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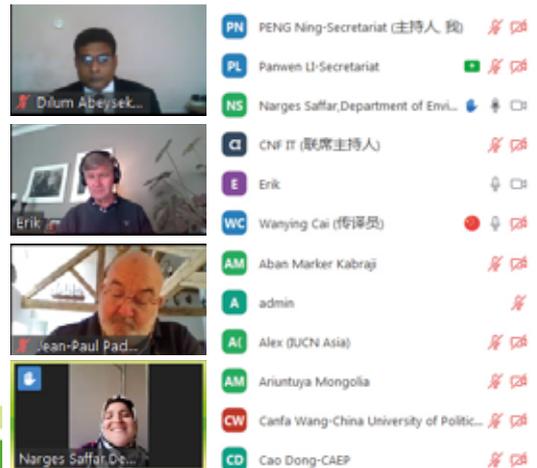


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President Xi Jinping Attended the G20 Extraordinary Virtual Leaders' Summit on COVID-19 and Gave a Speech Titled "Working Together to Defeat the COVID-19 Outbreak"

On March 26, 2020, leaders of the Group of 20 (G20) convened an Extraordinary Virtual Leaders' Summit to coordinate multilateral response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the first time for G20 to hold a summit online in its history. Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the Summit and gave a speech titled "Working Together to Defeat the COVID-19 Outbreak", to present the Chinese solution for global pandemic. Xi stressed that at such a moment, it is imperative for the international community to strengthen confidence, act with unity and work together in a collective response. We must comprehensively step up international cooperation and foster greater synergy so that humanity as one could win the battle against such a major infectious disease.

To comprehensively step up international cooperation, President Xi put forth four proposals: **First, we need to be resolute in fighting an all-out global war against the COVID-19 outbreak.** Guided by the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, China will be more than ready to share our good practices, conduct joint research and development of drugs and vaccines, and provide assistance where we can to countries hit by the growing outbreak. **Second, we need to make a collective response for control and treatment at the international level.** This is a virus that respects no borders. The outbreak we are battling is our common enemy. All must work together to build a strongest global network of control and treatment that the world has ever seen. **Third, we need to support international organizations in playing their active roles.** China supports WHO in leading the global efforts to develop science-based and proper control and treatment and minimize cross-border spread. China will be happy to join other countries and scale up support for relevant international and regional organizations. **Fourth, we need to enhance international macro-economic policy coordination.** The outbreak has disrupted production and demand across the globe. Countries need to leverage and coordinate their macro policies to counteract the negative impact and prevent the world economy from falling into recession. China will continue to advance reform and opening-up, widen market access, improve the business environment, and expand imports and outbound investment to contribute to a stable world economy.

(Source: XINHUANET)

UN Secretary-General Acclaims Chinese People Are Making Efforts for Humanity



United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres noted that the Chinese people implemented stringent measures of prevention and control to minimize the negative impact of epidemic COVID-19 and made efforts for humanity with sacrificing many aspects of their normal lives, on February 24, 2020, in Geneva, Switzerland. The UN Chief expressed his gratitude to all of the people currently living in China and the people who could not live their normal lives. Chinese people made tremendous sacrifice to prevent the virus from further spreading, he said, "they are making efforts for humanity."

(Source: XINHUANET)

WHO-China Joint Mission on COVID-19 Praised China's Achievement Measures to Prevent and Contain the Epidemic: China's Counterattack Can Be Replicated and Other Countries Don't Have to Start from Ground Zero

Bruce Aylward, an epidemiologist who heads the WHO mission team in the WHO-China Joint Mission on COVID-19, spoke at a press briefing in Geneva, Switzerland, on February 25, 2020. He briefed the situation of the Mission. Aylward noted that his team confirmed that China applied a rigorous approach that successfully reduced new cases. The measures to prevent and contain COVID-19 undertaken by China averted the course of the epidemic, constructed the first line of defenses to further prevent the international spread of the epidemic, and protected thousands of Chinese from getting infected by COVID-19.

Aylward stressed that China has rolled out "the most ambitious, agile and aggressive disease containment efforts in history," which achieved prominent achievements in mitigating the epidemic outbreak and blocking the spread of the virus among people. The world witnessed the unswerving determination of the Chinese government to win the fight against the epidemic, the solidarity of Chinese people and the advantages of Chinese solutions. Aylward noted, by far, the new cases and epidemic risks in China are declining, while the world needs China's expertise and successful experience in preventing and containing the epidemic more than ever. "It's so important that we recognize the people of Wuhan. It is recognized that the world is in your debt. When this disease finishes, hopefully, we'll have the chance to thank the people of Wuhan for the role that they played. In terms of preventing and controlling the epidemic, China sets a standard for the world. With China's experience, other countries don't have to start from ground zero." Aylward added.

(Source: People.cn, Global Times)

BRIGC Co-Chair, President and CEO of World Resources Institute Andrew Steer Appreciate China's Efforts on International Cooperation Against COVID-19 in His Letter to President Xi Jinping

On March 16, 2020, BRIGC Co-Chair, President and CEO of World Resources Institute Andrew Steer sent a letter to Chinese President Xi Jinping, appreciating China's efforts on international cooperation against COVID-19. In the letter, he stressed that China has taken comprehensive measures to effectively control the spread of the epidemic, these decisive moves, together with the self-sacrificing courage of medical workers and the resilience of ordinary Chinese citizens, have led to a positive containment of the outbreak.

Additionally, the greenhouse gases, environmental pollutants and wild species know no boundaries just like the virus, and is a common crisis and challenge for all mankind. 2020 is a foundational year for putting the world on a more sustainable trajectory. As the host Country of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, China will play an integral role in defining a new set of biodiversity targets. Meanwhile, China is formulating the 14th Five-Year Plan focusing on high-quality, green development, which will set a new course for sustainability. He looks forward to China's continued leadership role on climate change as countries raise their ambition under the Paris Climate agreement.

WRI looks forward to continuing their ongoing work in China to build up healthy and sustainable cities, cut GHG emissions, improve health food system and make a greener BRI, contributing to the sustainability of our shared globe.

(Source: World Resources Institute)

The Ministry of Ecology and Environment Waged All-out Efforts to Safely Treat National Medical Wastes, Safeguarding the National Fight Against COVID-19

Since the outbreak of coronavirus disease, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) prioritized the environmental protection work related to preventing and controlling the epidemic, promulgated policies on medical wastes, medical wastewater, emergency monitoring and emergency service safeguard on EIA and nuclear radiation, etc. to proactively facilitate environmental governance work on the safe treatment of COVID-19 medical wastes and spare no efforts in supporting the fight against the epidemic.

On January 21, 2020, MEE released the Circulation on Enhancing the Environmental Governance of Medical Wastes from the Pneumonia Epidemic Caused by the Novel Coronavirus, and organized the compilation of Questions and Answers on the Emergency Treatment of Medical Wastes with Domestic Waste Incineration Facilities, to guide local governments to treat medical wastes from coronavirus diseases in a timely, organized, efficient and harmless way.

In this meantime, the national capacity of treating medical wastes has been improved by 23%. The volume of medical wastes in Wuhan increased to 240 tons/day at maximum from around 40 tons/day at the usual time. MEE guided and helped Hubei Provincial Government and Wuhan Municipality to adopt measures to rapidly augment their treatment capacities, respectively improved by 2.7 times and 4.3 times. This measure guaranteed the timely disposal of medical wastes and provided unreserved support to win the fight of preventing and containing the epidemic.

(Source: Ministry of Ecology and Environment)

Wuhan Environmental Firm Donates Goods to Iran for Virus Fight

An environmental company from Hubei provincial capital Wuhan, the hardest hit city by COVID-19 in China, has donated 5.5 million yuan (\$776,616) of goods to Iran to help its battle against the novel coronavirus outbreak. Donated by Hubei Zhongyou Youyi Environmental Protection Co, the goods include 400,000 medical face masks and a mobile medical waste disposal facility with a daily disposing capacity of 10 metric tons.

With the help of the Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, the donations have been shifted to Iran's embassy in Beijing and left for the country following a ceremony in Beijing on March 31, 2020. Representative of the company handed over the medical face masks to Mohammad Keshavarzzadeh, Iranian Ambassador to China.

Ambassador Keshavarzzadeh highly recognized the Chinese Government's achievements in promoting ecological civilization and strengthening environmental protection, especially the air pollution control in Beijing in the past few years. He expressed the willingness to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental protection, continuously deepen and expand cooperation areas, and improve the quality of Iran's ecological environment.

Ambassador Keshavarzzadeh also expressed gratitude to China for the donation and emphasized that the donated medical waste treatment equipment will provide important support for medical waste disposal in Iran during the outbreak.

(Source: China Daily)



Report: Sustainability Is Key to the Future of China's BRI, Five Areas with the Most Potential

In March 2020, an influential report produced by the Economist Corporate Network in cooperation with Baker McKenzie, found that when sustainability was raised to the top of the BRI agenda there was a greater pool of finance available, increased political support from China and more receptive third party countries. The research concluded that there are five key areas with the highest potential for growth and private sector participation under the BRI in the 2020s: transport, telecommunications, utilities, digital infrastructure and renewables and clean energy. All can be viewed through a sustainability lens, with clean and renewable energy the most obvious area. And all are areas that will be able to attract a growing pool of sustainable finance sources.

According to the report, lenders and investors who fund infrastructure projects along the BRI are now rapidly reaching a consensus that green finance should be prioritised, and over the past year, Green Finance Committee of China Society for Finance and Banking (GFC) in cooperation with the City of London Corporation's Green Finance Initiative launched the Green Investment Principles (GIP) for the Belt and Road. This set of voluntary principles calls for lenders, investors and corporates that invest and operate along the BRI to ensure their projects are aligned with the requirements of environmental sustainability and the United Nations Paris Agreement.

The research also found the potential for influencing emerging market nations to focus on sustainable development was high, with Africa, Latin America and Central & Eastern Europe all fast developing major BRI project pipelines. Many African nations, for example, are attempting to reduce their over-dependence on natural resources to boost economic growth.

It is absolutely inevitable that environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) and sustainability will become increasingly important in BRI projects. With China now being a leading voice driving this issue of sustainable finance, we can expect it to be a major area of focus for BRI activities.

Report download link: <https://www.bakermckenzie.com/en/aboutus>

(Source: Belt and Road Portal)

China to Establish Modern Environmental Governance System, Enterprises Encouraged to Participate in Greening the BRI

On March 3, 2020, the General Office of the Communist Party of China and General Office of the State Council released the Guideline on Constructing a Modern Environmental Governance System (referred to as "Guideline"), which proposed to encourage enterprises to participate in the construction of green Belt and Road and lead in "going global" of advanced environmental technologies, equipment, and capacities. According to the Guideline, it is imperative to uphold the concept of green development, enhance the leading role of government and the principal role of business, mobilize wide participation of social organizations and the public, and realize the constructive interactions between government governance and social adjustment as well as business treatment. It is important to improve mechanisms and systems, enhance treatment from source, and form work synergy to provide powerful institutional safeguards for promoting fundamental improvement of the ecological environment, constructing ecological civilization and building a beautiful China.

The Guideline prescribed that by 2025 a series of sound systems on environmental governance should have been established, including the leadership accountability system, business accountability system, nationwide campaign system, supervision and monitoring system, market system, credit system, as well as the system of laws, regulations, and policies, to specify all sorts of principal responsibilities, improve the initiative of market entities and the public, and formulate an environmental governance system featuring clear guidance, scientific decision making, vigorous enforcement, effective motivation, involvement of multiple stakeholder and constructive interactions.

The Guideline stressed the importance of perfecting laws and regulations. It is important to enact and revise laws and regulations on the prevention and control of solid wastes, the protection of the Yangtze River, marine environment protection, ecological and environmental monitoring, EIA, clean production, and circular economy, etc. It encourages local governments with favorable conditions to legislate on environmental governance ahead of the national legislation, and highlights rigorous enforcement to crack down actions and behaviors that brought severe damages to the ecological environment.

(Source: XINHUANET)

Nation Comprehensively Bans Illegal Trade of Wildlife, Explores to Incorporate the Enforcement of Wildlife Protection Laws and Regulations into Central Ecological and Environmental Inspection

On February 3, 2020, the State Administration for Market Regulation, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the Ministry of Public Security and 6 other Ministries, Commissions and Bureaus collaboratively implemented the special enforcement mission to fight illegal trade of wildlife, rigorously investigating and punishing behaviors of selling, purchasing, utilizing, transporting, carrying or mailing wild animals and relevant products.

On February 24, the 16th Session of Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress adopted the *Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress to Comprehensively Prohibit the Illegal Trade of Wild Animals, Break the Bad Habit of Excessive Consumption of Wild Animals, and Effectively Secure the Life and Health of the People*. The Decision focuses on the prominent issue of excessive consumption of wild animals, aiming to comprehensively prohibit the eating of wild animals and crackdown illegal trade of wild animals before the revision of the Wildlife Protection Law, to provide forceful legislature safeguard for maintaining public health safety and ecological security, guarantee healthy lives and safety of the people, enhance the construction of ecological civilization and promote the harmonious co-existence of human beings and nature.

At the press conference of Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) on March 10, it was noted that regarding the protection of wild animals, MEE will actively cooperate to facilitate the revision of Wildlife Protection Law and the Directory of Wildlife under National Key Protection to provide vigorous legal guarantee for strengthening the conservation of wildlife. Meanwhile, the enforcement of laws and regulations on wildlife protection will be incorporated in the central ecological and environmental inspection, so as to urge local governments to face up to their responsibilities as the primary entity of wildlife protection. MEE will organize evaluations on the performance of protecting wildlife based on the China Biodiversity Red List to strengthen the external monitoring functions.

The Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in China. The theme of COP 15 is "Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth". Taking this opportunity, MEE will guide the public to practice on Regulations on the Ecological and Environmental Behaviors of Citizens (referred to as Citizen 10) to enhance the motivation and awareness of the public to protect wildlife.

MEE has organized the formulation of the Strategy and Action Plan of China in Conserving Biodiversity (2011-2030), worked along with Chinese Academy of Sciences to come up with and release China Biodiversity Red List, organized surveys on invasive alien species (IAS) in national natural reserves and preliminarily built the IAS database in China, and proactively facilitated the legislation and survey on biological genetic resources with cooperating and supporting relevant departments to implement the special enforcement action on fighting illegal wildlife trade.

(Source: People's Daily, Ministry of Ecology and Environment)

Everbright "Belt & Road" Green Fund Officially Established, Promoting Green Finance Innovation

On April 21, 2020, China Everbright Limited announced the launch of the "Everbright Belt & Road Green Fund". The Fund is led by China Everbright Group, launched and managed by China Everbright Limited, and is the first fund product officially launched under the Everbright "Belt and Road" Green Investment Fund. The Fund adopts a dual-currency structure of "domestic RMB funds + overseas USD funds". Its targeted total assets under management is RMB 20 billion (RMB equivalent) with RMB 10 billion for the first phase. Focusing on the insufficient green equity financing issues in BRI participating countries, the Fund will improve the efficiency of green industries, and foster innovative business models.

Integrating China Everbright Group's superior financial and industry resources, the Fund targets countries and regions along the "Belt and Road". Its investment mainly focuses on four areas, including green environment, green energy, green manufacturing and green living. The Fund will closely collaborate with governments and leading enterprises, adopt a diversified allocation strategy to gain stable, healthy and sustainable returns, while maximizing the effectiveness of spreading industry and cyclical risks.

The Fund will proactively implement the philosophies of green and responsible investment. It will join hands with international top-tier investment institutions to establish Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) investment strategies and an information appraisal benchmarking system, establishing China's "flagship" ESG equity investment.

The Everbright "Belt & Road" Green Investment Fund is one of the deliverables that was announced by President Xi Jinping at the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation held in April 2019. Among the deliverables, it is the only investment project to be implemented by a financial institution.

(Source: China Everbright Group)

COALITION UPDATES

The First BRIGC Coordination Webinar in 2020 was Held

On April 1, 2020, BRI International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC) held its First Coordination Meeting in 2020 in the form of webinar. Conveners of the Advisory Committee, including **Erik Solheim**, Advisor of World Resources Institute (WRI), **Kate Hampton**, Chief Executive Officer of Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and **Peter Bakker**, President and CEO of World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), together with **Zhou Guomei**, Deputy Secretary General of BRIGC Secretariat, Executive Director-General of Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) attended and addressed the Meeting. **Dorjsuren Ariuntuya**, Senior Officer of the Division of Climate Change and International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia, **Nicolas Rosellini**, UN Resident Coordinator in China, and **James Thornton**, CEO of ClientEarth, attended the Meeting and gave leading remarks as Advisors of the BRIGC Advisory Committee.

More than 110 representatives from 50 Chinese and international partners of BRIGC based in Italy, Norway, Iran, Singapore, US, Canada, Sweden, UK and Sri Lanka attended the webinar. The Meeting heard the reports from the Secretariat and 10 thematic partnerships. Positive progress has been made in the development of champion countries, research programs and capacity building in spite of the postponement and cancellation of activities and events due to COVID-19. The Meeting also shared the progress and initial outputs of the Joint Research on Green Development Guidance for BRI Projects (The 'Green Light System'), Issues Papers, and Special Reports.

Highlights of the Remarks

Countries around the world are engaged in the fight against COVID-19, it is a common crisis for mankind. During the crisis, the UN system and many countries have demonstrated outstanding leadership. China has made tremendous efforts to curb the spread of the virus, support the development of health through the BRI, and provide enterprises with financial support to tide them over. Mitigating the economic impacts of the pandemic and promoting green development are of great significance in the current global context. In the future, the whole world needs to work together to deal with the possible economic crisis, and it is hoped that China will show its strong leadership.

—Erik Solheim, Convener of the BRIGC Advisory Committee, Senior Advisor of WRI

The achievements made since the establishment of BRIGC and its contribution to promoting international win-win cooperation was highly appreciated. It is delighted to see that BRIGC is still actively working on the BRI Green Development Institute (BRIGDI), conducting case studies and preparing demonstration projects despite of the epidemic. It is important to combine measures in containing COVID-19 with actions in addressing environmental issues, integrate green economy stimulus measures into its BRI projects, and help strengthen other countries' capacity to respond to health issues and strengthen climate change resilience through providing technical support and remote personnel exchanges.

—Kate Hampton, Convener of the BRIGC Advisory Committee, Chief Executive Officer CIFF

It is highly needed to consider that how to protect vulnerable countries from the epidemic and other potential long-term risks, as well as how to enhance the resilience of the global supply chain and promote innovation to accelerate transformation towards the future. In this process, enterprises can play an important role. BRIGC should accelerate development and transition through innovation and help BRI participating countries to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 with green technology and innovation. It should be key on the agenda to improve energy efficiency, promote sustainable cities and zero-carbon cities.

—Peter Bakker, Convener of the BRIGC Advisory Committee, President and CEO of WBCSD

Highlights of the Remarks

Mongolia is willing to closely cooperate with the Secretariat with regard to champion country and will do its utmost to show achievements to and share experience with other BRIGC partners as well as the international community. 2020 is a crucial year for global green development and ecological environmental protection. We believe BRIGC will serve as a key platform in this regard.

——Dorjsuren Ariuntuya, Advisor of the BRIGC Advisory Committee, Senior Officer of the Division of Climate Change and International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia

Data from the UN's latest reports shows that the epidemic may result in a sharp decline in global incomes, \$3.4 trillion in total, and would have a significant negative impact on the promotion of sustainable development and implementation of the goals set in the Paris Agreement, especially in those underdeveloped countries. Therefore, the BRI investment needs to explore possibilities in new areas like public health, so as to enhance the resilience of the poor. Faced with the epidemic, we couldn't comprise over environmental protection. Decarbonization should be the future development direction of countries all over the world. China has taken multiple measures to implement the Paris Agreement, for the next step, international cooperation under the framework of BRIGC in the areas of carbon pricing, energy efficiency and decarbonization are considerable.

——Nicolas Rosellini, Advisor of the BRIGC Advisory Committee, UN Resident Coordinator in China

Despite of the severe challenges brought by the epidemic to the global health and economy, we must carry out the construction of the Green BRI unswervingly. It is recommended to study the impact of the Green BRI on reshaping the global industrial chain and value chain, integrate the new round of green and low-carbon economic stimulus measures into the BRI construction process, and give full play to the role of new solutions and policy tools such as green finance and ecological redlines, strengthen cooperation and bring out the vitality and creativity of green BRI in the face of global challenges.

——Zhou Guomei, Deputy Secretary General of BRIGC Secretariat, Executive Director-General of FECO

The “Green Light” System Project of BRIGC emphasizes the importance of green development and has delivered a positive, clear signal to the world. Its advantages are as follows: firstly, it can promote the BRI investment to become a green, positive economic stimulus package; secondly, participating countries will be glad to accept such a framework that promotes green investment on a large scale; thirdly, it can help implement the Paris Agreement; fourthly, as it is closely related to the Convention on Biological Diversity, it will contribute to the success of Conference of Parties to the Convention. The “Green Light” System will be a basis on which China can establish good partnerships with more countries, and will help China benefit from green investment and green infrastructures.

——James Thornton, Advisor of the BRIGC Advisory Committee, CEO of ClientEarth

The Iranian government is grateful to China for its support and help during the epidemic, and hopes that BRIGC could pay attention to cross-border issues and capacity-building in semi-arid areas to respond to climate change.

—— Narges Saffar, Chief of the International Affairs & Conventions Center, Department of Environment, Iran

At present, all Central Asian countries are affected by the epidemic and are taking fiscal measures to deal with it. Those measures may have a big impact on the economy and environment, so it is important for us to exchange information and to support each other in fighting the epidemic and developing the economy.

——Iskandar Abdullaev, Deputy Director, Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute

Progress and Plan of the Thematic Partnerships



Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Promote dialogue between China and BRI countries on the post-2020 conservation framework.
2. Promote the concept of Eco-Civilization and international best practices. Based on China's policies and practices on Ecological Conservation Redlines, provide support to BRI participating countries on biodiversity and ecosystem conservation. Conduct identification for Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in BRI countries.
3. Enhance international cooperation on green supply chain.
4. Enhance ecosystem management in the BRI related countries.

Green Finance and Investment

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Prepare to establish a comprehensive database and platform for tracking financial flows to BRI.
2. Promote the SAVi methodology for planning, procuring, and financing sustainable infrastructure. In the future, the Thematic Partnership plans to collaborate with more BRI countries and establish a high-level dialogue mechanism, conduct discussions on policy-making and laws and regulations, and support the scientific and sustainable development of the BRI.

Improvement of Environmental Quality and Green Cities

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Continue to establish Green Sustainable City Network Alliance, share related resources and jointly implement activities.
2. Hold Green Sustainable Cities Forum and launch the green sustainable cities network initiative.
3. Release *BRI green and sustainable cities case study report* and *BRI green urbanization development report*.
4. Invite BRI city officials to attend capacity building events on urban environmental management.
5. Organize BRI Green Technical Expo.

South-South Environmental Cooperation and SDGs Capacity Building

Progress for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Organized Roundtable Meeting on Lancang-Mekong Eco-Environmental Cooperation (Webinar) and Webinar on Green Lancang- Mekong Program during the Lancang-Mekong Week 2020.
2. Established the Fighting Covid-19 Knowledge Hub, share experiences on epidemic controlling through Sustainable Development Forum.

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Organize China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2020 and various short-term capacity building activities.
2. Make good use of the BRI Environmental Big Data Platform and its WeChat official account to actively introduce international experience and technical information on epidemic prevention and control, medical waste treatment, and wastewater treatment, etc.
3. Release publications on Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development and Southern Climate Solution Publication Series.
4. Organize South-South Cooperation Expo and High-level Forum on climate change South-South Cooperation in UNFCCC.

Green Technology Innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Continue to promote the launch of BRI Green PPP Research and Promotion Center, highlighting the study and promotion of green PPP model so as to facilitate the development of green BRI.
2. Conduct concrete research and studies in the Green Tec Innovation Research Institute and Zero Waste City Research Center.
3. Develop the BRI Environmental Technology Exchange and Transfer Center (Shenzhen).

Progress and Plan of the Thematic Partnerships



Sustainable Transportation

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Conduct High Level Seminars, organize the 2nd Global Sustainable Transport Conference and Thematic Session on Clean Transportation & Green Mobility (postponed due to COVID-19), organize the Postal-traffic Culture Forum on the 5th Silk Road (Dunhuang) International Culture Expo & the 10th Silk Road International Tourism Festival.
2. Promote the BRI International Transportation Cooperation Coalition, keep liaison with international counterparts and experts to enhance partner exchanges and cooperation.
3. Carry out the Belt and Road Youth Training project with support of the Young Scientists Exchange program of China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), such as exchange activities of Chinese and Japanese young scientists, exchange activities of Chinese and Russian young scientists.

Global Climate Change Governance and Green Transformation

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Conduct NDC evaluation and cooperation mechanism study of BRI countries, explore the cooperation on green and low carbon development with BRI countries through market mechanisms.
2. Provide technical supports on green and low carbon development strategy and planning for BRI countries base on the post-epidemic economic recovery demand.
3. Establish expert database and advisory committee, release annual report of BRIGC Global Climate Governance and Green Transformation Thematic Partnership.

Environmental Laws, Regulations and Standards

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Conduct research on ecological redline related law and policy of BRI countries, to contribute the CBD COP 15.
2. Continue the collection and research work on environmental laws, regulations and standards of BRI countries, compile casebook on environmental law enforcement in China.
3. Capacity building activities on promoting renewable energy development in BRI countries.

Maritime Community with a Shared Future and Marine Governance

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Implement flagship demonstration projects, promote knowledge sharing and capacity building.
2. Seek solutions that reduce marine pollution, promote healthy ports and zero-emissions shipping, incorporate into the overall national plan to maximize the benefits while ensuring the healthy development of the marine ecosystem.

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

Work plan for this Thematic Partnership including:

1. Further promote global energy connectivity and green energy development.
2. Convene relevant conferences and release reports on green energy on various platforms of the members.

Progress of Major BRIGC Research Programs

Green Development Guidance for BRI Projects (“Green Light” System)

The overall objective of this project is to establish an ecological environmental risk identification and evaluation mechanism for BRI investment and construction projects overseas, formulate guidelines on the assessment and classification of BRI projects and provide guidance for stakeholders to further recognize and address ecological and environmental risks in overseas investment. The outcomes will strengthen the connection between BRI investment and 2030 SDGs and the Paris Agreement. During the first phase, relevant policies of Chinese and international agencies on dealing with ecological environmental risks are sorted; the project screening criteria and concrete practices of government departments, financial institutions and NGOs are analyzed; suggestions on the range of application, classification standards, supporting mechanisms and implementation methods of the "Green Light" System are given. Ten preliminary recommendations have been made including the system addressing all project phases, providing an exclusion list, making higher requirement on environmental impact assessment and environment and social management, relating project classification with preferential loan policies, establishing a grievance mechanism, etc. For the next step, the content of the project will be further enriched and the communication with stakeholders will be enhanced. The possibility of demonstrating the outcomes of applying the "Green Light" System will also be explored.

Issues Paper on BRI and Climate Change

The paper will conduct an investigation and analysis of the social economic development, current greenhouse gas emissions and relevant policies on energy conservation and emission reduction in key BRI countries and regions, focusing on evaluation of the influence of building a carbon market on the INDC goals of key BRI countries and regions and on the global temperature control target of 2°C and 1.5°C. It will analyze the feasibility of building a carbon market in BRI countries and regions, clarify the significance of building the carbon market, and propose relevant policy recommendations.

Issues Paper on BRI and Biodiversity

The paper reviews the current status of biodiversity and related infrastructure in BRI countries, and analyzes the potential impact of the infrastructure on biodiversity and possible ecological risks. Case studies are carried out based on the best practices on smart infrastructure and ecological risk assessment of the Greater Mekong Sub-region, the China-Russia-Mongolia Economic Corridor and Central Asia. The paper also proposes preliminary recommendations including mainstreaming UN SDGs in BRI Infrastructure Investment, incorporating the principles of biodiversity conservation into China led BRI green finance framework, application of biodiversity assessment decision-making tools prior to infrastructure investment, and strengthening international cooperation for BRI green development.

Issues Paper on Green Energy and Environment in BRI

The paper aims to identify hotspot and important issues related to energy green transition and environmental protection in BRI countries. Two issue papers focusing on two hotspot issues will be finalized. The research will conduct first-hand observation and in-depth analysis via engaging local energy and environmental specialists and organizations in Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia, to get in-depth knowledge of China's involvement in the Southeast Asian electricity market, and propose policy recommendations on the development of the Green BRI.

Special Reports on Green Supply Chains Index for BRI

The paper will conduct a research on the types of supply risk posed by environment and social issues, aiming to build a green supply chain index with which we can evaluate the long-term potential risks that the supply chain faces, thus providing support for the decision-making of national import and export, the BRI investment, and enterprises' procurement and investment. The plan is to develop BRI green supply chain assessment framework and BRI green supply chain index methodology, finalize case studies of BRI green supply chain index. Meanwhile, capacity-building and training activities will also be carried out.

Webinar held for BRIGC Study on "Green Light" System

On March 27, 2020, the First Consultation Meeting of Joint Research on "Green Development Guidance for BRI Projects" (the "Green Light" System) was held with videoconference. The meeting was jointly hosted by the Secretariat of BRI International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC), ClientEarth and World Resources Institute (WRI). Erik Solheim, Convener of the Advisory Committee of BRIGC, Advisor of WRI, Ye Yanfei, Counsel (Director-General Level) of the Policy Research Bureau of the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (CBRC), Ma Jun, BRIGC Advisor, Director of Center for Finance and Development at Tsinghua University, Zhang Jianyu, International Liaison of the Advisory Committee of BRIGC, Vice President of Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), and Li Yonghong, Deputy Director General of Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO) attended the webinar. Over 50 representatives from more than 10 international and domestic agencies joined the on-line discussion. The Consultation Meeting was then designed to collect expert views and opinions on the preliminary outcomes achieved on the Phase I "baseline study", and provide guidance and reference for further improving the research.

Erik Solheim noted in his remarks that it is vital to promote the revitalization of the global economy and further expedite the development of green economy after the COVID-19 pandemic. Against this background, the "Green Light" System research is quite meaningful in the practical sense. It will help China and other countries to improve their standards and degree of green development and jointly facilitate the construction of a green Belt and Road. Li Yonghong highlighted in the opening address that the stimulus packages on the economy in the mid of and after the pandemic marked challenges as well as opportunities for green development on the Belt and Road. The "Green Light" System research focuses on providing green solutions and offering reference for stakeholders such as the government departments, financial institutions and enterprises in China and BRI participating countries.

BRIGC officially launched the Joint Research on "Green Development Guidance for BRI Projects" in December 2019, aiming to explore the formulation of guidelines on the assessment and classification of BRI projects and provide guidance for stakeholders to further recognize and address ecological and environmental risks in overseas investment. The outcomes are expected to promote the greening of projects while securing economic growth, building on global best practices and standards in the areas of climate change, environmental pollution, natural conservation and biodiversity conservation. The outcomes will also keep close integration with UN 2030 SDGs, and seek to build an eco-environmental risk control mechanism for BRI investment and contribute the best cases, and eventually to provide a green development reference for participating countries.

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To Protect Wildlife, Organizations Launched the Standard for Wildlife Protection on Internet Platforms

On January 9, 2020, the seminar on the draft collective standard for the Requirement on Controlling Illegal Wildlife Trade on Internet Platforms was held at Tencent headquarter in Beijing. At the seminar, representatives from Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, China Wildlife Conservation Association, Internet Society of China, as well as Tencent, Meituan Dianping, WWF, TNC, IFAW, WildAid, TRAFFIC, WCS, and Shenzhen Paradise International Foundation among other organizations committed to further endeavoring to facilitate the release of collective standard. This standard aims to implement the online reporting system to prevent and combat illegal trade on wild fauna and flora at Internet platforms with joint efforts inputted in formulating the standard, so as to aide wildlife conservation and protect ecosystem security.



(Source: Thematic Partnership of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management)

Maritime Community with a Shared Future and Marine Governance

BRIGC Oceans Thematic Partnership Held Monthly Check-in Meeting, Ongoing Work and Discussions Amid Epidemic

In January 2020, Thematic Partnership of Maritime Community with a Shared Future and Marine Governance held its first plenary session in 2020 with videoconference, discussed the Thematic Partnership Work Charter, including goals, tasks, composition and responsibilities, work plan, communication mechanism, etc. Through this meeting, a monthly check-in mechanism was established to have regular meetings every month to share the progress and related information of each partner and discuss specific cooperation matters. At the second check-in meeting, in-depth discussions on the annual plan (preliminary draft) of the ocean thematic partnership was conducted, and green shipping is decided to be the starting point for specific cooperation. The third check-in meeting analyzed the impact of the Novel Coronavirus Epidemic on this year's ocean-related international conferences, discussed how the ocean thematic partnership can synergize with other BRIGC work, to further refine specific work plans.



(Source: Thematic Partnership of Maritime Community with a Shared Future and Marine Governance)



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.

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