

# Task Force on Strategy and Policies for Environment and Development in Western China





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#### **OBJECTIVES/MAJOR TASKS**

#### • Three major questions:

- ➤ Q1: Is it feasible for Western China to follow a green development mode?
- To answer this question, our Task Force has focused on:
  - ✓ understanding the FYPs, the Development Strategy, policy measures and identify potential improvements;



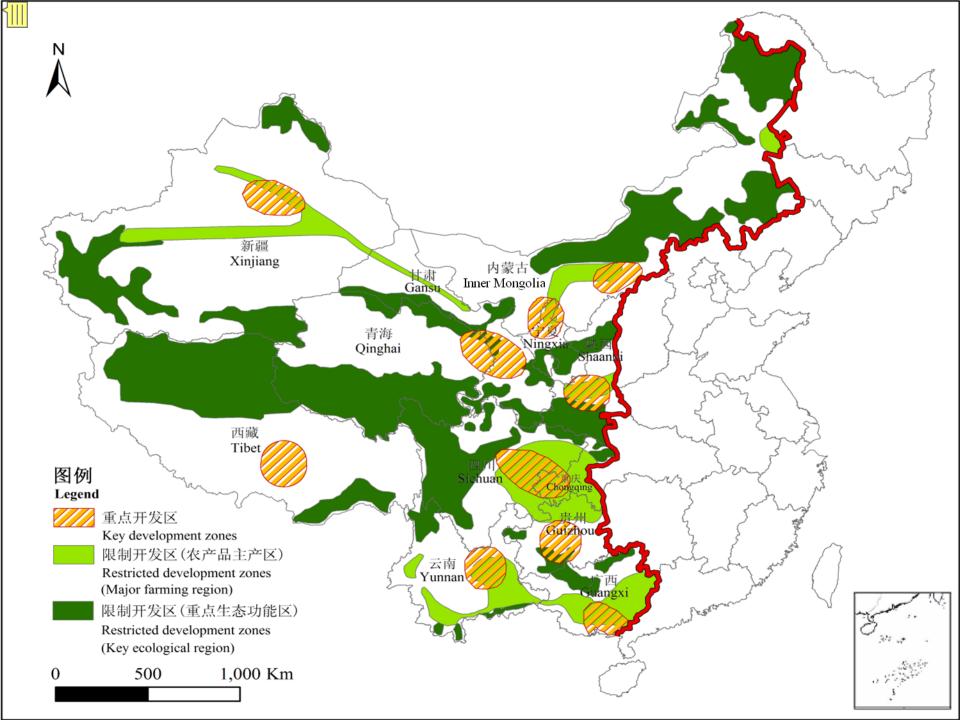
#### **OBJECTIVES/MAJOR TASKS**

- ➤ Q2: Whether resources and environment can support the current development mode in western China?
- To answer this question, Our Task Force has:
  - ✓ analyzed development and structural needs that require policy actions and/or transformational institutional development;



## **OBJECTIVES/MAJOR TASKS**

- ➤ Q3: If green development is feasible, what are the key policies and strategies to support such development mode?
- > To answer this question, Our Task Force has:
- ✓ identified key drivers for regional green development opportunities in Western China;
- set out a Roadmap and provide concrete and practical policy recommendations and measures for a green development strategy in Western China.





## CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR GREEN DEVELOPMENT IN WESTERN CHINA

## Socioeconomic Development

Poverty Alleviation & Rural Development

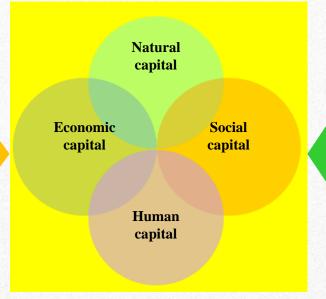
Infrastructure

Urbanization

**Industrialization** 

Energy & Resources
Development

#### Challenges & Opportunities



**Policies & Interventions** 

Environment & Resources
Carrying
Capacity

**Ecosystem Services** 

- Supporting
- Provisioning
- Regulating
- Control

Biodiversity
Natural Resources
Climate Change



**Eco-friendly, Socially Inclusive, Indigenous Capacity** 



#### **CHALLENGES / OPPORTUNITIES**

- Managing and restoring fragile ecosystems
- Improving labour quality and diversity for poverty alleviation
- Managing energy and mineral resources and pollution control
- Promoting green and inclusive industrial development
- Promoting sustainable urbanization
- Institutional and policy settings as facilitators and driver



#### SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

- Political commitment to sustainable, coordinated balanced growth for China
- Strong policy/financial commitment to growth in Western China (two higher targets)
- > Status quo: LOST economic opportunities, increasing regional imbalance and potentially HIGH RISK of irreversible ecosystem damage for China



#### SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

- Progress but serious IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES to achieve QUALITY growth
- > CHALLENGE: How to 'translate' commitment to quality growth into effective ACTION
- > Green development; an inevitable strategic choice
- Regionally tailored approaches to reflect diversity: Alignment of central/provincial/local efforts



## KEY FINDINGS

- 1. Green development will NOT be achieved without a national Green Development Roadmap to integrate long term strategies and actions
- 2. Western China requires particular attention and priority in a Green Development Roadmap
- 3. Specific green development goals are required for Western China



## **KEY FINDINGS**

- 4. Further guidance and engagement at all levels is required from senior leadership
- 5. Principles are required to guide green development

6. Integrated solutions are required to protect ecosystems, reduce poverty and expand economic opportunities



## KEY FINDINGS

7. Innovation required in institutional structures and approaches

8. New monitoring and evaluation framework required



- 1. Prepare and implement green development strategy for Western China as soon as possible
- 2. Eco-construction, eco-protection and poverty reduction programs
  - --All levels need to be better integrated and coordinated
  - --Long term seamless and unified program delivery



- 3. Increased investment and focus on human capital/poverty reduction, acceleration of green development especially through green infrastructure construction and servicing
- 4. Reform financial levers to more effectively support and drive green development and provide sustained funding



5. MFZ to work effectively to support regional balance and green development

6. Develop and adopt a sustainable urbanisation model tailored to Western China



- 7. Encourage new green industries tailored to Western China challenges and opportunities
- 8. Strengthen institutional innovation to drive long term green development

