



# Environmental Conversation, Sustainable Development and Political Decision-making

## Presentation

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San Mateo, California

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On 22 June 2012, Ecologic Institute hosted a delegation of 20 high-ranking delegates from China's State Council, economic and development organizations and the Chinese media at its office in San Mateo, California. Senior Fellow Tanja Srebotnjak began her presentation with an overview of Ecologic Institute's history and the thematic areas where it has built recognized expertise over the years. Afterwards, she described a range of example projects in which Ecologic Institute EU and US support environmental conversation and sustainable development by assisting political decision-making.

It triggered a fruitful round of Q&A, which especially dealt with the important topics sustainable energy, infrastructure and transportation systems. In addition, the Ecologic Institute enriched the agenda by inviting its partner [Sustainable San Mateo County](#) (SSMC) and the [US-China Green Energy Council](#) (UCGEC), rounding off the 2-hour program with further presentations.

While enjoying light refreshments, the delegates enjoyed the opportunity to continue the conversations in small groups before heading to Stanford University in the afternoon. As part of the two-week long trip the delegation will also visit Chicago, Boston and Washington D.C.

The visit had been initiated by the [America and China International Foundation](#) (ACIF), which facilitates the strengthening of friendly relations between the two countries and which had selected Ecologic Institute as an example of a successful model for the work of non-profit environmental organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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