

CCICED 2013 Annual Work Plan

The year 2013 marks a new starting point in the historic development course of China. The recently completed 18th National Congress of CPC stresses that China will highlight the development of Ecological Civilization: emphasizing the concept of Ecological Civilization that respects, conforms to and protects nature; integrating the development of ecological civilization into every aspect of economic, political, cultural, and social development; and striving to build a beautiful China and achieving sustained development of the Chinese nation. The new era and new tasks bring new requirements and challenges for the work of CCICED and bring new opportunities for consolidation and further development of CCICED.

Proposed by the Secretary General and approved by the Bureau Meeting on 12th December of 2012, the CCICED 2013 Work Plan is as follows:

I. Policy Research

1. Policy research projects relevant to the theme of the 2013 AGM—Environment and Society for Green Development

(1) Completion of two on-going Task Forces

The following two task forces were established after receiving approval at the 2011 Bureau Meeting:

- Task Force on Environmental Protection and Social Development.
- Task Force on Consumption and Green Development

The above two task forces were established and began their research in 2012. The Chinese and international experts are in the process of conducting joint policy research and are expected to present their findings and recommendations to the 2013 AGM.

(2) Commencement of three Special Policy Study Projects

In 2013, the Secretary General will, with the advice of the Chief Advisors and the Secretariat, endorse proposals on special policy study projects, case study projects and demonstration projects as necessary and at the appropriate time. The study teams will submit their reports to the CCICED 2013 AGM. The proposed policy study projects are:

- Policy on promoting social media and public participation in China's green development
- Corporate social responsibility in green development
- Promoting Urban Green Commuting.

2. Policy study (Task Force) projects starting in 2013 and reporting to the 2014 AGM

The focus of research and policy recommendations of CCICED in 2014 will be “Management and Institutional Innovation for Green Development” based on the policy requirements of the Chinese

Government and the policy study framework of CCICED Phase V. The proposed task forces to be established and initiated in 2013 are discussed below:

➤ **Evaluation and Prospects for a Green Transition Process**

This study aims at identifying the problems, progress and stage of green transformation already reached in China during the last decade, with the intent of understanding and projecting the challenges, opportunities and goals for green transformation in the future to 2030. This information will be used to suggest a strategic framework for further promotion of green transformation and providing reference and policy bases for the implementation of the outlook on scientific development, development of *Xiaokang* society in all round way, improvement of ecological civilization development, and building a beautiful China.

➤ **Additional policy studies in 2013-2014**

It is recommended that the Bureau authorize the Secretary General to approve, on the recommendation of the Chief Advisors and the Secretariat, the establishment of additional task forces in 2013 on the themes of sustainable development governance and/or the global sustainable development implications of China's economic activities overseas. In developing these policy research studies, full cognizance will be made of emerging priorities following the recent

18th CPC Congress and the first session of the 12th National People's Congress in early 2013.

3. Policy demonstration project

CCICED carried out a Special Policy Study on “Practices and Innovation of Green Market Supply Chains in China” in 2011. Its policy recommendations attracted considerable attention from relevant government departments as well as local government. It is proposed, with the support of the local governments concerned, that a Policy Demonstration (“Pilot”) Project on Green Supply Chains Trial in Tianjin and Shanghai will be carried out. The proposed project will test research findings from the 2011 Market Supply Chain SPS, thereby laying a sound foundation for scaling up and improving the workability of CCICED policy recommendations.

To maximize the value of policy demonstration projects, a procedure will be developed for identifying, designing, implementing, and monitoring other policy demonstration projects in 2013 and in future years.

II. Roundtable Meeting 2013

It is proposed that the CCICED 2013 Roundtable Meeting will be held in May of 2013. Relevant representatives from national and local governments of China, as well as Chinese and international experts and scholars, will be invited. The Roundtable Meeting aims

at sharing with relevant State departments and local governments the Council's 2012 policy research findings and policy recommendations to the Chinese Government and further extending the influence of the policy recommendations. The Roundtable will also focus on the theme of CCICED 2013 AGM, and will discuss issues in such areas as the environment, society and green development based the preliminary findings of relevant policy research that is underway, in order to lay a solid foundation for the 2013 AGM.

The meeting will be held at a location in Western China. Some CCICED Members will be invited to attend and to make presentations as necessary. The CCICED Secretariat and its International Support Office will prepare and organize the event. It is understood that, in the course of planning the Roundtable, the Roundtable mechanism will be reviewed to enhance its effectiveness in disseminating the Council's findings and recommendations and securing the implementation at the sub-national level of policy measures flowing from Council recommendations.

III. CCICED 2013 AGM

It is suggested that the 2013 AGM be held in Beijing during the period November 13-15, 2013. The AGM will hear presentations of policy study reports and put forward policy recommendations to the

Chinese Government. The proposed theme for the 2013 AGM is “Environment and Society for Green Development”. The CCICED Secretariat and its International Supporting Office will prepare and organize the AGM.

IV. Other Work

Under the leadership of the Secretary General, and with the support and coordination of the Chief Advisors and Chinese and international partners, the Secretariat will focus on the work of the following areas in addition to its other regular responsibilities.

1. Enhancing partnerships and expanding the scope of cooperation

(1) CCICED will actively develop wider partnerships and strive for increased support and contributions to the Council from a larger group countries and international organizations through flexible and diversified ways of cooperation.

(2) It will strengthen communications and cooperation with major international organizations and platforms in the fields of environment and development to share findings and successful experience.

(3) The CCICED Secretariat will strengthen communications and cooperation with relevant national departments and local governments and hold policy workshops in varying forms and at a number of levels.

(4) With the establishment of the mechanism of CCICED Strategic ‘Salon’, the CCICED Secretariat will enhance communications with experts, academicians, NGOs and business leaders in such relevant fields as the environment, economy and society.

2. Intensifying publicity and extending the influence of CCICED

The Council’s international and domestic influence will be extended through a variety of forms and channels as well as by means of a more intensive publicity effort.

(1) Developing a CCICED publicity strategy to promote the Council’s findings and for extending its influence at home and abroad through improved planning and procedures.

(2) Reporting to the State Council on the Council’s policy research findings at appropriate times through news briefings or other forms taking into account both international and domestic situations.

(3) Disseminating the Council’s work progress and other information regularly through publications and the internet, especially through CCICED’s website, www.cciced.net.

(4) Sharing the findings of CCICED more widely through participation and support of other environment and development meetings and activities at home and abroad.

3. Actively engaging stakeholders

(1) The Secretariat will strengthen communications and interaction with Chinese and international Members, provide necessary services to mobilize their initiatives for CCICED activities, and support

Members' efforts to play their role to the fullest. In particular, the Secretariat will support Council Members in efforts to help frame research findings and policy recommendations and foci of special policy research projects.

(2) We will strengthen the communications and interaction with donors and partners, provide necessary information in a timely fashion, consider and act on comments and suggestions, make good use of resources, and expand and deepen cooperation.

4. Strengthening CCICED's capacity and operations

(1) We will strengthen capacity building for the Chief Advisors Supporting Experts Group, improve teamwork among Chinese and international experts and provide strong support to CCICED policy research.

(2) We will strengthen capacity building for the Secretariat. With various forms of training programs and practical workshops, we will enhance the capacity of the Secretariat staff and substantially improve the Council's routine operations, including management of policy research projects.

(3) We will strengthen the joint work mechanism between Chief Advisors and the Secretariat and aim for more efficient and effective and high-quality design, supervision, monitoring, and guidance of policy research activities.

(4) We will implement the *Measures related to the Management of CCICED Research Projects*, (Annex 4 of the proposed CCICED Charter), strengthen management processes, and develop improved detailed rules for implementation in order to improve the quality and level of policy research of CCICED.

(5) We will explore long-term institutional arrangements for the Council.