



**Open Forum for China Council for International Cooperation
on Environment and Development (CCICED) 2025 Annual
General Meeting**

**Breaking the Constraints of the Linear Economy:
Building a New Circular Economy**

Co-Supporters:

Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech)

Beijing Huanding Environmental Smart Data Institute

**Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature
Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN)**

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

**Solid Waste and Chemicals Management Center, Ministry of Ecology and
Environment (MEE)**

Ellen MacArthur Foundation(EMF)

Time: 09:00-12:00 (Beijing time), October 16th, 2025

**Venue: Guest Reception Hall, 1st Floor, Fanghua Villa, Diaoyutai State
Guest House, Beijing**

Language: Simultaneous interpretation in Chinese and English

Against the backdrop of intensifying global climate change and mounting ecological and environmental pressures, and in the context of a new wave of technological advances driven by artificial intelligence as well as profound adjustments in the international economic landscape, China and

other countries urgently need to foster new drivers of economic growth and innovative pathways of transformation to steer global high-quality development and a sustainable future.

Developing a circular economy is increasingly recognized worldwide as a strategic imperative for enhancing economic resilience, strengthening competitiveness, and safeguarding planetary health. It has also become an essential element of global climate governance and the transition toward a green, low-carbon economy. Notably, the upcoming COP30 in Belém, Brazil, will, for the first time, feature the circular economy as part of its thematic agenda.

Against this backdrop, the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) launched the 2024-2025 Special Policy Study “*Promote High-Quality Development with Circular Economy*” (CE SPS). The initiative aims to identify key pathways for China to achieve high-quality development, efficient resource utilization, and an inclusive transition toward a circular economy. It also seeks to contribute to building a globally efficient circular economy system through cooperation with Europe, developing countries, and other international partners.

To this end, Southern University of Science and Technology, Beijing Huanding Environmental Smart Data Institute, BMUKN, GIZ, and Ellen MacArthur Foundation will jointly organize the Open Forum “Breaking the Constraints of the Linear Economy: Building a New Circular Economy” on the morning of October 16th, 2025. The forum will feature in-depth discussions on the following topics:

- Building a New Circular Economy System: From policy goals to product circular design, material innovation, and infrastructure development
- Harnessing AI Technologies and Digital Tools to accelerate the

circular economy transformation

Agenda (Tentative)

09:00	Opening Remarks	
Moderator	Jocelyn Blériot, CE SPS International Deputy Team Lead, Executive Lead, Ellen MacArthur Foundation	
Remarks (10 minutes each)	Kristin Halvorsen	CCICED Vice Chairperson, Director, CICERO Center for International Climate and Environmental Research
	Guo Fang	CCICED Secretary General, Vice Minister of Ministry of Ecology and Environment(MEE)
09:20	Session I: Building a New Circular Economy System	
Moderator	Jocelyn Blériot, CE SPS International Deputy Team Lead, Executive Lead, Ellen MacArthur Foundation	
Keynote Speeches (8 minutes each)	China's Circular Economy Development Trends, Targets, and System Building (TBD)	
	TBD, Department of Resources Conservation and Environmental Protection, National Development and Reform Commission(NDRC)	
	CE SPS Introduction: Promoting High-Quality Development with Circular Economy	
	Hu Qing, CCICED Special Advisor, CE SPS Chinese Team Co-Lead, Professor of Southern University of Science and Technology	
	Increasing circular economy along the textile value chain: developments in Europe and Germany	
	Ilka Hirt, CCICED Special Advisor, CE SPS International Co-Lead; Deputy Director General International Policy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN)	
Commentary (5 minutes each)	Dou Shuhua	CCICED Council Member, Vice Chairperson of Environment Protection and Resources Conservation Committee of the National People's Congress
	Patricia Espinosa	CCICED Council Member, CEO and Founding Partner, Onepoint5; former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
	Marco Lambertini	CCICED Council Member, Convener, Nature Positive Initiative
	Hideki Minamikawa	CCICED Council Member, President, Japan Environmental Sanitation Center

	Ding Qiong	Deputy Director General, First-level Inspector, Department of Solid Waste and Chemicals, Ministry of Ecology and Environment(MEE)
	Per Ängquist	CCICED Council Member, CE SPS Core Expert, Director-General of the Swedish Chemicals Agency
	Yao Xin	CE SPS Advisory Expert, Vice President, Research Institute for Environmental Innovation (Suzhou) Tsinghua
10:20	Tea Break	
10:30	Session II: Pathways to Circular Economy in Key Industries	
Moderator	Li Wenqiang, CE SPS Chinese Deputy Lead, Director General of Solid Waste and Chemicals Management Center, MEE	
Keynote Speeches (8 minutes each)	Speech title TBD	
	Zhao Yingmin, CCICED Council Member, Former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, President of the BRI International Green Development Coalition	
	Exploration of Upgrading China's Manufacturing Industry and Circular Transition(TBD)	
	TBD , Department of Energy Conservation, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology(MIIT)	
	Advancing the Circular Economy: UNIDO's Global Drive for a Net-Zero, nature positive and pollution free Development.	
	Smail ALHILALI, Director of the Division of Circular Economy and Green Industry, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	
	Circular Economy System and Implementation Pathways in the Textile or Power Battery Sector: A Global Perspective (TBD)	
Commentary (5 minutes each)	Jonquil Hackenberg, CEO, Ellen MacArthur Foundation	
	Qiu Baoxing	CCICED Council Member, Academician of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences, Former Vice Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development
	Zhu Liyang	President of China Association of Circular Economy
	Pei Minshan	Standing Committee Member of the Party Committee & Deputy General Manager, China Communications Construction Company Ltd.
	Wang Silian	Executive Director and Chairman of the Board of Everbright Group

	Zhang Huiyong	Executive Director of International Cooperation, Energy Foundation China
	Tang Zhipeng	General Manager of Beijing Industrial Research Institute, Huafeng Huajin Co., Ltd.
	Kuat Akizhanov	CCICED Special Advisor, Deputy Director, CAREC Institute
11:40	Discussion Remarks	
11:50	Closing / Wrap-up Session	
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Note: all listed speakers are proposed invitees, pending confirmation.