



# China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development

## Annual Work Plan (2019-2020)



**Note: The Annual General Meeting for the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) is scheduled to take place in June 2019. The 2020 Annual General Meeting is proposed to take place in late May 2019. Consequently, the period for the current plan covers from June 2019 to May 2020 (12-month period).**

2019 to 2020 will be a period for the further implementation of Phase VI of CCICED. The focus during this period remains to be the establishment of an innovative platform for international cooperation on environment and development that embraces global inclusiveness, open cooperation, and mutual benefits and development. Adhering to the chosen annual theme of “Green Consensus and High-Quality Development” and under the leadership of the Executive Members, the Council is committed to focus on supporting the development of the “14th Five-Year Plan” as well as for the organization of the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP 15) of the Convention on Biological Diversity in China. Under the guidance of the Council Members and Special Advisors and support from council partners, through policy research, events and other activities, CCICED is also committed to contributing to the high-quality development of China, to actively engaging in international environmental governance process and to integrating a gender equality perspective in its work, in line with the guidance document approved by the Executive Members in 2018. Meanwhile, the Council will continue enhancing the capacity building of the Secretariat, providing high-quality support to Council Members and Special Advisors, further expanding partnerships, improving operations and managements, and ensuring that work can be carried out in an orderly manner. Following is a summary of the salient work planned.

### Policy Research

Carrying out policy research and developing policy recommendations remain the core and fundamental

mission of the CCICED. In the coming year, the Council will continue to support in-depth policy

research of 7 Special Policy Study (SPS) teams under the 4 Task Forces. In addition, considering the emergent issues, the Council will also establish 3 SPS teams to reflect the concerns raised by stakeholders. Following are the details.

#### ■ **Task Force 1: Global Environmental Governance and Ecological Civilization**

##### **1. The SPS on Global Climate Governance and China's Role (continued)**

This Special Policy Study (SPS) will carry out thematic studies on green investment in infrastructure and on climate financing and investment mechanisms in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The SPS will launch research on the effectiveness of carbon pricing and will address climate adaptation issues, especially nature-based solutions. The SPS will further look into China's medium- to long-term strategies and roadmaps on climate change and will provide recommendations for relevant adjustments both during the 14th Five-Year Plan period and in the medium to long terms.

##### **2. The SPS on Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Conservation (continued)**

Drawing on the biodiversity conservation experiences of relevant countries, this SPS will focus on the construction of a nature reserve system in China that is mainly based on national parks. The SPS will also propose the framework, objective, ways and means for post-2020 biodiversity conservation and provide consultations and recommendations to COP 15 to be held in China.

##### **3. The SPS on Global Ocean Governance and Ecological Civilization (continued)**

This SPS will carry out the thematic studies on renewable energy systems and on mining development. This SPS will also complete the research report on ecosystem-based integrated ocean management and governance.

In addition, the abovementioned three SPSs will also work closely with the SPS on Green BRI, leverage their synergies and coordinate their research to present comprehensive recommendations.

#### ■ **Task Force 2: Green Urbanization and Environmental Improvement**

#### **4. The SPS on Green Urbanization Strategy and Pathways Towards Regional Integrated Development (continued)**

This SPS will zoom in on the 14th Five-Year Plan period, in the context of the digital era, and will identify the challenges China is facing in its efforts towards urbanization and urban-rural integrated development. The SPS will work on issues such as city clusters, the integrated development of bay areas and the county-level economy. It will review existing policies, identify main issues and propose solutions and policy recommendations.

#### **5. The SPS on Ecological Compensation, Green Development and Institutional Reform in the Yangtze River Economic Belt (continued)**

This SPS will focus on the following thematic studies: a basin-wide horizontal ecological compensation mechanism along the Yangtze River Economic Belt, legislation for the conservation of the Yangtze River and implementation mechanisms for inclusive engagement in the conservation of the Yangtze River.

#### ■ **Task Force 3: Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption**

##### **6. The SPS on Green Transition and Sustainable Social Governance (continued)**

This SPS will complete two thematic studies: strategic positioning for green lifestyles and the interaction between green consumption and green socioeconomic transformation. It also plans to launch the following thematic studies: green consumption and trade, China's green transition and green lifestyle, an analysis of the effect of green consumption on resources and the environment, and a review and evaluation of relevant laws and practices.

##### **7. The SPS on Major Green Technology Innovation and Implementation Mechanisms (newly established)**

Leveraging CCICED's global network, this SPS will categorize the major green industry technologies that need to be promoted, with a focus on innovative technologies relating to green urbanization, such as urban infrastructure, energy, transportation and architecture. The SPS will study the implementation and institution mechanism and promote waste-free cities.

## ■ Task Force 4: Green Energy, Trade and Investment

### **8. The SPS on Green BRI and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 SDG) (continued)**

This SPS will study the synergies between the green BRI and 2030 SDG, develop a system of BRI green development indicators and analyze the SDG performance of key regions along the Belt and Road. It will focus especially on the progress and challenges of key environmental targets and potential contribution towards achieving 2030 SDG.

### **9. The SPS on the Global Green Supply Chain (newly established)**

This SPS will launch research on the circular economy and green supply chain at the global level; review relevant bilateral, plurilateral and regional trade agreements; and promote green and sustainable global trade.

## Major Events

### **1. CCICED 2020 Annual General Meeting**

The Council is planning to organize its 2020 Annual General Meeting in Beijing in late May 2020. A series of thematic forums will be scheduled during the AGM that reflect the annual theme and emergent issues relating to environment and development. Policy research findings will be presented and discussed, and policy recommendations will be formulated.

### **2. Workshop on Collaborative Governance on Global Environment**

In conjunction with the UN Climate Summit and Climate Week, the Council is planning to organize a workshop on collaborative governance on global environment in New York in September 2019. The workshop's main theme will be "nature-based solutions," and the discussion will focus on the integrated governance on issues of climate change, biodiversity and the global ocean environment.

### **3. Workshop on Green Urbanization**

The Council is planning to organize a workshop in

### **10. The SPS on Green Finance (newly established)**

This SPS will carry out research on practical green finance mechanisms and policies. This SPS will contribute to China's war against pollution on one hand, and to the important role of green finance in green BRI efforts on the other.

In addition, CCICED encourages and welcomes Council Members, Special Advisors and partners to enrich CCICED's research by submitting research reports under the Council's research framework and in connection with emergent topics in China and globally. For example, comparative study on the historical evolution of urban development in the Rhine River Basin and the Yangtze River Basin, studies on Ecological Capital Accounting in the Yangtze River Basin, etc.

China (in Shenzhen or Xiong'an) in the second half of 2019 to discuss and share policy research results. The topics to be discussed at the workshop will focus on innovative needs and practices relating to industrial policy, institutional mechanisms, technical standards and international cooperation.

### **4. Workshop on the Green BRI and 2030 SDG**

The Council is planning to organize a workshop outside of China in the second half of 2019 to discuss and exchange views on synergies of the green BRI, 2030 SDG and other key issues facing the green development of the BRI.

In addition, taking into consideration the priorities of policy research and the needs of CCICED's work, the Council is planning to collaborate with Chinese and international partners to organize three or four workshops on topics relating to green development and gender equality, as well as topics relating to cultural, social and public engagement.

## Operations and Management

### **1. Strengthening Communications with and Improving Participation of Council Members and Special Advisors**

The Council will collaborate with the Secretariat International Support Office to publish CCICED Briefing, a bi-monthly English publication that updates CCICED Council Members and partners on the development of CCICED's work. Briefings will also be circulated in conjunction with major CCICED events and activities. Special columns will be set up via CCICED Briefing, website, WeChat to share the reports and viewpoints of Council Members and Special Advisors.

### **2. Strengthening the Team Building for the Chief Advisors**

The Council plans to further optimize the supporting teams for Chinese and international Chief Advisors to support their work by enriching the research background.

### **3. Enhancing Capacity Building for the Secretariat**

The Council plans to strengthen the Secretariat's capacity building, in particular, the capacity on the research planning and strategizing. The Council will coordinate and collaborate with the Secretariat International Support Office so all work can be carried out and supported in a continuous and effective manner.

## Communications and Outreach Activities

### **1. Expanding Communications Network, Innovating Communications Channels and Disseminating Research Outputs to the Global Community**

The Council plans to continue deepening its cooperation with partner institutions such as China Daily and the International Institute for Sustainable Development. The Council will disseminate the research outputs with international community. In addition to the website and WeChat, the Council plans to enhance dissemination efforts and to increase interaction by utilizing cross-platform publishing on social media platforms such as Weibo, Facebook and Twitter. The Council will continue publishing the

bilingual CCICED Annual Policy Recommendations. The Council also plans to publish collections on selected policy research work.

### **2. Enhancing and Strengthening Partnerships**

The Council plans to keep partners informed of the Council's progress and exchange views by regularly organizing Chief Advisor-Secretariat Joint Work Meetings and partners and funders meetings. The Council plans to leverage the complementary advantages and share outputs with partners by carrying out joint research, joint activities and organizing staff exchanges.



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