



**China Council for International Cooperation  
on Environment and Development**

**2024-2025 Work Plan**

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2025 is the final year of China's 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan and the preparatory year of the 15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan, marking an important period for the comprehensive and deepening reform of the ecological civilization system. It is important to strive to achieve carbon peaking before 2030 and build a “Beautiful China” in all respects by 2035. In the face of the overall downturn of the global economy, it is urgent to maintain the determination of green and low-carbon transformation, continue to increase investment in renewable energy, maintain dialogue and cooperation, and jointly address the three major global risks of climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental pollution.

In this context, CCICED proposes the annual theme for the coming research year as “**Accelerating the comprehensive green transformation and promoting the harmonious coexistence between humans and nature**”. With the leadership of the Executive Committee, the participation and guidance of the Council Members and Special Advisors, and the support of its partners, CCICED plans to conduct policy research and organize dialogues on improving the underlying system of ecological civilization, the ecological environment governance system, the green and low-carbon development mechanism, and the building of a fair, reasonable, and win-win global environmental and climate governance system. The main tasks are outlined in the following sections.

## I. Policy Research

This involves launching the High-level **Task Force (TF)** on *China’s Environment and Development Outlook* to spur systemic and overall strategic research and planning. Additionally, work will continue around the annual theme, with a focus on the four TFs identified by CCICED at the commencement of Phase VII, namely: *Innovation in Global Environmental Governance, National Green Governance System, Sustainable Production and Consumption, and Low-carbon and Inclusive Transition*. Through the work of these TFs, eight **Special Policy Studies (SPSs)** will be launched, and selected Scoping Studies and Discussion Papers will be carried out to address relevant topics as appropriate.

### 1.1 High-Level TF: China’s Environment and Development Outlook

In line with the 2035 Beautiful China Goals and the 2060 Carbon Neutrality Goals,

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this TF will conduct comprehensive, systemic, and strategic research to assess the opportunities and challenges for China's green and low-carbon transformation and high-quality development. It will also assess China's role in global environmental governance, from the dimensions of economic development, demographic structure, technological innovation, energy and resource constraints, and the international situation, and identify the strategic directions for CCICED Phase VIII and its subsequent studies, to bring CCICED's work closer to the needs of the Chinese government's decision-making and international sustainable development processes. The TF will report the interim results at the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and submit a final report at the 2026 AGM.

## 1.2 Special Policy Studies

### 1.2.1 TF: Innovation in Global Environmental Governance

This TF will study pressing environmental issues and promote innovation in the global environmental governance system as well as multilateral cooperation. The following SPSs are proposed below.

#### SPS 1: Global Climate Governance and Green and Inclusive Transition

This study will focus on building a safe and clean energy cooperation system, to achieve the goal of tripling the global installed renewable energy capacity, doubling energy efficiency by 2030, and other goals set out at the 28<sup>th</sup> United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference (COP 28). The study will also explore building a new mechanism for the comprehensive transformation from dual control of energy consumption to dual control of carbon emissions; the construction of sustainable renewable energy supply chains and industrial chains; and the identification of key issues in the reduction of methane and other non-carbon dioxide greenhouse gases.

#### SPS 2: Governance System for a Harmonious Coexistence between Humans and Nature

This study will concentrate on enhancing the synergies among the conventions and international processes on biodiversity, climate change, marine protection, desertification, wetlands, freshwater, etc. It will also look at the mechanism for ecological product value realization, natural capital accounting path and mechanism, explore a pilot project on comprehensive wealth assessment, and identify policy synergies including between biodiversity conservation and trade as well as between climate resilience and food security, etc.



### 1.2.2 TF: National Green Governance System

This TF will focus on the fundamental and supporting issues of building the ecological civilization and improving the basic institutional systems. The following SPSs are proposed below.

#### SPS 3: Major Scientific and Technological Innovation

This study will focus on identifying key barriers to carbon reduction, pollution control, and green development, particularly cutting-edge technologies and business models related to carbon peaking and carbon neutrality, as well as energy storage systems and new power grid models that support the development of new energy.

#### SPS 4: Green Finance for a Comprehensive Green Transformation of the Society and Economy

This study will examine the reform of global financial systems to meet the needs of climate and sustainable development, as well as the challenges and potential solutions of patient capital to support green transition financing.

### 1.2.3 TF: Sustainable Production and Consumption

This TF will focus on opportunities and challenges faced by the green transformation of key industries and sectors and empowering enterprises to achieve green growth. The following SPSs are proposed below.

#### SPS 5: Sustainable Blue Economy Under the Vision of Carbon Neutrality

This study will concentrate on the sustainable management and utilization of marine resources, offshore wind power and the industrial layout in the Yangtze River Delta and the Greater Bay Area (Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao) Great Bay Area, as well as the green and low-carbon transformation of maritime transport and ocean-based carbon removal technologies.

#### SPS 6: Promote High-Quality Development with Circular Economy

The focus of this study will be on opportunities and practices of renewable energy (such as solar panels, wind turbine manufacturing), power batteries, textiles, and other key industries. It will also explore the role of circular economy in reducing

emissions and energy consumptions in the industrial sector, treating new pollutants, and managing the whole life cycle of plastic products.

### 1.2.4 TF: Low-Carbon and Inclusive Transition

This TF will focus on the typical issues of building an equitable and inclusive low-carbon transition. The following SPSs are proposed below.

#### SPS7: Low-Carbon Transition Pathways in Traditional Energy Regions

This study will explore the transformation path and strategy of traditional energy regions from the perspectives of climate change, energy transition, industrial development, and ecological protection. It will draw on the international experience of fiscal and taxation policies, industrial policies, transition financial instruments, innovation mechanisms, and other just transition cases.

#### SPS 8: Green Development Cooperation

This study will center on how China can help promote the green transformation of key developing countries and regions, such as Africa, Latin America (Brazil), and climate-vulnerable countries, as well as fostering innovative international cooperation mechanisms for green development.

## 1.3 Scoping Studies and Discussion Papers

CCICED will carry out a scoping study on collaborative innovation in energy and environment for high-quality development. Other scoping studies and discussion papers may explore important and timely topics, such as climate adaptation, based on the recommendations of the Chinese and International Chief Advisors, and with the approval of the CCICED Secretary-General.

## II. Main Activities

### 2.1 Hosting CCICED's 2025 AGM

The AGM is planned to be held in the last week of September 2025, to hold Policy Dialogues and Open Forums around the annual theme, important research areas, and relevant topics. Key conclusions of SPS reports and draft annual policy

recommendations will be presented and discussed.

## 2.2 Organizing CCICED Roundtables and Other Multilateral Activities

To give full play to its international influence and cooperation platform, CCICED will continue to collaborate with local governments in China to hold roundtables and share CCICED's research findings and promote local green transformation. CCICED will also organize side events and workshops in important multilateral forums (such as the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UN Environment Assembly, the UN Ocean Conference, and the UN Biodiversity Conference) to share research findings and provide relevant and constructive suggestions for promoting multilateral dialogue and cooperation on environment and climate.

## 2.3 Thematic Exchanges and Discussions

In collaboration with Chinese and international partners, CCICED will hold ad-hoc cross-disciplinary seminars and study tours in and outside of China, strengthen exchanges and mutual learning between various SPS teams, as well as promote exchanges, dialogues, and shared understanding between Chinese and international stakeholders, to foster international consensus and joint action.

# III. Operations and Management

## 3.1 Provide High-Quality Services to Committee Members and Special Advisors

The Secretariat and the Secretariat International Support Office(SISO) will inform Council Members and Special Advisors of CCICED's work through publications such as the CCICED Newsletter and the Annual Work Report. They will also summarize and publish Council Members' opinion reports to inform decision making and support Council Members and Special Advisors in their engagement in CCICED policy research and important meetings.

## 3.2 Publish Research Results in a Timely Manner to Expand Impact

The Secretariat will continue to edit and publish CCICED's annual Policy Recommendations and select the results of SPS reports for publication. Based on

these studies, the Secretariat will prepare a report on successful experiences and case studies of green transition (planned to be published annually as a series). Information on the Council's research and work progress will be disseminated through the CCICED website, WeChat official account, Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and other platforms to expand media coverage. The research results will be published in a timely manner to support high-level decision making and enhance CCICED's influence.

## 3.3 Strengthen and Consolidate Partnerships

The Secretariat will regularly organize joint working meetings with the Chief Advisors, invite partners and funders to share the progress of CCICED's work, and seek feedback from relevant stakeholders. CCICED will expand partnerships, strengthen communication, and jointly organize activities to complement each other's strengths and share outcomes. Adhering to the principles of diversity, inclusion, and sharing, CCICED will continue to promote gender equality and actively explore channels to engage youth.

## 3.4 Strengthen CCICED's Capacity Building and Increase Support for Chief Advisors

The Secretariat will strengthen capacity building and cooperate efficiently with SISO, as well as host regular working meetings. It will improve its policy research and management capacity through training and in-person exchanges to better support the work of the Chief Advisors.

