



2019 Annual General Meeting Thematic Forum

The Belt and Road Initiative and Green Urbanization

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Organizer: Secretariat of BRI International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC)

International Environmental Cooperation Center, MEE (IECO)

World Resources Institute (WRI)

Background

Long-term investment in urbanization made today will determine the pattern, infrastructure and mode of consumption of cities for the decades to come. With most cities needing infrastructure improvement, it is estimated by OECD that USD 50 trillion will be invested in urban infrastructure and urban land use will be expanded by three folds by 2030. Most of the investment and expansion will take place in countries along the Belt and Road, especially in Asia and Africa. At the same time, there will be hundreds of millions of new urban residents, mostly in developing countries. These trends create historic opportunities for making cities the new engine towards sustainable growth and poverty alleviation.

The Paris Agreement and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals could not be realized if investment in urban infrastructure along the Belt and Road were not in line with climate change mitigation and sustainable development principles. Therefore, seizing the opportunities for green urban development created by the Belt and Road Initiative is a priority with global significance. It has been proved that sustainable urbanization is an important investment opportunity in terms of integrated low-carbon transport, energy-efficient buildings, transit-oriented development, and distributive clean energy. This Forum will address the following topics:

- Experience sharing among BRI countries on regional integrated development and urban management
- Environmental improvement and green cities
- Innovation and practices in green infrastructure investment

Draft Agenda

Co-chair LIU Shijin CCICED Chief Adviser
Andrew Steer CCICED Member, President and CEO of World Resources Institute, BRIGC Advisor

14:30 Opening Remarks (10' each)

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Andrew Steer CCICED Member, President and CEO of World Resources Institute, BRIGC Advisor

Session 1: □ Experience sharing among BRI countries on regional integrated development and urban management

Chair Andrew Steer CCICED Member, President and CEO of World Resources Institute, BRIGC Advisor

14:50 Keynote Address

HU Wei Vice Mayor of Hangzhou Municipal Government

Comments

Aban Marker Kabraji Director of Regional Hub for Asia-Oceania, Asia Regional Office, IUCN
LI Xiaojiang Former President of China Academy of Urban Planning & Design
SHI Yulong Director General of China Center for Urban Development, NDRC
Ke Yinbin Member of Experts Committee of One Belt and One Road 100
Balázs Horváth Senior Economic Adviser to the United Nations Development Programme

15:30 Discussion

Session 2: Environmental improvement and green cities

Chair LIU Shijin CCICED Chief Adviser

15:50 Keynote Address

Francesco La Camera Director-General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), BRIGC Advisor

Comments

Hans Mommaas CCICED Special Advisor, Director-General, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency
ZHOU Guomei Secretary of the Party committee & Deputy Director General of International Environmental Cooperation Center, MEE
ZHANG Yongsheng CCICED Special Advisor, Deputy Director General, Department of Development Strategy and Regional Economy of Development Research Center of the State Council
Nicholas Rosellini United Nations Coordinator in China, BRIGC Advisor

16:30 Discussion

16:50 Tea Break

Session 3: Innovation and practices in green infrastructure investment

Chair Andrew Steer CCICED Member, President and CEO of World Resources Institute, BRIGC Advisor

17:00 Keynote Address

Oyun Sanjaasuren Director Of External Affairs, Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Comments

Bernice Lee CCICED Special Advisor, Research Director of International Economy and Finance, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, UK

Galit Cohen CCICED Special Advisor, Senior Deputy Director General of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment of Israel, BRIGC Advisor

Robert Moseley Director of Asia-Pacific Cities Program, The Nature Conservation

SUN Jingfeng Director of Belt and Road Environmental Technology Exchange and Transfer Center (Shenzhen)

SUN Yiting Deputy Secretary-General, International Finance Forum (IFF)

17:30 Discussion

17:50 Conclusion

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18:00 Meeting Closed