



CCICED 2021 Roundtable and High-level Dialogue on International Cooperation for Ecology and Environment

Building a Community with a Shared Future for Humanity: Synergies between Pollution Control and Carbon Emission Reduction

Date: Thursday 3 June 2021 Venue: Wyndham Suzhou Fenhu

China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) has established its roundtable mechanism since 2008, which is held once a year to share the results of CCICED policy research with decision-makers at local governments, and discuss hot topics, challenges, and urgent issues on environment and development.

Achieving carbon dioxide emissions peak and carbon neutrality requires broad and profound changes in economic and social systems. The Yangtze River Delta is one of the most active, open, and innovative regions in China. It will play an important and demonstrative role in the new journey of achieving carbon dioxide emissions peak and carbon neutrality. To this end, the roundtable this year will have discussions around the theme “Building a Community with a Shared Future for Humanity: Synergies between Pollution Control and Carbon Emission Reduction”, including sharing CCICED research outcomes on climate governance, nature-based solutions, and others, as well as exchanging ideas with the local government on the following topics:

- Implementation of the new development concept, and coordinated governance of pollution control, carbon emissions reduction, and ecological improvement;
- Possible pathways and challenges in early peaking;
- Good practices in the Yangtze River Delta region in promoting ecological and environmental protection together with economic development.

Draft Agenda

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Morning Roundtable

09:00-09:45 Opening Session

Chaired by Mr. Guo Jing, CCICED Deputy Secretary General, Director General of Department of International Cooperation, MEE

Opening Remarks (5' each)

- Mr. Zhao Yingmin, CCICED Secretary General; Vice Minister, MEE
- Mr. Pan Xianzhang (TBC), Vice Governor Jiangsu Province
- Ms. Kristin Halvorsen, CCICED Vice Chairperson; Director, Center for International Climate and Environmental Research - Oslo (*video*)

Keynote Speech (10' each)

Green transition driven by market under the carbon neutrality target

• *Mr. Liu Shijin, CCICED Chinese Chief Advisor, Deputy Director of the Economic Committee, National Committee of the CPPCC*

Nature-based Solution as a way to tackle pollution and climate mitigation and adaptation

• *Mr. Scott Vaughan, CCICED International Chief Advisor, Former President and CEO of International Institute for Sustainable Development (online)*

Wujiang District explores its pathway to convert its advantages in ecology into impetus for high-quality development

• *Mr. Wang Guorong, Chief of Wujiang District, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province*

09:45-09:55 Comfort Break

09:55-11:20 Roundtable Discussion: Pathways and Challenges in Carbon Peaking in the Yangtze River Delta

Chaired by Mr. Li Yonghong, CCICED Assistant Secretary General, Deputy Director General of Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, MEE

Speakers (5' each)

- Mr. Juergen Voegelé, CCICED Member; Vice President for Sustainable Development at the World Bank (*online*)
- Mr. Hideki Minamikawa, CCICED Member; President, Japan Environmental Sanitation Center (*online*)
- Mr. Wim Geerts, Ambassador of the Netherlands to China
- Mr. Li Xiaojiang, Team Leader of CCICED SPS on Major Green Technology Innovation and Implementation Mechanisms; Former President, China Academy of Urban Planning and Design
- Mr. Zou Ji, CCICED Special Advisor, CEO & President of Energy Foundation China
- Mr. Zhang Jianyu, CCICED Special Advisor, Vice President of EDF
- Mr. Iskandar Abdullaev, CCICED Special Advisor; Deputy Director, Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute; Former Executive Director, The Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (*online*)
- Mr. Bai Guoqiang, Chief Engineer, Shanghai Ecology and Environment Bureau
- Mr. Lai Li, Director, Jiangsu Strategic and Development Research Center
- Mr. Chen Qi, Deputy Director, Zhejiang Ecological Environment and Low Carbon Development Center

Discussion

11:20-11:30 Summary

Scott Vaughan, Liu Shijin