



BRI GREEN REVIEW

Secretariat of BRI International Green Development Coalition



BRIGC Advisory Committee and Thematic Partnerships Coordination Meeting Was Held in Shenzhen

GREEN SILK ROAD NEWS

- Xi Met with Foreign Delegates Attending the 2019 New Economy Forum, Calling for Enhancing Innovative Cooperation in the Joint Construction of the Belt and Road Initiative.
- Chinese Premier Li Keqiang Attended the 22nd ASEAN Plus Three Summit, Advocating for Deeply Synergizing the Belt and Road Initiative and Regional Connectivity Initiatives.
- The Belt and Road Green Innovation Conference and CCICED Roundtable Meeting 2019 Was Held in Shenzhen.
- 2019 Hunan the Belt and Road Green Industry Development EXPO Was Held in Changsha.
- The International Seminar on Green Rules and Standards Connectivity under the Belt and Road Initiative Cooperation Was Held in Changsha, Hunan Province.
- Financial Institutions from China and UK Jointly Promote Green Investment on the Belt and Road.

COALITION UPDATES

- BRIGC Advisory Committee and Thematic Partnerships Coordination Meeting Was Held in Shenzhen.
- The Inception Meeting for Joint Research on Green Development Guidance for Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Projects Was Held in Beijing.

THEMATIC PROGRESS

- Progress of the Thematic Partnerships of Green Finance and Investment, South-South Environmental Cooperation and SDGs Capacity Building, Green Technology Innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility, Sustainable Transportation, as well as Global Climate Change Governance and Green Transformation.

Xi Met with Foreign Delegates Attending the 2019 New Economy Forum, Calling for Enhancing Innovative Cooperation in the Joint Construction of the Belt and Road Initiative

On November 22, 2019, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with foreign delegates attending the 2019 New Economy Forum at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Xi Jinping pointed out, innovation is a major theme of the current times. The world is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century along with the robust advance of a new round of technological revolution and industrial transformation. The common challenges facing humanity call for concerted efforts of all countries. The outcomes of innovations should benefit the whole world. Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former US Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, Minister of Tourism of Egypt Rania A. Al-Mashat, former Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Credit Suisse Tidjane Thiam and other foreign delegates all delivered their speeches in succession. They spoke highly of China's great development achievements and its important contributions to world peace and development, and underscored that all parties should strengthen innovation cooperation in various fields. They appreciated the Belt and Road Initiative put forward by President Xi Jinping and expressed the willingness to actively participate in the joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative.

(Source: Belt and Road Portal, XINHUANET)

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang Attended the 22nd ASEAN Plus Three Summit, Advocating for Deeply Synergizing the Belt and Road Initiative and Regional Connectivity Initiatives

On the morning of November 4, 2019 at local time, Li Keqiang, Premier of State Council attended the 22nd ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit in Bangkok, Thailand. In his speech, Li highlighted that China supports the issuing of APT Leaders' Statement on Connecting the Connectivities Initiative, and that China is ready to work with all parties to enhance the synergy between the BRI and other regional connectivity initiatives. Cooperation will be strengthened on constructing economic corridors, developing industrial parks, and improving institutional connectivity including that of market rules and standards. Leaders attending the Summit spoke highly of the outcomes achieved in facilitating regional economic and social development with APT cooperation, and welcomed the Statement of Connecting the Connectivities Initiative for advancing high-quality infrastructure development. The Summit adopted the ASEAN Plus Three Leaders' Statement on Connecting the Connectivities Initiative.

(Source: Belt and Road Portal, XINHUANET)

The Belt and Road Green Innovation Conference and CCICED Roundtable Meeting 2019 Was Held in Shenzhen

On December 3, 2019, the Belt and Road Green Innovation Conference and CCICED Roundtable Meeting 2019 opened up in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province. The event was hosted by Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO) of Ministry of Ecology and Environment, Shenzhen Ecology and Environment Bureau, and the People's Government of Longgang District, with the Belt and Road Environmental Technology Exchange and Transfer Center (Shenzhen) as the organizer and Shenzhen Environmental Protection Industrial Association as the co-organizer. More than 150 delegates from China, ASEAN member states, countries in South Asia and Africa attended the Conference. Zhao Yingmin, Vice Minister of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, Liu Qingsheng, Executive Vice Mayor of the People's Government of Shenzhen Municipality, Eric Solheim, CCICED Vice Chairperson and Convener of Advisory Committee of BRIGC, Liu Shijin, Chinese Chief Advisor of CCICED and Deputy Director of the Economic Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), and Scott Vaughan, International Chief Advisor of CCICED attended the opening ceremony.

Zhao Yingmin noted in his remarks that green innovation is the core driving force for high-quality development while the green Belt and Road development provides innovative solutions to challenges in the global sustainable development. It is hoped that CCICED and BRIGC can push forward the practical application and demonstration of green innovation.

At the opening ceremony, the BRI Environmental Big Data App was officially released; a series of cooperative agreements by the Belt and Road Environmental Technology Exchange and Transfer Center (Shenzhen) signed; and the BRI Environmental Technology Cooperation Consortium launched.

(Source: Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of Ministry of Ecology and Environment)



QR Code for Downloading BRI Environmental Big Data App (Middle)

2019 Hunan the Belt and Road Green Industry Development EXPO Was Held in Changsha

On December 6, the 2019 Hunan the Belt and Road Green Industry Development EXPO opened up in Changsha, Hunan Province. With the theme of "Green Development Brings a Healthy Life", the EXPO aims to forge an international platform for exchange, exhibit and cooperation on green development. Somsavat Lengsavad, former Deputy Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Zhuang Guotai, Vice Minister of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, and He Baoxiang, Vice Governor of the People's Government of Hunan Province addressed the opening ceremony.

Somsavat Lengsavad pointed out that enhancing the construction of ecological civilization and developing green industry is the trend of world development, as well as the inherent pursuit for development of every country. It was his hope to establish sustainable trade and investment partnership, perfect the mechanism for communication and cooperation, broaden bilateral cooperation on trade and achieve more pragmatic cooperation deliverables under the BRI framework.

Zhuang Guotai notes that China is ready to share experience in eco-environmental protection and green development with BRI participating countries, and strengthen technology and innovation cooperation, so as to promote green connectivity and communication.

More than 400 participants attended the opening ceremony, including delegates from relevant ministries of China, experts and scholars, representatives from research institutions, industry organizations, international chambers of commerce, officials from foreign embassies and consulates to China, and guests from international enterprises. Following the opening ceremony, the Forum on the Development of Green Industries was held. Chinese and foreign officials, experts and scholars, representatives from industries and chambers of commerce and leadership from business exchanged views and discussed over topics related to the development of green industries.

(Source:hunan.ifeng.com)

The International Seminar on Green Rules and Standards Connectivity under the Belt and Road Initiative Cooperation Was Held in Changsha, Hunan Province

On December 9, the International Seminar on Green Rules and Standards Connectivity under the Belt and Road Initiative Cooperation was held in Changsha, Hunan Province. The Seminar invited participants to discuss over issues of policy concepts of jointly building a green Belt and Road, investment and financing standards and capacity building. Wang Xiaolong, Director General, the Department of International Economic Affairs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Zhai Dongsheng, Director General of the Belt and Road Construction Promotion Center of National Development and Reform Commission, and Li Yonghong, Deputy Director General, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of Ministry of Ecology and Environment addressed the opening ceremony.

The Seminar was co-hosted by Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of Ministry of Ecology and Environment, Center for International Knowledge on Development and World Bank Group, and supported by the Belt and Road Construction Promotion Center of National Development and Reform Commission. More than 30 participants attended the seminar, including representatives from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Development and Reform Commission, the People's Government of Hunan Province among other government agencies, World Bank, China Development Bank, the Export-Import Bank of China, the People's Bank of China among other financial institutions, and Pakistan, Italy, Germany, Egypt and Kenya among other countries.

(Source: Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of Ministry of Ecology and Environment)



The International Seminar on Green Rules and Standards Connectivity under the Belt and Road Initiative Cooperation was held in Changsha, Hunan Province

Financial Institutions from China and UK Jointly Promote Green Investment on the Belt and Road

On December 12, the 2019 UK-China Green Finance Showcase was held in London with heated discussion on green investment on the Belt and Road from participants, who were experts and investors on green finance from China and UK.

Leila Pourarkin, Head of International Climate Fund of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy of UK proposed that it is particularly important to effectively guide projects and investments abide by green standards in the context of implementing the Belt and Road Initiative. Craig Davies, Head of Climate Resilience Investments at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development pointed out that investment on infrastructure should pay special attention to the sustainability aspects, making sure these projects could be run for long terms. In this regard, the Belt and Road projects provided valuable experience.

In November 2018, the Green Finance Committee (GFC) of the China Society for Finance and Banking and the City of London's Green Finance Initiative (GFI) jointly released Green Investment Principles, which proposed principle initiatives on green investment under the Belt and Road Initiative from the perspectives of strategy, operation and innovation. This set of principles provides reference for global financial institutions and business involved in investing the Belt and Road projects and could be adopted on a voluntary basis.

(Source: Belt and Road Portal, People.cn)

BRIGC Advisory Committee and Thematic Partnerships Coordination Meeting Was Held in Shenzhen

On December 3, 2019, the BRIGC Advisory Committee and Thematic Partnerships Coordination Meeting was held in Shenzhen. Zhao Yingmin, Convener of Advisory Committee of BRIGC, Vice Minister of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, and Eric Solheim, Convener of Advisory Committee of BRIGC, Advisor of World Resources Institute addressed the event. More than 60 delegates participated in the meeting, including Advisors of BRIGC Advisory Committee, as well as representatives of Lead Partners of Thematic Partnerships and BRIGC Partners. At the meeting, BRIGC Secretariat and 10 Thematic Partnerships reported the work progress in 2019 and work plan of 2020. Participants exchanged views and discussed over the future work of BRIGC and Thematic Partnerships. Suggestions and recommendations from Advisors and Partners were solicited and collected.

Participants expressed their recognition and appreciation to the work and outcomes of BRIGC since it was launched, and recommended to further enhance the Secretariat's coordination capacity in work planning and long-term planning. It was also suggested that the synergy among Thematic Partnerships should be enhanced to make concerted efforts.



Highlights of the Remarks



Promoting green and high-quality development on the Belt and Road has become the international consensus. The foundation of BRIGC responded to the shared pursuit of green and low-carbon development on the Belt and Road by the international community. Galvanized by the support and cooperation from Partners, since its launch, BRIGC achieved preliminary outcomes on perfecting its framework, enhancing capacity building, augmenting its influence and carrying out pragmatic cooperation. Three takeaways of suggestions for the future development of BRIGC: First, we need to explore a more effective mechanism on communication and exchange, to better collect and incorporate the insights from Advisors and Partners. Second, it is imperative to enhance capacity building of the Secretariat to provide better support to the Advisors and guarantee the effective function of BRIGC. Third, we need to further promote pilot projects on green development, and encourage and attract the active involvement of all parties in combination of implementing pilot projects and pilot country projects, so as to facilitate BRI participating countries to realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

—— Zhao Yingmin, Convener of the Advisory Committee of BRIGC,
Vice Minister of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China

The conservation of resources and protection of environment in the current world are faced with intense pressure. It is necessary to accelerate cooperation. First, we need to explore to forge wide partnerships, inviting more BRI participating countries, including interested European countries to participate BRIGC. Second, we need to promote our cooperation on a more pragmatic track, encouraging the active participation of banking industry and private business, and exhibiting and promoting China's green technologies. Third, we need to seize important international events and opportunities of all kinds in 2020 to provide China Green Solution that can be referred to and reproduced for other BRI participating countries.



—— Eric Solheim, Convener of the Advisory Committee of BRIGC,
CCICED Vice Chairperson, and Senior Advisor of WRI



We have entered the era of "Belt and Road 2.0", which requires us to seize the development opportunities of the Belt and Road and enhance development in the areas of nature, ecology and environmental protection. I suggest to form a complete set of framework and clear roadmap as early as possible, and clarify the future direction and priority tasks of building a green Belt and Road. BRIGC needs to strengthen the synergy with the strategy of other countries to better realize SDGs. It is important to emphasize the dual purposes of BRIGC in expediting environmental protection and development. The concept of ecological civilization proposed by China offers innovative solutions for global governance. Implementing the Belt and Road Initiative could introduce ecological civilization to more countries, enhance cooperation of all countries on ecological conservation and environmental protection and jointly build a clean and beautiful world.

—— Arthur Hanson, Advisor of the Advisory Committee of BRIGC, Special Advisor and
Former President of International Institute for Sustainable Development

Highlights of the Remarks



The Belt and Road Initiative is a multilateral initiative calling for cooperation. We gave full trust to the vitality of the principle of achieving shared growth through discussion and collaboration. In the future, BRIGC should develop wider partnership as soon as possible, invite more BRI participating countries and countries that are interested in the Belt and Road to join BRIGC, and listen to opinions and suggestions from all sides. Specially, we need to plan the work of BRIGC with priority given to the key activities in 2020.

—— Guo Jing, Director General of Department of International Cooperation,
Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China

The year of 2019 witnessed positive progress of BRIGC in policy exchange and dialogue, Thematic Partnership activities, policy research and pilot work, capacity building, as well as outreach and publicity work among other aspects. For the next step work, BRIGC should continue focusing on improving its influence, actions and innovation, designing and implementing Policy Dialogue for Green Development on the Belt and Road in 2020, side events of COP 15, and BRIGC Roundtable during the Sustainability Week of Singapore, etc. in order to contribute more wisdom to building a green Belt and Road.

—— Zhou Guomei, Deputy Director General of Foreign Environmental Cooperation
Center of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China



China Communications Construction Company has been dedicated to the construction of green infrastructure. Projects like Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway etc. embodied our value of ecological conservation and environmental protection. I suggested that enterprises incorporate green development as an important indicator for evaluation and assessment, and projects that failed to adopt adequate environment-friendly measures could be one-vote vetoed. It is necessary to establish complete criteria of green standards, and design a complete set of rules on green development, regulating the investment from enterprises from the institutional perspective. Second, it is important to mobilize consumers and people to get involved in ecological conservation and environmental protection, such as formulating price incentives to encourage and advocate green consumption and galvanize green production of business.

—— Wen Gang, Advisor of the Advisory Committee of BRIGC,
Vice President of China Communications Construction Company

The urgent call of global challenges in resource consumption, environment degradation and climate change requires joint efforts from all countries. Both Singapore and China stand steadfastly on multilateralism and are dedicated to building open and inclusive partnership. The Belt and Road Initiative involves a great number of countries and people, and it will play a vital role in the global sustainable development. Singapore is more than willing to support BRIGC host Roundtables among other important events during the Sustainability Week in July 2020, share Singapore's experience in building a Zero Waste nation and implementing SDGs and explore more possibilities of cooperation with BRIGC in the future.

—— Hazri Hassan, Representative of BRIGC Co-chair Masagos Zulkifli,
Director of International Policy Division, Ministry of the Environment and Water
Resources of Singapore



Highlights of the Remarks



BRIGC could serve as a significant platform of response to the concerns of the international community on the Belt and Road Initiative. I suggest that a dialogue mechanism be established with business and investors. Improve the degree of involvement of Chinese business, especially private companies and stakeholders in sectors of large-scale infrastructure and energy, and explore a win-win solution to decouple economic growth from environmental impact. We should take advantage of the “Green Light System” for BRI Projects, establish the internal forecasting and early-warning system on environmental risks, and circumvent the potential and negative impacts of projects on the society and environment. At last, it is imperative to enhance the connection among various Thematic Partnerships and give full play to their synergy. Lead Partners need to divert more attention on how to maximize the resources and capacities of Partners to expedite substantial progress realized with pragmatic work.

—— Jean-Paul Paddack, Representative of BRIGC Co-chair Marco Lambertini,
Director of Global Initiatives, WWF International

Environmental Defense Fund has been actively participating in BRIGC activities and endeavored to facilitate cooperation in the areas of climate change, environmental laws and regulations, carbon market and marine ecological civilization. I have two points for consultation. First, as there is close connection among the 10 Thematic Partnerships, it is imperative to enhance the synergy among different Thematic Partnerships and give full play to the Secretariat as the coordinator. Second, it is necessary to improve the capacity on outreach and publicity of BRIGC, closely following and immediately responding to hot issues on international resources and environment, and developing voices at significant international events.

—— Zhang Jianyu, International Liaison of the Advisory Committee,
Vice President of Environmental Defense Fund



BRIGC marks an important chance to exhibit the significance, urgency and necessity of multilateralism. It provides an important channel for all countries to enhance cooperation, facilitate green development on the Belt and Road and sustainable development. We need to value the project of “Green Light System” for BRI Projects, seize the historic opportunity of COP 15, explore the possibility of pilot projects on the traffic light system in BRI participating countries and showcase the balance between the goals of biodiversity conservation and large-scale spatial planning. Second, I would like to recommend to innovate the financing mechanism for biodiversity with reference to the financing mechanism on addressing climate change.

—— Scott Vaughan, International Chief Advisor of CCICED

Progress and Plan of Thematic Partnerships

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management

The 2019 work progress of this Thematic Partnership includes: establishing the platform of exchange on the Belt and Road and conservation of global biodiversity, carrying out research on major issues in national biodiversity and ecosystem, and forging a more inclusive partnership that covers a wider scope. 6 Lead Partners carried rich activities and research leveraging their own advantages, including organizing the workshop on business and biodiversity, China-ASEAN Workshop on Ecosystem Assessment and Management & BRIGC Workshop on Biodiversity and Ecosystem, and Regional Conservation Forum in Pakistan, promoting supply chain of sustainable palm oil, and carrying out research on key biodiversity regions and conservation strategies among the BRI participating countries.

For the next phase, this Thematic Partnership will carry out policy research on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, deepen policy dialogue, and actively promote the concept of ecological civilization and China’s successful experience in biodiversity conservation. Meanwhile, the coordination and communication across different organizations under this Thematic Partnership will be enhanced and improved.

Progress and Plan of Thematic Partnerships



Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

This Thematic Partnership realized prominent progress in facilitating the construction of Huzhou into the demonstration city for “ecology + electricity” in 2019. It screened out potential pilot projects, and endeavored to construct a modern urban energy system featuring prioritizing electricity, combining multiple energy sources and clean and efficient. This system provides demonstration and reference for other cities home and abroad in developing electricity and conserving the ecology.

Green Finance and Investment

This Thematic Partnership designed and developed the tool of Sustainable Asset Valuation (SAVi), carried out its application in Sri Lanka and released relevant reports. In August, September and November 2019, this Thematic Partnership held a number of meetings on green investment and expanded its partnership. For the next step work, it plans to develop tools and standards related to green investment by promoting green finance and investment of China and other countries, carry out trainings on green finance and investment, and facilitate the development of low-carbon economy and capacity building of BRI participating countries.

Improvement of Environmental Quality and Green Cities

The thematic partnership set the Green and Sustainable City Forum as the annual conference, and established a communication mechanism with the meeting of the three Lead Partners, i.e. Chinese Academy of Environmental Planning, Belt and Road Environmental Technology Exchange and Transfer Center (Shenzhen) and World Resources Institute. Since April 2019, it organized 5 liaison meetings, held the Seminar on Addressing Climate Change in Cities along the Belt and Road, the International Symposium on Environmental Planning for the 14th Five-Year, etc., released the cooperation framework for this Thematic Partnership, and actively strengthened outreach activities, publicity and capacity building. It is planned to host the City Forum –Meeting of Cities along the Belt and Road, Green and Sustainable City Forum, and the Cooperation Forum of Shenzhen and Guilin in 2020.

South-South Environmental Cooperation and SDGs Capacity Building

Aiming to enhance South-South cooperation, improve environmental governance and facilitate the realizations of SDGs in BRI participating countries, this Thematic Partnership carries out policy study, case analysis and capacity building. In the future it will strengthen coordination with other Thematic Partnerships, organize dialogue during important events such as Sustainable Development Forum, sharing cases on South-South cooperation and exploring pilot projects and mobilizing efforts from all stakeholders.

Green Technology Innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility

Since the launch of this Thematic Partnership, it actively attracted the wide participation of enterprises, carried out project research on zero waste cities, aiming to apply the PPP model based on the concepts of environmental protection and ecosystem to build a green Belt and Road. This Thematic Partnership put forward with the Program of 50L Home during the 2019 World Economic Forum and planned its preliminary implementation in Xiong'an. It proactively carried out research and promotion of green PPP, and intended to establish the Belt and Road Research and Promotion Center on Green PPP. With the support of the Green Technology Innovation and Research Institute as well as the Zero-Waste City Research Institute under China Everbright International, it will further carry out research and pursue deep fusion with the endeavor of building a green Belt and Road.

Progress and Plan of Thematic Partnerships



Sustainable Transportation

This Thematic Partnership carried out relevant activities during World Transport Convention in May 2019, organized field research in the second half of 2019, held Thematic Partnership Workshop and released documents such as Briefing on Sustainable Transportation and Work Mechanism of the Thematic Partnership of Sustainable Transportation. It planned to organize seminars during the Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference to be held in May 2020, enhance publicity of this Thematic Partnership and strengthen correspondence with Partners.

Global Climate Change Governance and Green Transformation

This Thematic Partnership aims to incorporate the concept of addressing climate change and green transformation into building green Belt and Road. Centering on this purpose, this Thematic Partnership strengthened communication, dialogue and exchange with BRI participating countries, facilitated cooperation on global climate governance and green transformation and carried out research and capacity building. In 2019, it hosted side events during UN Climate Change Conference COP 25 in December and kicked off research on carbon pricing, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the investment demand on green transformation. In 2020, it will continue its work in policy dialogue, cooperative research and capacity building.

Environmental Laws, Regulations and Standards

In 2019, Lead Partners of this Thematic Partnership carried out comparison and analysis of laws, regulations and standards, as well as seminars on environmental governance and enforcement among other capacity buildings based on their own work, in a bid to introduce China's experience in environmental enforcement. In 2020, this Thematic Partnership will continue to carry out cooperation leveraging its own advantages, facilitate capacity building and thematic research, and actively participate in the BRIGC project of "Green Light System" for BRI Projects.

Maritime Community with A Shared Future and Marine Environment Governance

Priority areas of this Thematic Partnership include: promoting regional marine environmental protection and governance, enhancing cooperation on climate change mitigation in marine-related areas, promoting regional marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable management as well as the utilization of biological resources, and facilitating high-level dialogue in the marine area. In 2020, this Thematic Partnership will focus on research in fishery, and plans to organize side events during 2020 World Conservation Congress and UN Ocean Conference among other important international meetings to augment the influence of this Thematic Partnership.

Meeting materials download link: <https://pan.baidu.com/s/1xteCp0wMZj1aZTehexEVIA>, pin code: 1o75



The Inception Meeting for Joint Research on Green Development Guidance for Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Projects Was Held in Beijing

The Inception Meeting for Joint Research on “Green Development Guidance for Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Projects” was held in Beijing on December 10, 2019. Eric Solheim, Convener of Advisory Committee of BRIGC, Advisor of World Resources Institute, and Guo Jing, Director General of Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China addressed the meeting. The meeting attracted the attendance of more than 40 delegates from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, National Development and Reform Commission of China, Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea of Italy, Norwegian Embassy to China, United Nations Development Programme, Policy Research Bureau of China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission, Silk Road Fund, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, ClientEarth, Environmental Defense Fund, and World Resources Institute, etc.

The Meeting officially launched the Joint Research on “Green Development Guidance for Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Projects”, also known as the “Green Light” System. It is hoped the system will provide guidance on the assessment and classification of BRI projects from the perspective of preventing ecological and environmental risks, in order to support decision making on green development.

Guo Jing highlighted that there should be 3 points to be addressed with priority. The first one is how to assess the ecological and environmental risks of BRI projects. The second one is how to prioritize the BRI projects to be financed from the perspective of preventing ecological and environmental risks. The third one is whether it is feasible to screen out specific areas of projects.

Eric Solheim proposed 5 suggestions. First, this research should adopt a positive perspective and promote the green development of projects while guaranteeing economic growth. Second, this research project should learn from global best practices and standards. Third, this research should be deeply rooted in China, and encourage the participation of China’s stakeholders. Fourth, the deliverables and outcomes should be precise and concise for the benefit of efficiency in using this tool. Fifth, the research should address major environment challenges, including pollution, climate change and the conservation of biodiversity.

At the meeting, participants recognized the importance of this research on jointly building a green Belt and Road, and expressed willingness of active involvement to contribute wisdom and experience.



Green Finance and Investment

New Signatories and Supporting Institutions Joined Green Investment Principles in Paris



On November 28, 2019, China Green Finance Committee for Finance and Banking (GFC) and Finance for Tomorrow (F4T) co-hosted the 2nd China-France Green Finance Conference and the signing ceremony for Green Investment Principles (GIP) for newly joined signatories in Paris, France, as an event supported by the Thematic Partnership (TP) of Green Finance and Investment. Société Générale, BNP Paribas, Commerzbank, BMCE (The Moroccan Bank of Foreign Commerce) and Refinitiv attended the signing ceremony and became official signatories or supporting institutions to GIP. As the end of November 2019, GIP has 35 official signatories and 10 supporting institutions.

(Source: Thematic Partnership of Green Finance and Investment)

The Report on the Results of the Sustainable Asset Valuation (SAVi) Applied to Sri Lanka Was Released

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the international Lead Partner of the Thematic Partnership of Green Finance and Investment successfully completed the SAVi (short for Sustainable Asset Valuation) assessment in Sri Lanka, and published the report. The assessment quantifies the economic value of investing in different ecological restoration options for the South-West Beira Lake in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The report presents the results of the review of the effectiveness of restoration options and an integrated cost-benefit analysis. This analysis includes a valuation of water-quality impacts on property values and an estimation of the enhanced recreational value of a restored lake.

Next, IISD will develop SAVi assessments for energy and mining projects in South Africa. The assessment will include a comparison of various energy technologies, and will look at the impact and financial viability of the interventions that aim to mitigate the impact of the mining activity in the area.

IISD also developed a publicly assessable demo simulator for a brief “snapshot” of what SAVi can do. The simulator shows how different project costs, externalities and risks can affect a project’s financial performance. The demo is built on insight and data from ongoing and recently completed infrastructure projects.

(Source: Thematic Partnership of Green Finance and Investment)

Capacity Building on Solid Waste Management and Resource Recycling under the Green Silk Road Envoys Program Was Organized in Guangdong Province

The Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of Ministry of Ecology and Environment (FECO) organized the Belt and Road Workshop on Capacity Building of Solid Waste Management and Resources Recycling during December 2-5, 2019 in Guangdong Province, as a bid to implement the Green Silk Road Envoys Program and support the construction of green Belt and Road. More than 100 delegates attended the meeting, including representatives from ecological and environmental authorities of Guangdong Province and Shenzhen Municipality, organizations and associations on solid waste management and resources recycling, environmental authorities from South Korea, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore and Thailand, as well as business, industrial parks and research institutions from China and foreign countries.

At the meeting, representatives from South Korea, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore and Thailand shared their policies, practices and challenges confronted in solid waste management. The Chinese representatives shared the policy and regulation updates, industry trend, and technological innovation of China on solid waste management and recycling of secondary metal, as well as outlook for international cooperation. All parties jointly discussed potential cooperation opportunities and approaches. During this event, participants attended the opening ceremony of the Belt and Road Green Innovation Conference, and undertook field trip to the sites for disposal and treatment of hazardous waste and business in recycling plastics and metals in Guangdong Province.



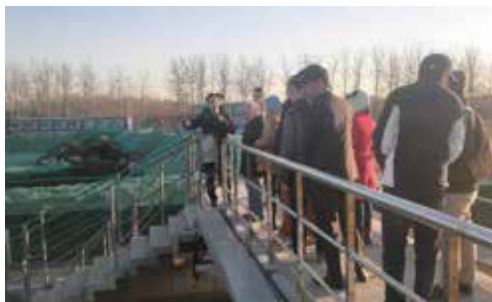
As one of the series of activities of Green Silk Road Envoys Program, this workshop expedited policy communication between China and BRI participating countries in the area of resources recycling, shared outcomes and experience of different countries in solid waste management, and exchanged information on the demand for cooperation on technologies and industries in related areas. It provided a platform of exchange and dialogue among the environmental and industrial authorities of China and BRI participating countries with the business, and provided effective support for strengthening cooperation on green industries under BRI and improving regional green development capacities.

(Source: Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China)

Capacity Building Workshop on Environmental Laws and Standards for Greening BRI under the Green Silk Road Envoys Program Was Held in Beijing

During December 10-12, 2019, FECO hosted the Capacity Building Workshop on Environmental Laws and Standards for Greening BRI in Beijing. The workshop aims to introduce China's achievements in establishing the management system for ecological and environmental standards, promote policy communication in the field of ecological and environmental protection, and enhance the construction of green Belt and Road. A total of 15 representatives participated in the workshop, consisting of government officials, experts and scholars from BRI participating countries, including Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Ethiopia, and Pakistan.

South-South Environmental Cooperation and SDGs Capacity Building



This workshop invited experts from Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, and China Ecological Civilization Research and Promotion Association, etc. to give lectures. The workshop systematically introduced the concept of ecological civilization and practices of China, the development of China's legal system and the framework of China standards on ecology and environment. In addition, the workshop organized field trips to Beijing Jingyu Environmental Protection Company (Sewage Treatment Plant in Shunyi District of Beijing) and China National Environmental Monitoring Center. Participants learned about China's experience and practices in the pollutant discharge standards of key industries and the standards for environmental monitoring methods. Participants from 10 countries also shared the ecological and environmental standards of their countries.

(Source: Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China)

Green Technology Innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility

The Second Workshop of LEEP Xiong'an Project Was Held

On November 13, 2019, as an event under the Thematic Partnership of Green Technology Innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility of BRIGC, the Second Workshop of Low Emissions Economy Partnership (LEEP) Xiong'an Project was held in Xiong'an New Area. The workshop involved more than 40 representatives from the Bureau of Reform and Development and the Bureau of Planning and Construction of Xiong'an New Area, China Xiong'an Group, City Development Company of China Xiongan Group, Ecological Construction Company of China Xiongan Group, Infrastructure Construction Company of China Xiongan Group, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), China Business Council for Sustainable Development (CBCSD), Sinopec, State Power Investment Corporation (SPIC), BP China, P&G, Suez, Arcadis, and Baker McKenzie, etc. Participants presented and discussed on the approaches of promoting sustainable development of Xiong'an New Area in the areas of energy, water and finance.

The LEEP Xiong'an Project includes 3 parts, i.e. the program of 50L Home, the program of promoting low-carbon energy supply and the model of sustainable financing. It aims to showcase innovative technologies, such as sustainable water consumption of household and urban energy use via zero-carbon energy supply, and promote the adoption of green and innovative technologies in BRI participating countries.

(Source: Thematic Partnership of Green Technology Innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility)

The Fourth China PPP Forum Was Held in Beijing

On November 16, 2019, the Fourth China PPP Forum was held in Beijing. The Forum focused on Green PPP and Regional Sustainable Development, aiming to promote the application of PPP in ecological conservation and environmental governance among other areas of green development, and accelerate regional coordinated and sustainable development. Professor Wang Tianyi, Advisor of the BRI International Green Development Coalition, President of Everbright International and Director of the Center for PPP of Tsinghua University was invited to deliver a keynote speech. Gao Gao, Deputy Secretary Generals of National Development and Reform Commission, Peng Gang, Vice President of Tsinghua University, and Geoffrey Hamilton, Head of the Cooperation and Trade Division of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) attended the Forum. Participants to the Forum approximated 400, including Chinese and international experts and scholars.

(Source: Green Technology Innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility)

Sustainable Transportation

The Smart Cities and Green Mobility High-End Forum and Transport Forum for Young Scientists from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau Was Held

On December 4, 2019, the Thematic Partnership of Sustainable Transportation and the Commission of Sustainable Transport of the Belt and Road International Transport Alliance co-hosted the Smart Cities and Green Mobility High-end Forum and Transport Forum for Young Scientists from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau in Shenzhen, Guangdong. With the theme of “Promoting Automation, Electricity-Powered and Sharing, to Construct Green Transport Ecology Featuring Safety and Efficiency”, the Forum aims to further promote green transport and enhance cooperation and exchange of all parties to jointly advance green and smart transportation. The Forum organized 8 academic lectures. Special guests and leadership from the Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China Highway and Transportation Society, Hong Kong Institution of Highways and Transportation, Guangdong Provincial Highway Society, Smart City Alliance Association of Macau, and the Transport Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality among other agencies and organizations. As the subforum of the Belt and Road Green Innovation Conference, this Forum provided a platform for sharing and exchange in facilitating the transformation and upgrading of traditional industries and learning from domestic and international experience.

(Source: Thematic Partnership of Sustainable Transportation)



The Smart Cities and Green Mobility High-End Forum and Transport Forum for Young Scientists from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau was held in Shenzhen

Global Climate Change Governance and Green Transformation

Coordination Meeting of the Global Climate Change Governance and Green Transformation Thematic Partnership Was Held

In December 2019, the Partners of the Thematic Partnership on Global Climate Change Governance and Green Transformation met in Madrid during UNFCCC COP 25, and further discussed 2020 work-plan and priorities.

(Source: Thematic Partnership of Global Climate Change Governance and Green Transformation)



About Us

The BRI International Green Development Coalition is jointly initiated by Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China and international partners. The ever-growing needs on implementing UN 2030 SDGs and the need to make progress towards the Paris Agreement targets for the BRI participating countries require the cooperation among governments, local and international development agencies, think tanks, private sectors, civil societies and other stakeholders to maximize the concerted effort on green development.

The main goal is to promote international consensus, understanding, cooperation and concredited actions to realize green development on the Belt and Road, to integrate sustainable development into the BRI through joint efforts and to facilitate BRI participating countries to realize SDGs related to environment and development. Government departments, local and international organizations, think tanks, private sectors, civil society organizations and other related stakeholders that endorses the mission of BRIGC are welcome to join as Partners.

For More Information

<http://eng.greenbr.org.cn/icfgd/>

Contact Us

Contacts: Liu Kan (Secretariat)
brigc@fecomee.org.cn
brigcsecretariat@163.com
Zhang Jianyu (Advisory Committee)
jyzhang@cet.net.cn

Fax: +86-10-82200577