every day, he knows that he owns it. So, that’s what we’ll do with your group and certainly I just want to let you know that Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio and myself are totally supporting, supporting you and very supportive of these efforts that we are doing here in Guam and even up to the United Nations.
Josh was there and met the United Nations individuals that were working towards the local 2030, and we became a member of the local 2030 and what that means is we recognize at a global level the importance of working together and of course working to get our 17 sustainable development goals. And they’re not very, that difficult right? Low poverty, Zero hunger, Good Health and Well-being, Quality Education, Gender Equality is very important, Clean Water, Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Industry Innovation, all down the line and I just want to say that our local talent is there to make all this happen and that’s why you are all here and I appreciate your time and your effort in making this happen because climate change is a serious serious event in this part of the world.

We are seeing islands disappearing because the water level is increasing. I don’t know about you guys, but when I was growing up I never, it was very rare for me to have a temperature of 90 degrees in Guam when I was growing up. Now that is the norm, 90 degrees. I say that is a result of climate change and we need to all get together to do whatever we can in our area of expertise to stop that and to even increase and sustain our life here. 90% of our goods are imported. Think about that...we eat bananas from Australia when there are bananas right outside on our front yard. We eat potatoes from I don’t know… Idaho? When we have sweet potatoes from Rota that we could get or even grow ourselves. So, we need to start rethinking our attitudes towards that. So, we need to reach that level of fruits sustainability, economic sustainability, socio-economic sustainability, how do we take care of our people all of that, financial sustainability, how do we make more industry in here so we can get our own source of revenue so we don’t have to depend so much on US federal monies. That is what we should be thinking. Maybe not in my lifetime, but certainly hoping in the lifetime of our, children, grandchildren and maybe some of you are already great grandmothers and great grandfathers out there.

So, let’s all work today together and just think about this and let’s get our minds and ideas together so that we can come out with a very, I want a very realistic right? I don’t like I don’t know…verbiage. If we’re going to say we are going to decrease poverty, then what are we going to do? We’re going to make agriculture better, we’re going to look at aquaculture, those are the kinds of things and ideas that we need. We have the Department of Agriculture here, we have people here from the agriculture sector, the business sector, government sector. So please let’s just all get together and work towards a goal and that is to sustain our livelihood here in Guam, elsewhere in the region and also to impact on climate change. Si Yu'os Ma'åse'. Oh, and by the way I wanted to let you know, Austin asked me for some money and we’re going to find money for him so he can continue this work. So, Austin you heard me, we’re going to find you the money.

**Paco:** And to keep that energy high I’m going to welcome to the podium our Lt. Governor of Guam, Joshua Tenorio for his remarks.

**Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio:** By the way, Austin you know we’ve been working together, officially in the government, you and I since January last year, but two years campaigning I can tell you when she tells you she is going to do something she really is going to do it.

So, you know as the governor said one of the things the reason why you’re all here is there’s a lot of work that you’re also doing individually either in your positions of authority, in your nonprofit work, in your individual work the things that you bring advocacy’s to that align with a lot of the goals that we have adopted. Last year, the Governor went and signed a government order of Guam adopting as a policy a movement to meet the United Nations sustainable
development goals, and what we did at the climate change week when we went with Austin, we met with small island states that have signed up to do this. Now as you know, at least in the world of climate change in our region, Palau has been a long-standing credible leader, and in the last year we received dramatic leadership coming out of the national government of the Federal States of Micronesia emerging now in the leadership position. The Governor and I have talked about a lot of the times because of our territorial status we’re not full members of the UN so we’ve taken sometimes a seat back when we know in our region that we are the center and we are a leader. So, we need to offer leadership in conjunction with the other island communities that are first to experience the dramatic effects of climate change.

Now these sustainable development goals as the governor talked about, everything from gender equality to making sure that we have justice systems that can be relied upon. What we’d like you to do is think about and align what you’re doing in your agency or organization with the goals. Part of it is an exchange so we can see what each other are doing to add value to what is going on, but to give us context and this movement is going to identify some indicators some measurements of success as we drive towards adopting and meeting the goals of the United Nations. A couple of things that I want to leave in your mind, and I’ve said this before, you see that the first goal here is poverty and some of you have heard me say this, every single student in the public school system is on free lunch, which is a socio-economic indicator that poverty is very high in our island. We have a large number of people who are incarcerated, literacy is still a problem, we have migrant communities some of them could be climate change migrants that are here, and we have a lot of racial disparities is different things. Being honest and understanding what you bring to the table to try and address those and help us determine what good measurements we can use to show progress not only to our community, but in sort of a peer-pressure way, how we are meeting these challenges and challenging the other countries and territories that are in our islands 2030 program.

So, thank you so much for being here, we really appreciate all the work that you are doing. We want to encourage that work and whatever we can do to really give you that push, the Governor and I are really committed to doing so. Thank you very much.

Paco: Thank you very much Lt. Governor and now I’d like to welcome up to the podium and he is the president from my alma mater and for many of you your alma mater, UOG President Dr. Thomas Krise.

Dr. Thomas Krise: Si Yu'os Ma'åse'. Buenas yan Hafa Adai! So glad to see so many important people, critical to the achievement of these goals. I’m so glad to see them out and about so we can think about the interconnectedness of the 17 sustainable development goals. I am so pleased to have the Governor and Lt. Governor here in this great group to emphasize and to launch the Guam Green Growth Initiative. I think the Lt. Governor remarked on the way that Guam is really at the center of this entire region and that sometimes we sit back because we’re not full members of the UN, but we all know the importance or Guam is the hub and metropolis of Micronesia and the way that we need to be a model we need to be a laboratory for helping to solve these kinds of issues.

So, one of the ways that we serve that role that leadership role that effort at coordinating our efforts is through our Conference on Island Sustainability, and so I am very pleased that our Governor Lou Leon Guerrero is going to be co-chair with me of this year’s conference. The title of this year’s conference is “Island Wisdom for a Sustainable Future”. So, you’ll see that the 17 sustainable development goals will really be front and center there.
So, pleased that the governor has made this a priority, has committed Guam to achieving these sustainable goals and part of what we in the University and everyone in this room need to do is help people understand that these are interconnected goals and that each thing is not a separate problem to solve but that they are all interconnected...more security for a sustainable future. So, you'll see the 17 sustainable development goals will really be front and center there so pleased that the governor has made this a priority has committed long to achieving these goals and part of what we in the University and everyone in this room need to do is to help people understand that these are interconnected goals and then that each thing is not a separate problem to solve but that they are all interconnected that if we can develop more food security with aquaculture agriculture to provide more of our own food and our own things for sustainability. It'll help with property that will help with clean water it will help with many of them really everything on the list.

So, really it's both a daunting thing to think we have to to have to solve 17 issues but it's also reassuring that they are interconnected and each effort we make contributes to the to the group of them and I think that the word or the term “island wisdom” is an important thing that we've emphasized in the University and hear that idea around. So, not only are we the hub in metropolis of Micronesia and critically important island community facing the challenges of climate change and everything else but we are also the sort of bearers and carriers of thousands of years of indigenous culture and language. So, another aspect of the sustainable development goals is the is the enrichment and preservation of language and culture in Guam and Marianas and all of Micronesia. So that's another element to think of that when you're working on language issues, you're contributing to the sustainable development goals too so that interconnectedness is really important, and I think that Island Wisdom is a term that gets that notion.

So, I'm also grateful to my colleagues in the University of Guam including representatives from the School of Business and Public Administration, the School of Natural and Applied Sciences, the School of Health, the Research Corporation of the University of Guam, the Marine Laboratory, Water and Environmental Research Institute as well as the Sea Grant Pogram and of course the Center for Island Sustainability the hosts of this event and also the conference. It's the end of March and very first week of April and so in the University we're really committed to these goals we have a strategic plan we're launching this semester that tracks our ability to serve these goals as a university and every single one of these has a UOG component to addressing these issues and we stand as a community of teachers, of researchers, students and alumni to help make this sustainable future a reality so si yu'os ma'åse' for being here and we look forward to the conversations and the outcome the and the attainment of the sustainable development goals.

**TOPIC: Guam Green Growth Initiative Overview**

**Paco:** Thank You, Dr. Krise and I wanted to note we are right on schedule, which is amazing since we live on Guam, but I also want to take this time, I understand that most of you received and email or you received your appointment letter just outside the door before entering telling you, you were going to be a part of your working group so to really explain why you are all here today I would like to introduce UOG Center for Island Sustainability Director, Dr. Austin Shelton.
**Dr. Austin Shelton:** Sustainability is meeting the needs of society without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. In other words, sustainability is treating our island like we intend to stay here. In a few moments after we’re done giving you all the explanation of what will be happening this morning we’re going to gather at the front of the museum underneath the words attributed to Chief Hurao and also mentioned in the executive order that you may have received, Chief Hurao’s word attributed to him were “satisfied with what our islands furnish us, we desire nothing else” this is the concept of sustainability engraved on the wall here and also ingrained in our culture. It is an ancient island value, island wisdom as President Krise called it, these words from Chief Hurao demonstrate that sustainability is actually a partnership in time, it is a partnership with our ancestors, those who came before us. A partnership with us here today in the present and a partnership with those in the future, those who are to come. We inherited this island from our ancestors and at the same time we are borrowing it from our children.

On Tuesday nights, I roll down my trash bin to the curb and on Wednesday mornings I wake up and roll it back up empty and the trash is gone. Out of sight out of mind, but in reality it’s really not gone. It has gone to the landfill, and it will remain there for hundreds of years. “You are dust and unto dust we shall return”, you will be dust far before the plastic bottle that you may have used sometime this week. That plastic bottle that you threw away will remain in our landfill for 450 years. How many did you drink today? This month? In the past year? In your lifetime? As we gather here today let us ask ourselves, “What legacy will we leave?” What kind of ancestors will we be?

Even though Guam is a distant land, so distant in fact, that some people on the mainland or in other countries actually just use Guam as an adjective to describe a place far away. Though we are distant today we are not the last to act thanks to the foresight and visionary leadership of Governor Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Tenorio, our UOG administrators Dr. Krise and Dr. Enriquez our island is now at the global forefront ensuring our planet's sustainable future. The diverse thoughts, perspectives and experiences of our island are represented here today and all of you contain the imagination and creativity for the necessary innovation and collective action that we need to achieve a sustainable future as we heard from the Governor, Lt. Governor and the President, sustainable development is not only about the environment it's about economic welfare, social empowerment, cultural creativity and ecological health. This is what the 17 sustainable development goals address.

The UOG Center for Island Sustainability was established in 2009 to lead and support the transition of our island towards a sustainable future. With 2020 starting the decade of action, as the United Nations tell us, to achieve these ambitious goals by 2030 to save the planet. We have never had such an urgent and important test. We are honored to coordinate and facilitate the Guam Green Growth Initiative in cooperation with the Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor. If you come to appreciate this initiative, please consider supporting the effort by joining as a member of the Guam Green Growth. Your organization will be recognized as a partner in the effort to align with the UN SDGs and other projects that we’re working on throughout the year such as the Guam Restoration of Watersheds initiative. Where we’re using drones and other innovative technology to drop seeds on the top of the mountains to stop erosion and improve the health of our coral reefs or a project working to stimulate the island’s circular economy industries which means we design out waste and regenerate our natural systems and we make money and build economic growth at the same time. We can solve challenges like single use plastic and the over reliance on imports which the governor mentioned is over 90% of our goods that we use here. The 11th Annual Conference on Island
Sustainability will be held from March 31st through April 3rd, 2020 the theme as the President mentioned is “Island Wisdom for a Global Future”, we hold knowledge as past sustainable societies that can be blended with modern innovations to achieve a sustainable global future. At our conference we're aiming for at least 20 islands represented in 2020. The conference will feature a canoe summit gathering traditional navigators, a youth climate leaders’ summit, a STEM symposium and a variety of impactful plenary and breakout sessions. We'll conclude the conference on the evening of April 3rd and we're going to sign this ambitious Guam Green Growth Action Framework that we're all here to develop and it will take place during the sustainable sustainability festival at the UOG field house complete with exhibitions, inspiring talks and entertainment. So please see our outreach table in the lobby later on for more information about the G3 membership and the conference. Now I'd like to introduce two master facilitators who will assist us with our working group process, Trina Leberer the director of the nature conservancy pacific division and Lauren Swaddell the coordinator of the Guam Green Growth based out of our UOG Center for Island Sustainability. Thank you again for being here and listening now let’s work on being good partners in time let us become good ancestors. Thank You!

TOPIC: Design Process and Overview for Breakout Groups
Presentation by Lauren Swaddel and Trina Leberer:

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<td>- 7 teams focused on thematic groupings of the 17 SDGs, and 8th team focused on Metrics, Communications, &amp; Dashboard</td>
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<td>- Today, teams will breakout to work on sustainability goals and map out plan to complete draft 3-5-year objectives and first year action items by March 6</td>
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<td>- March 6 - Team Lead Coordinators meet with Lt. Governor to share draft sustainability goals, objectives and proposed activities</td>
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Break Out Group Instructions
- Team Leads provided with digital templates (G3 framework template and team workplan template) prior to breaking out – these were emailed to everyone yesterday, and we have flash drives available with these templates for each team.
- Teams select a note-taker to fill in the templates (~2 minutes) preferably someone with a laptop.
- Team members identify relevant existing strategies / plans that can be used to help populate their templates, identify any gaps, and draft additional sustainability goals as required to ensure at least one goal per SDG (~40 minutes)
- Team members map out their workplan for completing the framework template (goals, objectives, action items, metrics, etc.) (~30 minutes)
- If teams complete these two tasks early, please start drafting objectives for your goals

Break Out Group Deliverables At the end of the breakout session, Team Leads will submit digital copies of: Draft goals, Draft framework, and Workplan.
Meeting Adjourned at 12:00PM