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## CCICED 2010 Work Plan

(Note: The plan was submitted to the Bureau Meeting of 2009 AGM and approved by the Bureau on November 11, 2009.)

### **I. Policy Research Activities**

#### **1. Policy research projects to be reported to the 2010 AGM**

##### **1) Task Forces established**

The 2008 Bureau Meeting approved the establishment of the following two Task Forces:

- (1) Task Force on Ecosystem Service and Management Strategy (2009-2010);
- (2) Task Force on Ecosystem Issues and Policy Options Addressing Sustainable Development of China's Ocean and Coast (2009-2010).

These two Task Forces have been established and started their work in 2009. The Chinese and international experts of both Task Forces will continue their joint work in 2010 and report their findings to the 2010 AGM.

##### **2) New special policy studies to be established**

The Bureau agreed that in 2010, with the support of the Secretariat and Chief Advisors, Secretary General will approve the establishment of appropriate small scale special policy study projects when necessary, possibly including a new China Ecological Footprint Report 2010 that would include a special policy report on water issues to identify areas for future CCICED work on water; and a new special study on soil pollution prevention and control policies.

#### **2. Policy research projects to be reported to the 2011 AGM**

The following three new task forces have been approved to set up and report to 2011 AGM:

- (1) Task Force on the topic of Innovation for Green Development: Institutional, Technology and Management Dimensions (2010-2011);
- (2) Task Force on the topic of Low Carbon Industrialization Strategy in China (2010-2011);
- (3) Task Force on the topic of Investment, Trade and Environment (2010-2011).

## **II. CCICED 2010 Roundtable Meeting**

It was approved that the CCICED 2010 Roundtable Meeting be held in Shanghai in late March 2010. The meeting will focus on the promotion of urban green development, against the background of the Shanghai World Expo 2010. The Roundtable will introduce CCICED policy recommendations on energy, environment and climate change issues, and serve as a platform for policy dialogue and information exchange. Mayors and officials from a number of cities in China will be invited, and CCICED's policy recommendations will be disseminated to local governments. CCICED council members, experts and officials from China's central government will be also invited.

## **III. CCICED 2010 Annual General Meeting**

It was agreed that the CCICED 2010 AGM be held in Beijing on November 10-12, 2010. The Annual General Meeting will consider policy research reports and special studies submitted by Chinese and international experts and will put forward policy recommendations to the Chinese Government.

## **IV. Other Issues and Arrangements**

With the guidance of Secretary General, the CCICED Secretariat will, by strengthening its communication and cooperation with the Chief Advisors, Chinese and international partners, focus its work on the following areas :

1. The organization of workshops in various areas and for a variety of audiences in order to strengthen its contacts with relevant departments of the central and local governments to promote wider dissemination and implementation of CCICED policy recommendations;

2. The consideration and possible organization of workshops outside China and particularly in developing countries, at appropriate times and places, and with various scales and formats, in order to introduce CCICED's activities and engage in knowledge sharing with other practitioners of environment and development;

3. The strengthening of CCICED communications efforts through publication of CCICED research findings, progress reports, and other documents and through internet and CCICED website. In particular, the Secretariat will seek to strengthen communications with CCICED Council Members and experts;

4. The organization of an expert team to carry out an assessment of the influence of policy recommendations submitted by the Council during Phase IV. The outcome of this assessment will provide a reference for future improvement of CCICED's policy research and consultation mechanisms.

## **CCICED 2009 Progress Report**

(Note: The report was submitted to the 2009 AGM.)

The year 2009 was a year of challenges. The impact of international financial crisis on the world

economy will inevitably bring uncertainty to global sustainable development. To tackle the crisis, the Chinese Government issued an economic stimulus package, and considered energy saving, emission reduction, and ecological development as important components of economic growth. The adjustment of key national policies on environment and development has been significantly accelerated.

2009 was a particularly active year for CCICED, while CCICED carried out its work under the background of the international financial crisis. With the support of the Chinese Government, CCICED has strengthened communications and cooperation with major domestic and international partners. The work plan approved by the Council's bureau meeting has been successfully carried out, and has achieved its anticipated objectives.

The operation of the Council has enjoyed continued attention and strong support from Chinese and international stakeholders in 2009. When meeting with the international Council Members during the CCICED 2008 Annual General Meeting, Premier Wen Jiabao clearly indicated that he expected CCICED to continue to operate in the future and witness progress China's efforts on the environmental front. Mr. Li Keqiang, CCICED Chairperson and Vice Premier of the State Council, when addressing the CCICED 2008 AGM, expressed his appreciation of the contribution CCICED has made since its establishment and set higher expectations for the Council.

As the hosting department of CCICED, MEP has strengthened its leadership and support to the CCICED Secretariat, and the Secretariat has improved its capacity. Relevant departments of the Chinese Government such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Commerce have attached great importance to CCICED and supported the work of the Council in various ways.

CCICED activities have also received high attention and strong support from international communities and partners, not only in terms of financial support, but also through the sharing of ideas and experience. CCICED partners was further extended to include such countries, international institutions, NGOs and transnational corporations as Canada, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Britain, Japan, the Netherlands, Italy, Australia, France, Denmark, EU, UNEP, UNDP, WWF, US Environmental Defense, Rockefeller Brothers Fund and Shell Company. CCICED has developed a wider partnership with expanded influence over the past year.

A summary of progress in main areas of the Council's work in 2009 is as follows.

### **I. Contributions of Chinese and International Members**

Both Chinese and International Members have actively taken part in relevant activities of CCICED and made important contributions to the formulation of policy recommendations to the Chinese Government since the inception of CCICED Phase IV. Their engagement has been crucial in the promotion and the expansion of the Council's influence, and in realizing the Council's achievements.

Both Chinese and International Council Members have made significant contributions to the Council's research activities. More than 10 Chinese and International Council Members have served as Co-chairs or members of task forces, investing large amounts of time and resources and contributing their insights and wisdom in policy research work. Members have also taken part in major activities organized by CCICED. The 2009 CCICED Roundtable Meeting in particular, with Council Members' support, was very successful in disseminating the Council's policy research findings. In addition, the Roundtable Meeting has also played an advisory role by putting forward policy recommendations to the Chinese Government on adjustments to environment and development policy while facing of the international financial crisis. This attracted the attention of relevant departments of the central government.

## **II. Policy Research**

Policy research forms the basis for the Council's policy consultation and dialogues. Council Members and experts have made significant contributions to policy research over the past year. Overcoming various cultural and language difficulties, Chinese and international experts have held numerous workshops and working meetings in China and abroad and improved mutual understanding and cooperation through communications and cooperation. Great attention was paid to the combination of international experience and practice with the situation in China, which helped a lot for the smooth implementation of CCICED's research work.

Meanwhile, CCICED policy research has attracted the attention of relevant donors and partners, whose support and direct participation has played an important role. 2009 policy research focused on various relevant aspects of the relationship of energy, environment, and development and was highly relevant to the adjustment of Chinese relevant national policies. Some mid-term findings and primary recommendations are well received by relevant government departments.

The following CCICED policy research projects completed their work in 2009:

1. Task Force on Pathways towards a Low Carbon Economy in China (2008-2009);
2. Task Force on Economic Instruments for Energy Efficiency and Environment (2008-2009);
3. Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Urban Development (2008-2009);
4. Task Force on Rural Development and its Energy, Environment and Climate Change Adaptation Policy (2008-2009);
5. Task Force on Sustainable Use of Coal and Pollution Control Policy in China (2008-2009).

The above five Task Forces reported their findings at the 2009 AGM.

6. Case Study on Energy and Environment Management: Promoting Urban Low Carbon Development (A written report was submitted to the 2009 AGM);
7. China—India Joint Research Program on Environment and Development Policy (Study report was submitted to the 2009 AGM).

In addition, the following study programs were launched in 2009:

8. Task Force on Ecosystem Service and Management Strategy (2009-2010);
9. Task Force on Ecosystem Issues and Policy Options Addressing Sustainable Development of China's Ocean and Coast (2009-2010).

The above two Task Forces will submit their reports to the 2010 AGM.

10. CCICED China Environment and Development Outlook Program (2009-2011). The program will officially start its work at the end of 2009, and will submit and publish its report at the 2011 AGM.

### **III. CCICED 2009 Roundtable Meeting**

The CCICED 2009 Roundtable Meeting was held in Beijing on April 16-17 with the theme "Green Development: Opportunities for China in Times of Economic Challenge". Council Members, representatives and experts from relevant departments of the State Council and Chinese and international institutes, senior officials of local governments, representatives of Embassies and international organizations, as well as Chinese and international enterprises attended the meeting. Participants carried out in-depth discussions on topics addressing the challenge of economic downturn for environment and development, policy options for green development, green technological innovation, and the policy recommendations of CCICED's 2008 AGM.

In response to the international financial crisis, the Roundtable Meeting put forward the following broad policy recommendations on how China should strengthen the adjustment of policies on environment and development during the current economic recovery: 1) To seize the opportunity to adjust the economic growth mode and further facilitate green development and green economy; 2) To address in an integrated fashion the international financial crisis and climate change challenge and achieve green recovery at the same time; 3) To develop a national plan for the development of environmental protection and energy-saving industries; to launch a national program for environmental science and technology innovation; 4) To vigorously promote an environmentally-friendly energy technology revolution; and 5) To mainstream the green development concept in the "12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan" or strategic development plan for a longer period of time. These policy recommendations have been submitted to relevant departments of the central government and attracted their attention.

### **IV. Dissemination of CCICED Achievements**

In order to expand CCICED's influence and share its research findings, the Secretariat, with the support of the International Support Office, has developed and implemented a special publicity plan, which has had positive outcomes.

- CCICED's 2009 Roundtable Meeting was successful in disseminating the Council's policy

recommendations and findings to a wide audience;

- CCICED publications have been made available to the public and relevant government departments. These include the Proceedings of the CCICED 2008 Annual General Meeting, the CCICED Annual Policy Report for 2008, Report of CCICED 2009 Roundtable Meeting, and CCICED Special Policy Reports;

- Communication and cooperation at home and abroad have been strengthened and expanded. Through information sharing and regular CCICED Updates (e-bulletins on CCICED's work), CCICED has established closer relations with Chinese and international partners and attracted increased understanding and support;

- With the launching of the China—India Joint Study Program on Environment and Development Policy, CCICED started to communicate with other developing countries to develop 'south-south' cooperation within the framework of CCICED ;

- The dissemination of CCICED achievements using multi-media channels has been strengthened through the newly designed CCICED website (in both Chinese and English) and broadcasting live on-line its AGM and Roundtable Meeting. This attracted favorable feedback.

## **V. CCICED Operation and Management**

Under the leadership of the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General, the CCICED Secretariat and its International Support Office as well as the Chief Advisors and its supporting expert team enjoyed a year of smooth operations in 2009. The routine operations and management of CCICED has become increasingly standardized.

### **Secretariat and its International Support Office**

Principal activities of the Secretariat and its International Support Office over the past year include but are not limited to the following:

- Coordinate and administrate of CCICED policy research work and provide active support and assistance during the establishment and operation of policy research task forces. The Secretariat took part in 37 task force meetings and activities in 2009 and provided on-going support during the development of each research project;

- The Secretariat maintained and strengthened communications with Chinese and International Council Members, adopted their suggestions on CCICED's work; shared with Members various of information in a timely fashion, invited Members to take part in CCICED events, and provided a range of services for Members during these activities;

- The Secretariat kept close contact with donors and cooperation partners, gradually expanded its network of partners at home and abroad, and strengthened its contacts with other government departments,

enterprises, and local governments.

- The Secretariat organized and convened such major events as the AGM and the Roundtable Meeting and has continuously sought to improve its organizational and administrative performance.
- The Secretariat has further enhanced and standardized the management of financial contributions from donors and provided financial support to policy research and other activities.
- The Secretariat held the CCICED Workshop on Gender Equality in Environment and Development to promote CCICED's gender strategy. It has also played an important role in facilitating women's participation in the implementation of CCICED projects and policy research.

### **Chief Advisors**

The Chinese and International Chief Advisors performed a very valuable role during the past year. Prominent among their many duties is to provide Secretary General with recommendations on the work of CCICED, including policy research. They have played a key role in the successful implementation of policy research and the operation of CCICED. The work of Chief Advisors and their supporting group includes but is not limited to the following:

- Play a key role of providing comprehensive comments and suggestions to Secretary General on the establishment of CCICED Task Forces and other policy research programs;
- Conducted quarterly Chief Advisors and Secretariat Joint Meetings and monthly Chinese Chief Advisor and its supporting team meetings, to closely coordinate their work with the Secretariat and to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the Council's Task Forces;
- Provide scientific guidance for and assistance to the research work of Task Forces and encourage effective communications among all task forces;
- Prepare draft CCICED Policy Recommendations and the Issues Paper to incorporate research findings for AGMs;
- Draft the Annual Report on the Review of China's Policy Development on Environment and Development, and track and assess the influence of CCICED policy recommendations.