

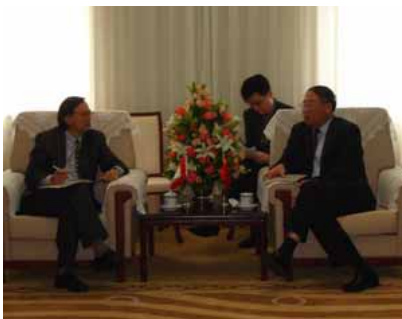


## Top News

### **Xie Zhenhua meets with CIDA Vice President Hau Sing Tse**

The State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) Minister Mr. Xie Zhenhua met with a delegation led by Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Vice President Mr. Hau Sing Tse on May 30, and discussed the cooperation between the two countries on areas such as CCICED. Mr. Hau Sing Tse raised his suggestions and considerations for the Canadian side to further its support for CCICED. Xie expressed his thanks for the Canadian

guest's long time support for CCICED and China's other environmental works and his optimistic view on the future of two countries' cooperation under the framework of CCICED and related areas.



The CIDA delegation was visiting China at the invitation of the Ministry of Commerce. Delegation members included Mr. David Spring, Prof. Earl Drake and Mr. Kent Smith. The Director General of SEPA's Department of International Cooperation, Mr. Xu Qinghua and the Director of CCICED Secretariat Mr. Guo Jing also attended the meeting.

### **Zhu Guangyao meets with Swiss Ambassador Mr. Dante Martinelli**

SEPA Vice Minister Mr. Zhu Guangyao met with the Swiss Ambassador to China, Mr. Dante Martinelli on June 14. During the meeting, the Swiss Ambassador informed the host of its government's decision to fund a new task force for CCICED Phase III. Mr. Zhu and Mr. Dante Martinelli agreeably reviewed the successful cooperation between the two countries on CCICED's Task Force on WTO and Environment and exchanged views on such issues as the Swiss government's further support for CCICED and other bilateral cooperation between the two sides.

## The Secretariat Activities

### **Secretariat and its Canadian Office hold working meeting**

The Director of Secretariat of CCICED, Mr. Guo Jing held a working meeting with the Director of the Secretariat Canadian Office Prof. Earl Drake and the counselor for the Canadian Embassy to China Mr. Kent Smith on May 30. The meeting discussed the report on Secretariat's capacity building needs assessment and other issues of CCICED.

### **Secretariat holds TF liaisons meeting**

The Secretariat of CCICED held a working meeting of TF liaisons on June 15. During the meeting, representatives from different task forces introduced their research achievements, progress on the drafting of reports or policy recommendations, and plans for following researches. The meeting also covered the outcome of the Lead Experts Group's working meeting and CCICED Annual General Meeting's plans and requirements.



## Meetings with Donors

The Secretariat Director Mr. Guo Jing met with the following officials and representatives, Mr. John Warburton, the First Secretary for British Embassy in Beijing; Ms. Beverly Zhao, the Government Communication Advisor of Shell (China) Limited; and Mr. Andrea De Angelis, the Program Manager of Sino-Italian Cooperation Program for Environmental Protection, during this month. Those separate meetings were to exchange views, comments and suggestions on CCICED's activities and discuss further cooperation in the future among the parties related.

## Progress on Task Forces

### TF on Environmental Governing Capacity

On May 19, the Task Force on Environmental Governing Capacity invited delegates from SEPA, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and the Development Research Center of the State Council to a talkfest and asked them for advice on research content and direction.

### TF on China's Sustainable Development and Global Product Markets

The Task Force on China's Sustainable Development and Global Product Markets held a scoping meeting in Beijing from May 29 to 30, where both Chinese and foreign TF members had a thorough discussion on the TF's research content and direction. Lead Expert Prof. Shen Guofang attended the meeting and expressed his opinions and suggestions on the task force's research content and direction from the point of view of lead expert.

### TF on Sustainable Transportation

The Chinese members of the TF on Sustainable Transportation held a working meeting at Beijing on June 1. The meeting discussed the content and framework of the TF's general report and raised modification advice on such issues as traffic strategy, reasonable consumption of energy, railway construction, in-land river traffic development, sustainable traffic development in Eastern, Central and Western China and the social impartiality of traffic.

### TF on Sustainable Urbanization Strategy

The Chinese members of the TF on Sustainable Urbanization Strategy held a working meeting on June 14. The meeting covered the progress of the sub-TFs and discussed the working plan and schedule for future research.

### TF on Environmental Governing Capacity

The Task Force on Environmental Governing Capacity held a preliminary meeting in Beijing from June 17 to 18. Chinese and foreign experts from the TF had a thorough discussion on the TF's research content, direction and schedule.



## Meeting and Events

- The TF on Economic Growth and Environment is to hold an internal workshop in Beijing on June 26.
- The TF on Sustainable Transportation is to hold an international workshop and working meeting from June 28 to 30 in Beijing.
- The TF on Sustainable Urbanization Strategy is to hold a working meeting during June 29 to July 1 in Beijing.
- The Lead Experts Group is to hold a working meeting in Beijing from July 6 to 7.
- The TF on Circular Economy is to hold a working meeting in Kenya from July 25 to 28.