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# China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development





## What is CCICED?

The China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) is a high-level research and advisory body. It brings together actors in sustainable development from around the globe, including government officials, researchers, experts, and leaders from non-governmental organizations and enterprises, to conduct **research, develop policy recommendations, and build bridges between China and the international community on environment and development issues.**

## How we work

CCICED produces a number of research reports every year. The key findings lead to policy recommendations submitted via China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment to the State Council (its equivalent of the Cabinet).

CCICED is a **platform for international cooperation** and exchange on sustainable development issues, linking global expertise with China's policy priorities. Over time, it has also grown into a platform for sharing Chinese expertise on issues—such as green technologies and the low-carbon transition—with international audiences.



## What makes us unique?

CCICED's unique appeal includes its direct channel to China's high-level decision-makers, its pooling of global expertise and experience, and its cross-cutting approach to complex environmental and development issues.



**Channel to high-level decision-makers**



**Pooling of global expertise**



**Cross-cutting approach**

## History

CCICED was founded in 1992 with the approval of the Chinese government as part of a broader effort to inform China's environmental and developmental policies with international expertise.

Across more than 3 decades, it has evolved into an international platform for Chinese and international actors to collaboratively address environmental and sustainability challenges.

Canada has been the leading international donor and partner since CCICED's inception. The European Union, Norway, Sweden, Germany, and the Netherlands are other long-running international donors.

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## Knowledge Products

### Task Forces

CCICED’s research projects are organized into four main task forces, covering the four core themes of the current 5-year research period (research “phases” in CCICED terminology). The task forces ensure the continuity, depth, direction, and strategic alignment of our research.

**The task forces for the current 5-year research phase, covering 2022–2026, are:**



**Innovation in Global Environmental Governance**



**Low-Carbon and Inclusive Transition**



**Sustainable Production and Consumption System**



**National Green Governance**

### Special Policy Studies

Guided by the task forces, CCICED conducts several research projects on specific environmental and sustainable development issues, called **Special Policy Studies (SPSs)**. Each SPS produces one full-length report each year. The findings of the SPSs form the basis of CCICED’s annual policy recommendations to China’s State Council. Every year, CCICED also produces shorter Scoping Studies and other papers and articles.

Each SPS team comprises Chinese and international experts from different backgrounds, enabling them to merge a wide range of perspectives, experiences, and insights.

### Policy Recommendations

Every year, CCICED submits a set of policy recommendations to China’s State Council through the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, based on key findings from the SPS and discussions at our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### Impact Report

China’s progress on environment and development and the integration of CCICED’s recommendations in China’s policies and practices are detailed in an annual **Impact Report**.



## Our current SPS topics are

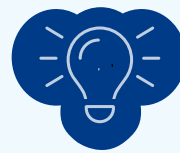
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**Energy  
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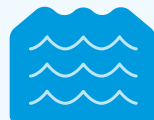
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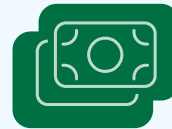
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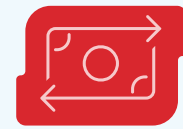
**Nature**



**Oceans**



**Green Finance**



**Circular Economy**

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### Issues Paper

To situate CCICED's work in the most relevant current environmental topics and trends, CCICED's International Chief Advisor publishes a so-called Issues Paper each year to guide the SPS teams' research and policy recommendations.

### Green Case Studies

To synthesize CCICED's growing record of Chinese and international case studies across a range of green transition projects and practices—initially collected by our SPS teams—since 2025, we also publish an annual case study report with policy and implementation guidance to support green transitions, especially in developing countries.

### Contributions from CCICED Community

Special reports and policy recommendations addressing urgent and strategically significant environmental and developmental issues can also be submitted by CCICED Council Members and Special Advisors.

### Gender

Gender mainstreaming across all our research and policy recommendations has been a core CCICED commitment since 2018. Each SPS team receives targeted guidance at project launch and key milestones—covering how to assess gender equality and integrate equity and diversity perspectives into their research.

## High-Level Task Force

The High-Level Task Force on China's Environment and Development Outlook is a strategic research initiative within CCICED, running until 2026.

Headed by **Xie Zhenhua**, China's former climate envoy, and **Achim Steiner**, the United Nations Development Programme's former administrator, both CCICED Vice Chairpersons, the Task Force brings together leading Chinese and international experts to review China's environmental and development progress over the last decades, assess trends and challenges, and **inform China's strategies for its 2035 and mid-century environmental targets.**



## Policy Impact

CCICED’s research and advice have supported environmental and development progress across China for over 30 years.



**China’s low-carbon transition.** CCICED has provided research and policy advice on China’s low-carbon transition for many years. China’s integration of its “dual carbon” goals—striving to reach peak carbon emissions before 2030 and carbon neutrality before 2060—across the government’s economic strategies, environmental strategies, and environmental regulations is well-aligned with our advice.



**Carbon market.** CCICED’s research and policy recommendations have been reflected in the design of China’s domestic carbon market (the world’s largest), including on market mechanisms, regulation and enforcement, total carbon emission control, and expanded sector coverage.



**Air pollution.** CCICED has provided research and policy advice on pollution control since 1994. Our recommendations on integrated air quality planning, regional coordination, and long-term strategies for phasing out fossil fuels may have informed several Chinese air pollution policies.



**Green consumption.** Since CCICED’s recommendation for China to adopt a comprehensive national strategy on green consumption, China has launched an overarching national strategy and targeted action plans on green consumption.



**Oceans.** China’s Sustainable Blue Economy strategy, anchored in the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021–2025) and expanding into 2026, is well-aligned with the recommendations of CCICED’s long-running SPS on Oceans. The SPS is now leading research on how China can deliver on the strategy and better integrate the blue economy into its dual carbon goals.



**Global biodiversity conservation.** In addition to its policy research on biodiversity conservation, CCICED convened a series of thematic activities in New York, Beijing, and Montreal, as well as official side events during the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP15), contributing to the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).



**Green overseas investment.** CCICED has provided regular policy advice to support China’s shift toward greening projects in the Belt and Road Initiative. In 2020, CCICED advocated that China stop investing in overseas coal. This was announced by the President of China in 2021.

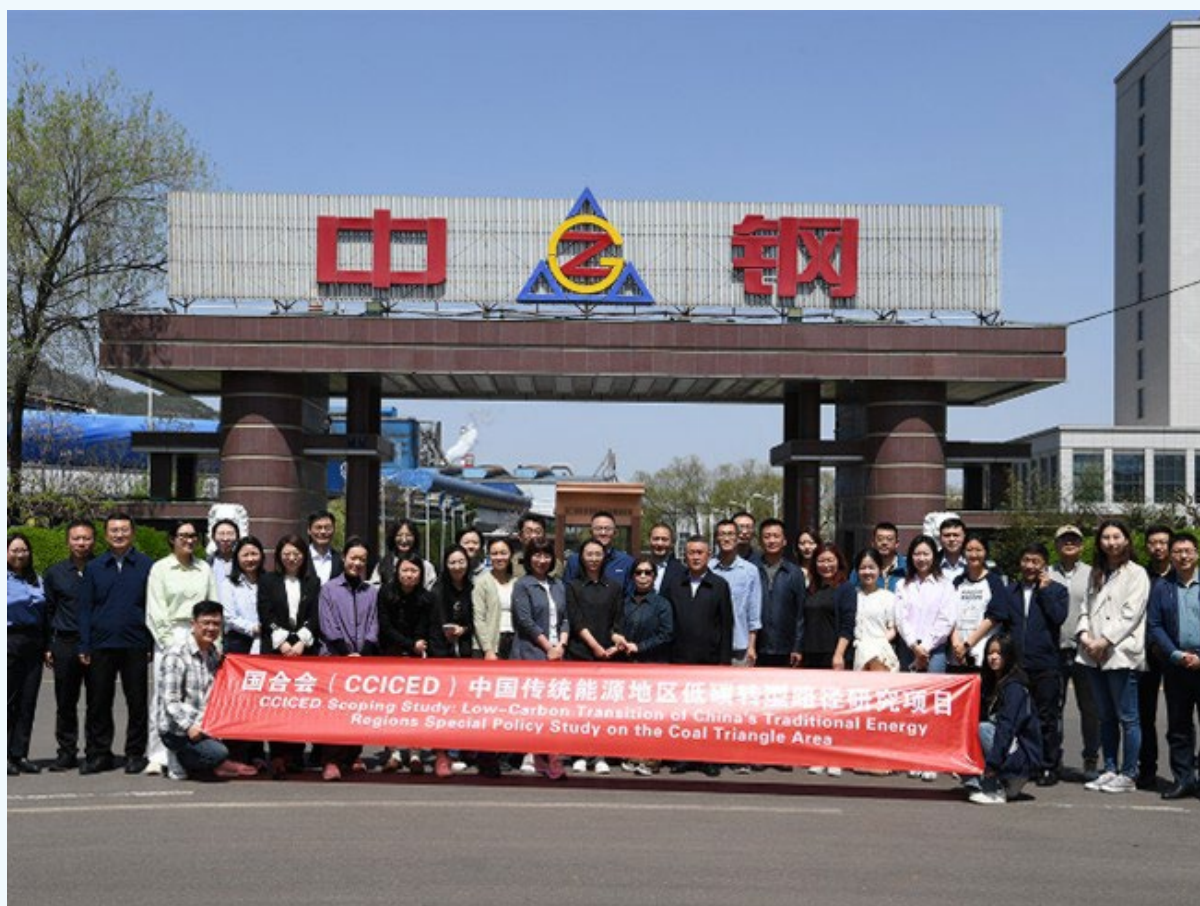
## Events

The **AGM**, held in China, is the CCICED's flagship annual event, where its leadership, chief advisors, members, invited experts, and partners from governments, international institutions, academia, civil society, and the private sector gather to review the year's research and discuss key issues. Based on the AGM discussions, CCICED finalizes its annual policy recommendations and submits them to China's State Council.

CCICED organizes an annual **Round Table**, usually hosted by a local authority, to discuss local environmental and developmental challenges and how CCICED can help address and support local green transitions.

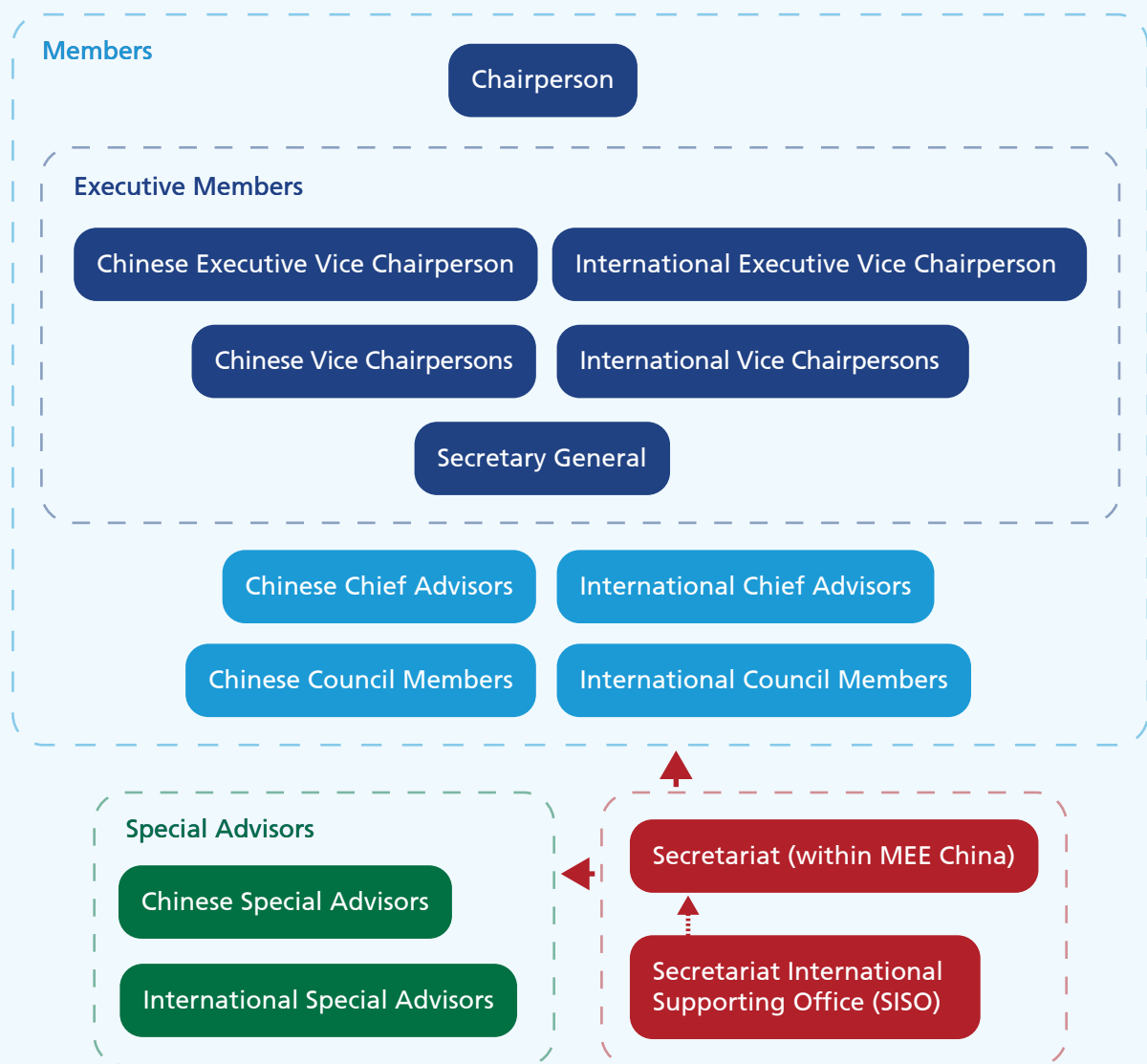
In addition, CCICED regularly hold side events at multilateral environmental

summits, such as the climate and biodiversity **Conferences of the Parties** and the **UN Ocean Conference**, while our SPS teams organize activities and site visits around the world.





# Organization



CCICED is currently composed of about 80 Chinese and International **Council Members**, including decision-makers from Chinese and international governments, leaders from international organizations and institutions, experts, scholars, and leaders from think tanks, civil society organizations, and the private sector. Additionally, around 40 **Special Advisors** drawn from these sectors support CCICED’s research and policy projects.

CCICED is overseen by its **Executive Members** and led by a **Secretary General**. CCICED’s **Chinese Chief Advisor** and **International Chief Advisor** advise the Secretary General and the research teams.

## Leadership



**DING Xuexiang**

Chairperson of CCICED and Vice Premier of the State Council of China



**HUANG Runqiu**

Executive Vice Chairperson of CCICED and Minister of Ecology and Environment of China



**Julie Aviva DABRUSIN**

Executive Vice Chairperson of CCICED and Canada's Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Nature



**XIE Zhenhua**

Vice Chairperson of CCICED and former Special Envoy for Climate Change of China



**ZHOU Shengxian**

Vice Chairperson of CCICED and former Minister of Environmental Protection of China



**Achim STEINER**

Vice Chairperson of CCICED and former Administrator of the UN Development Programme



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**Kristin HALVORSEN**

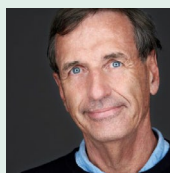
Vice Chairperson of CCICED and Director of the Center for International Climate Research



**LI Gao**

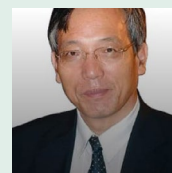
Secretary General of CCICED and Vice Minister of Ecology and Environment of China

## Chief Advisors



**Scott VAUGHAN**

International Chief Advisor of CCICED and Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Sustainable Development



**LIU Shijin**

Chinese Chief Advisor of CCICED and former Vice President at the Development Research Center of the State Council



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