

PCCP Project Wrap-up Workshop

Meeting Summary

On Aug. 4, 2011, the Final Conference of the Provincial Programmes on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in China Project was held in Beijing. The government officials from Steering Committee Member Ministries including Ministry of Science and Technology, China Metrological Administration, Ministry of Environmental Protections, together with the government officials responsible for climate change issues from 32 provincial level DRCs among which Beijing and Xinjiang Construction Group included, and the representatives from UNDP, EU, Norwegian Embassy, CICETE and other international organizations and embassies with approximately 120 people attended the meeting.

The meeting was mainly focused on project activities summary, project outputs review together with their effects and results. The comments and suggestions were also collected from the attendees on the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Director General of Climate Change Department of NDRC, Madam Sun Cuihua. In the opening remarks, she clearly pointed out that the successful implementation of PCCP project is merely a favorable beginning. Combating climate change at local levels still has a long way with heavy burden to go. She hopes the local DRCs could summarize good

experience and have a good use of project outputs in combination with the requirement of 12nd 5-year-plan to further enhance the capacity buildings so as to push the combating climate change work one step further.

Madam Tian Yuanshi, Deputy Director of CICETE concluded the project's success into 4 reasons: a) Reasonable design; b) Good leadership and wide participation; c) Wide coverage; d) Timely summarizing and disseminations.

Mr. Navarro, Acting Country Director of UNDP China addressed that UNDP is proud to take part in this project to accelerate China's transition to a low carbon economy and society, promotion of green development and balanced growth. Assisting China with its efforts to create a more sustainable and low carbon development path is, and will continue to be top priority of UNDP. He hoped China could share its experience and lessons with other developing countries through more communications and dialogs.

Mr. Cauwenbergh, Minister Counselor of EU China pointed out in his address that PCCP Project had focused on policy makers and implementers in provinces, cities and municipalities across China. It has worked to translate China's National Climate Change Programme into on-the-ground action in more than 30 provinces and autonomous regions. Today, more than 20 provinces have their own specific programme for climate change; and in all provinces around China climate change has been included as one of the mandates of the local government. The EU is renewing its commitment to support China's own measures to tackle climate change and both sides are currently working together

to develop a new project on emission trading system. By sharing domestic experiences, EU and China can learn a lot from each other.

The environment counselor from Norwegian Embassy, Ms. Jacobsen emphasized the importance of action at the regional and local level in GHG emission reductions. In her view, the provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities have responded to the climate change, and developed strategies adapted to their respective conditions, with top technical support from prominent Chinese institutions. In this way the project has hopefully contributed to bringing Chinese climate change policy one step further.

Mr. Wang Shu, Deputy Director of Climate Change Department of NDRC presented the project activities, outputs and capital allocation and usage at the meeting. Each project task leader made a general introduction about the development of suggestion reports and their major contents. And the representatives from local DRCs introduced the results and effects of the project outputs. Their speeches came to the conclusion that the PCCP Suggesting Reports and Case Study Reports of the project completed the first systematic study about climate change for each province, autonomous region and municipalities, analyzed the specific regional characteristic and climate status, identified the challenge and opportunities of climate change, established the institutional arrangement and job descriptions, build up a stable local research team, clarified the overall strategy and work focus for regional development, established a solid foundation for the big adjustment on industry, energy and

agricultural structure, promoted the launching of related policies and measures on climate change, and directly brought along the development of other researches on low carbon, GHG inventory development, carbon trading, and etc.

In the comments and suggestion session, the representative from Hainan Province put forward one hope that local DRCs could receive the back support on the adaptation research from national levels in the future. Madam Tian Chunxiu, Director of Policy Study Center of Ministry of Environment Protection hoped that local authorities would make an integrated consideration in combination with environmental protection, economic, energy and social goals in implementing the Programmes or Actions so as to realize the maxim goal of sustainable development at the least costs.

Mr. Jiang Zhaoli, Director of Climate Change Department of NDRC addressed at his meeting conclusions that the project work is solid and specific which can be proven by time. The project outputs is high qualified and well targeted. They should be deepen and optimized in the future to make it more directive. In the future, no matter in the development of GHG inventory and other follow up works or in the implementing 12nd 5-year-plan period, the programme or the action should lead a central and fundamental role. He emphasized the project explored a good cooperation pattern with multiple sides involvement and push forward the project implementation together which evolved into a new working module in the practical works so as to lay a good foundation for next cooperations.