COP24 in Katowice achieved the rulebook for the implementation of the Paris Agreement, opening a new phase of climate ambition made of concrete actions and renewed political momentum. The United Nations Secretariat General Summit in September 2019, the COP25 and COP26, and the submissions of countries’ updated NDCs and long-term strategies in 2020 provide major opportunities to answer the emergency call of climate change.

China has been expected to play a leading role to combat climate change by transforming its economic model through technological and institutional innovation in both the whole economy and specific sectors, provinces and cities. Just as China is considering the targets for its 14th FYP as well as preparing its mid-century strategy, adopting more ambitious climate targets with an earlier peaking time and a low peak level and implementing them in national plans will showcase China’s determination to building a lasting global ecological civilization, in line with its leadership on nature-based solutions and protecting biodiversity. With the increasing availability of low-carbon technologies across all sectors, engaging in the low-carbon transition is a no-regret opportunity to create new engines of growth in China’s new era of development.

In pace with the climate urgency, today’s Open Forum will encourage discussions on the two sides of China’s role in global climate governance post-Katowice:

- Accelerating China’s climate ambition under the Paris Agreement and in its regional and multilateral cooperation; and
- Fostering concrete climate solutions at home and for the world, enabling existing technologies and building the regulatory environment for future technological pathways.
Draft Agenda

Co-chairs:
XIE Zhenhua, CCICED Vice Chairperson; China’s Special Envoy on Climate Change
Åsa Romson, CCICED Member, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Climate and the Environment, the Kingdom of Sweden

14:30 Opening Session
Open Remarks
XIE Zhenhua  CCICED Vice Chair
Åsa Romson  CCICED Member

14:45 Session 1  From Katowice to Climate Neutralitch
Chair:
XIE Zhenhua  CCICED Vice Chairperson;

Keynote Speech
Climate Action in an Age of Urgency
Joyce Msuya  Acting Executive Director, the United Nations Environment Programme

Enhancing Ambition: Global Perspective
Kate Hampton  CEO, Children’s Investment Fund Foundations

China’s Role for Higher Ambition
ZOU Ji  CCICED Special Advisor, President, Energy Foundation China

Enhancing Policy Actions to Achieve Emission Reduction Commitments
HE Jiankun  Director of the Academic Committee of the Institute of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Tsinghua University; Former Executive Vice President of Tsinghua University

15:25 Panel Discussion
Scott Vaughan  International Chief Advisor of CCICED, President and CEO of IISD and Chair of the IISD Experimental Lakes Area Board

WANG Jinzhao  Deputy Director General, Research Department of Foreign Economic Relations, Development Research Center of the State Council

Ajay Mathur  CCICED Member, Director General, TERI (India)
Howard Bamsey  CCICED Special Advisor, Honorary Professor, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian
Alex Fisher
National University; Former Executive Director, Green Climate Fund Secretariat
Program Director for Climate, Environment, Natural Resources, and Urban Ecological Planning

15:55 Open Discussion
16:10 Tea Break
16:25 Session 2 Solutions for Pragmatic and Immediate Climate Action in China
Chair: Åsa Romson CCICED Member
KeyNote Speech

Institutional Arrangement of Carbon Cap and Control
WANG Yi Member, Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China; Vice President, Institutes of Science and Development, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Deep Decarbonization
Jonathan Pershing CCICED Special Advisor, Program Director of Environment, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Integrative Climate Action: Nature-based Solutions
Jorgen Thomson Director, Climate Solutions of MacArthur Foundation

16:55 Panel Discussion

Eric Heitz CCICED member; Tapeeats Partners, LLC; Founder and Emeritus CEO of Energy Foundation
MA Aimin Deputy Director General, NCSC
David Sandalow Inaugural Fellow at the Center on Global Energy Policy, co-Director of the Energy and Environment Concentration at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University
Manish Bapna CCICED Special Advisor, Executive Vice President and Managing Director, World Resources Institute
William McGoldrick Director of Global Climate Change Strategy, TNC

17:25 Open Discussion
17:40 Concluding Remarks Åsa Romson CCICED Member
XIE Zhenhua CCICED Vice Chair person;

18:00 Adjournment of the Open Forum