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SEASON'S GREETINGS
and best wishes of the new year

Happy New Year and Spring Festival!

Just as the year of 2013 drawing to its close and the Chinese New Year of Horse is coming, the Secretariat of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) extends warmly blessing to Chinese and international CCICED Council Members, and expresses sincere greetings and good wishes to all leaders supporting the development of CCICED!

During the past year, under the leadership of Mr. Zhang Gaoli, Vice Premier of China's State Council and new Chairperson of the CCICED, and under the guidance of Zhou Shengxian, Chinese Executive Vice Chairperson of CCICED and Minister of Environmental Protection (MEP), Peter Kent, International Executive Vice Chairperson of CCICED, Member of Canadian Parliament and former Minister of Environment Canada, and Li Ganjie, Secretary-General of the CCICED and Vice Minister of MEP as well as other members of the CCICED Bureau, CCICED successfully finished the work plan of 2013, especially the big events including 2013 Annual General Meeting and the Round-Table Meeting, upgrade levels on the policy researches, cooperation with partners, management and operation of CCICED and amplifying its influence in the world, and strengthening its role as an international communication platform. As the old saying, "the tide is slow, the waterway is wide and the wind blows heavily; it is high time to sail ahead into a new journey." Looking into the promising year of 2014, the CCICED will play better play its role as a bidirectional communication platform through joint efforts of Chinese and international CCICED Council Members, so as to make greater contributions to the sustainable development of China and the world.

Finally, wish everyone a happy new year, better health and good luck in 2014!





CCICED 2014 Work Plan

(Approved by 2013 Bureau Meeting)

The year 2014 is a critical year for China as it strives to attain the goals established in the 12th Five Year Plan (FYP), and prepares for the formulation of the 13th FYP. It is also an important year for CCICED to make progress towards its intended Phase V targets, and to establish a firm foundation for the next phase and beyond. To this end, the following work agenda for 2014 is determined.

I. Work Objectives

- to meet the policy needs posed by prominent current environment and development issues in order to promote the green transformation of China's economic and social development, in line with the objectives of the 12th FYP;
- to provide recommendations based on sound scientific analysis for the 13th FYP;
- to develop a long-term strategy for a stable and dynamic CCICED in order to contribute to the construction of ecological civilization and the realization of a well-off society in China by 2020.

II. Work Tasks

- 1) To conduct policy research on environmental management and institutional innovation for China's green development, and to submit related policy recommendations to the Chinese Government.
- 2) To promote the sharing and dissemination of CCICED's policy research achievements, and to facilitate the application and, through demonstration projects, the implementation of CCICED's policy recommendations, thereby expanding the impact of CCICED's work.

- 3) To improve and strengthen CCICED's working mechanisms and to introduce innovations in institution building within CCICED; to continue improving cooperation and collaboration with partners; to improve the operations and management of the CCICED Secretariat; and to create favorable conditions for CCICED's long-term development.

III. Work Content

i. Policy Research

It is important and urgent for the Chinese government to make adjustments to and introduce innovation in environmental management mechanisms in order to realize Ecological Civilization and a Beautiful China through a sustainable and coordinated development of the environment, the economy, and society. In support of these goals, it is set that the theme of the 2014 CCICED Annual General Meeting be "Management and Institutional Innovation in Green Development." Within the compass of this theme, the following projects will be conducted in 2014.

1. Policy research to report at the 2014 Annual General Meeting

1.1. To Continue and Complete the Task Force on "Evaluation and Prospects for a Green Transition Process in China"

The Task Force (TF) was established in August 2013 and has commenced its research activities. The objectives of this Task Force are: 1) to assess the progress of China's green transformation in environment and development in the past decade in order to understand the current status in this respect; 2) to analyze existing bottlenecks and obstacles impeding transformation; and 3) to look ahead to both opportunities and challenges for future green transformation and to set forth a basic strategic framework for further promoting green transformation.

1.2. To Establish and Complete TF on "Ecological Civilization and Innovation of Environmental Management System"

The TF is based on the strategy, determined by the 3rd Plenary Session of 18th CPC Central Committee, that to speed up the building of ecological civilization mechanism and to reform the environmental management system. The TF aims to distinguish the gap between the goals of ecological civilization and the current management system of eco-environmental protection. Through consultation of relevant experiences in developed countries, the TF will provide a general thought, an overall goal and an institutional framework, together with supporting instruments, on how to improve the management system of eco-environmental protection in the building of ecological civilization. The ultimate objective is to offer some reference and support for reform

of the national pollution prevention system and improvement of pollution control for some time to come.

1.3. To launch and complete four Special Policy Study (SPS) projects

1) Good City Models under the Concept of Ecological Civilization

The starting point of this work will be a comprehensive analysis to identify challenges and risks in resource conservation and environmental protection during the process of urbanization. The SPS will distinguish and summarize available studies in China and relevant experience in other countries on urbanization model; provide guidance on developing a new model of urban environment management through regulatory establishment, such as environmental planning system; and give recommendations on eco-city construction in context of ecological civilization.

2) Institutional Innovation of Eco-Environmental Redlining

The SPS will, based on relevant studies, identify the policy needs of China on implementation and surveillance of eco-environmental redlining; and determine a fundamental strategy for implementation of eco-environmental redlining. This work aims to provide recommendations and scientific evidence for the drawing up of relevant content in the 13th FYP.

3) Green Accounting and Environmental Performance Evaluation

The SPS will establish a conceptual framework, centering on green accounting, with an evaluation indicator system, a sound database and evaluation standards of cadre performance, especially of environmental performance. A roadmap of policy implementation to put a green accounting system into place in China will be prepared. The final report will be produced with policy recommendations for green accounting and natural resource and environmental asset audit that could be brought into 13th FYP and other key approaches.

4) Performance Evaluation on the *Action Plan of Air Pollution Prevention and Control* and Regional Coordination Mechanism

The SPS will establish a performance evaluation index system and methodology to evaluate the feasibility of the *Action Plan of Air Pollution Prevention and Control*, help to set medium- and longer-term goals for air pollution control for the 13th FYP and needs to 2030, and propose recommendations on how to build a roadmap, a coordination system and to achieve practical solutions for regional collaborative pollution control.

2. Other research projects between 2014 and 2015

The Bureau authorizes the Secretary General to approve other research projects in line with the AGM theme 2014, based on proposals from the Chief Advisors and the Secretariat of CCICED. The establishment of the projects should take into full account the formulation of the 13th FYP and the priorities related to the target of building a “well-off” society by 2020.

3. Policy seminars

Seminars and Strategic Salons will be held as a platform for invited Chinese experts and scholars in various fields to exchange ideas, and pool experience, with a view to injecting new ideas and vitality into the CCICED policy research process.

ii. Promotional Activities

1. Preparing and organizing the 2014 CCICED Roundtable

CCICED 2014 Roundtable will be held in conjunction with “APEC China 2014” in the first half of 2014, on the theme “*Green Transformation and Institutional Innovation for Investment, Trade and Consumption*”. Representatives from APEC member countries and Chinese governments of all levels, as well as experts and scholars at home and abroad, will be invited to attend. This will serve as an opportunity to exchange views, to share the Council’s findings on investment, trade and environment, and sustainable consumption, and to discuss key issues related to, for example, the promotion of China’s green transformation regarding investment, trade and consumption. Innovation of environmental management mechanisms on green development will also be discussed. The outcome of the Roundtable will become an important contribution to the 2014 AGM.

Some CCICED members and experts from CCICED policy research projects will be invited to the Roundtable.

2. Continuing to carry out policy demonstration projects

Given the successful implementation of policy pilot projects on Green Supply Chain Management in Tianjin and Shanghai, the two following policy demonstration projects will be conducted.

2.1. Sustainable Consumption pilot projects

As follow-up to the Task Force on Sustainable Consumption and Green Development completed by CCICED in 2013, representative regional cities will be selected as pilot project sites for the establishment of appropriate and operable standards and

indicators of sustainable consumption.

2.2. Corporate Social Responsibility pilot projects

To demonstrate the findings of the Special Policy Study on Corporate Social Responsibility in Green Development completed by CCICED in 2013, representative enterprises, including state-owned enterprises, will be selected to carry out pilot projects with the objective of promoting institutional innovation guiding enterprises' fulfillment of social responsibilities.

3. Conducting results sharing and information exchange activities

The following will be carried out in 2014:

- 1) Strengthening communication and cooperation with central and local government departments, and carrying out policy seminars of varying scales and at various levels to promote the adoption and application of CCICED policy recommendations.
- 2) Promoting and establishing exchanges and cooperation with developing countries in Asia and Africa in environment and development, and sharing CCICED experiences and achievements.
- 3) Making full use of major international organizations and international platforms in environment and development to expand CCICED's international influence.

iii. Operational Management

1. Preparing and organizing the 2014 CCICED Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2014 AGM is planned to be held on November 10-12, 2014 with a theme of "Management and Institutional Innovation in Green Development."

All CCICED members and co-chairs of policy research projects will attend the AGM to deliberate on policy research reports and findings and to finalize CCICED recommendations to the Chinese government based on policy research results. Representatives from relevant Chinese government departments, CCICED donors and partners, relevant international organizations and media will be invited to attend the meeting.

2. Strengthening institutional mechanisms

During Phase V, CCICED will propose mid- and long-term development strategies that will take account of environment and development trends at home and abroad and future directions of international cooperation. Programs will be created for establishing a long-term mechanism for CCICED's management and organization in order to create favorable conditions for CCICED Phase VI and CCICED's long-term stable development.

3. Strengthening partnerships and carrying out practical cooperation

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

2) CCICED will implement and expand upon the Memoranda of Understandings (hereinafter referred to MoU) signed with partners in 2013, further expand areas of cooperative research, and report progress to the 2014 CCICED AGM.

3) CCICED will co-host or participate in and support domestic and international meetings and events in environment and development in cooperation with donors and partners.

4. Exploring and mobilizing the potential of CCICED members, donors, and partners

1) CCICED will encourage more communication and interaction among Chinese and international members provide support and services to enhance members' participation in the Council's work. CCICED will also assist members in the establishment of thematic working groups for carrying out research work in between AGMs, the results of which will be submitted to the 2014 AGM in form of a special research report.

2) In conjunction with the policy research framework, CCICED will solicit project proposals from donors and partners and will consider any donor nominations of experts for policy research projects.

5. Expanding the influence of CCICED

1) Furthering the development of a CCICED communications and publicity strategy to enhance CCICED's influence in China and abroad through improved planning and procedures.

2) Communicating with relevant government departments on CCICED policy research findings at appropriate times through special reports or other flexible and efficient forms, taking into account prominent international and domestic issues. .

3) Disseminating CCICED policy research findings, work progress reports, and other information regularly through inter-departmental documents, publications and the internet, including CCICED's website, www.cciced.net.

6. Strengthening capacity building to improve operations and management

1) Further rationalizing and improving working mechanisms, in particular the working mechanisms of the Chief Advisors and their support expert group, in order to provide strong support for CCICED policy research.

2) Implementing the requirements of *the Management Measures on CCICED Policy Research Projects* and its operational rules, and strengthening management and performance evaluation processes to continuously improve the quality of policy research.

3) Strengthening the capacity-building of the Secretariat, and enhancing work capacity of the Secretariat staff through training and work exchanges in a variety of forms, so as to effectively improve routine operation and management of CCICED.

4) Further intensifying the functions and roles of the International Support Office, particularly with regard to improved sharing CCICED research findings with the international community.

IV. Expected Outputs

i. Policy Studies

1. Completing the six policy research reports including the following:

1) TF on “Evaluation and Prospects for a Green Transition Process in China”

2) TF on “Ecological Civilization and Innovation of Environmental Management System”

3) SPS on “Good City Models of Urbanization under the Concept of Ecological Civilization”

4) SPS on “Institutional Innovation of Eco-Environmental Redlining”

5) SPS on “Green Accounting and Environmental Performance Accountability”

6) SPS on “Performance Evaluation on the *Action Plan of Air Pollution*”

Prevention and Control and Regional Coordination Mechanism.”

2. Submitting draft policy recommendations to the Chinese government as approved at the 2014 CCICED AGM.
3. Completing 3-5 special reports.
4. Holding two domestic seminars or strategic salons.

ii. Promotional Activities

1. Holding CCICED Roundtable 2014.
2. Completing the following reports of pilot projects:
 - 1) Summary reports of Green Supply Chain Management pilot projects in Tianjin and Shanghai;
 - 2) Progress reports of Sustainable Consumption pilot project and Corporate Social Responsibility pilot project.
3. Holding 1-2 dialogues and exchange events with other developing countries or regions.
4. Co-hosting 1-2 international meetings and events in environment and development with donors and partners.

iii. Operational Management

1. Holding the CCICED AGM 2014.
2. Studying and developing middle and long-term development strategies, as well as a preliminary mechanism for enhanced CCICED organization and management.
3. About CCICED Council members, donors and partners:
 - 1) Assisting Council members in the establishment of 2-3 thematic working groups, completing 3-5 special research reports and submitting the findings to the AGM 2014;
 - 2) Moving forward with implementing all signed MoUs with donors and partners;
 - 3) Carrying out overseas training with the support of donors and partners;
 - 4) Holding 2-3 donors working conferences.
4. Publicity and promotion activities:
 - 1) Developing CCICED’s communications and publicity strategy and action plan, and launching its implementation;
 - 2) Printing *CCICED 2013 AGM 2013 Proceedings*, and publishing *CCICED 2013 Annual Policy Report*, *CCICED 2013 Annual Work Report* as well as *Special Issue on CCICED 2013 AGM*;

3) Issuing at least 3 CCICED special reports.

5. Capacity Building:

1) Improving the working mechanism for the Chief Advisors and their expert support group and identifying and utilizing external expert resources;

2) Optimizing the division of labour and task-setting within the CCICED Secretariat and enhancing the overall operational capacity and working efficiency of the Secretariat;

3) Further strengthening and optimizing the functions of the International Support Office of the Secretariat;

4) Fully implementing 'whole-process' management and performance evaluation systems.

