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Conference on

GREEN DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE INNOVATION: PROSPECTS ON THE RIO+20 SUMMIT

Shanghai, 17-18 April 2012
Venue: SIIS

Global crises are posing greater challenges to people's life and even threaten human existence. Population growth, shortage of resources, energy crisis, food crisis - worldwide environmental problems are emerging with the deepening of globalization. These issues are interwoven, interplaying and cross-border and are taking a toll on the existence and development of human beings. Twenty years ago, the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro for the first time discussed environmental and developmental issues in a broad international framework. It produced the notion of "sustainable development" taking into account the three dimensions of economic, environmental and social sustainability, which again, was reinforced in the 2002 Johannesburg Declaration at the World Summit on Sustainable Development. Furthermore, the 2002 Summit pushed the international political willingness towards more specific action plans to foster sustainable development.

Collective efforts on the local, the regional and the global level as well as genuine commitments both by the Global South and North are crucial to address major

sustainable development issues such as pollution, climate change, energy conservation and emission reduction. The energy-water-food nexus centring on climate changes presents a huge challenge to all human beings and needs global cooperation between developed and developing countries. Furthermore, many developing countries at the industrialization stage face the risk of following a resource-intensive development path, heavily relying on fossil energy sources. In order to support developing countries in the transition to a green economy, which decouples energy consumption from growth, further technical and financial assistance needs to be provided by the international community.

Overall, since 1992 achievements in combating or mitigating environmental problems have been modest. Hence, the objective of Rio+20 is to assure renewed political commitment for sustainable development, to assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of major summits on sustainable development, and to address new and emerging challenges. The Rio+20 Summit will focus on two themes: a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; and the institutional framework for sustainable development.

Based on those two themes of Rio+20, our conference aims to improve and deepen understandings on the key issues and key areas of governance innovation and green development. It will explore the opportunities and challenges of sustainable development for developed and developing countries. It will also seek policy recommendations for future common actions and collaborations, with a direct input towards the forthcoming Rio+20 Summit.

Note to speakers:

- International Conference, Chinese and Foreign Speakers, 12-15 presentations, 1,5 days;
- Language: The working language will be English;
- The organizers will cover travel costs of speakers, including air ticket (economy), local transportation, accommodation and meals;
- All speakers are advised to use **PowerPoint** for presentation and sent their PPP to the organizers (janheidemanns@fes-shanghai.org) till **30th March**, 2012;
- All speakers are kindly asked to send a **2-3 page Executive Summary** of their presentation to the organizers. These summaries will be distributed to the media.

Monday April 16, 2012 – Arrival Day

All day	Arrival of participants
18:15	Pls. meet in the Hotel Lobby for departure to restaurant
19:00	Informal welcome dinner for speakers and invited guests Venue: Oriental Pearl Sky Revolving Restaurant opposite the Bund (House1, Century Avenue, The Oriental Pearl TV Tower, Pudong New Area)

Tuesday April 17, 2012 – Day One

08:15	Pls. meet in the Hotel Lobby for departure to conference venue

09:00-09:20 Opening Session

10 min	Welcome by **Prof. Dr. YANG Jiemian**, President, SIIS
10 min	Welcome by **Catrina Schläger**, Resident Director, FES Shanghai

09:20-12:15 Session I: "Pre-evaluation of Rio+20 Summit"

Issues to be discussed:

- The main themes of Rio +20 Summit**:** green economy and institutional framework for sustainable development
- Different policies, objectives and expectations towards Rio+20: A Chinese, EU and UN Perspective
- The major IGOs and INGOs expectations to Rio+20

Presentation 15 min. followed by 10 min. discussion

Moderator: Dr. CHEN Dongxiao, Vice President, SIIS

15 min + 10	**Mohan Peck,** Senior Strategist, Office of the Executive Coordinators for Rio+20, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York *Topic: "What can we expect from Rio+20? - A UN Perspective"*
15 min + 10	**Prof. PAN Jiahua,** Director, Institute for Urban and Environmental Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences *Topic: "Chinese Perspective towards Rio+20 and Sustainability"*
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee break and group photo

15 min + 10	**Dr. Arno Behrens**, Head of Energy & Research Fellow, Unit for Energy and Climate Change, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) *Topic: "An EU Perspective towards Rio+20"*
15 min + 10	**Luc Bas,** Director of European Programs and International States and Regions, The Climate Group *Topic: "INGOs Expectations towards Rio+20"*
8 min	**Comment: Prof. Paul Smith**, Naval War College
30 min	General Discussion
12:15-14:00	Lunch Break Venue: All-day-dining Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Ramada Plaza Caohejing, 509 Caobao Road

14:00-17:15 Session II: "Key Elements and Policies on Green Development"

Issues to be discussed:

- Framing the context of green economy: challenges, limits and opportunities
- Toolkits and strategies towards green economy: Low carbon energy transition (clean coal, shale gas), policy innovation for green economy, energy-food-water nexus policy, energy for poor countries
- Green growth strategies: EU Roadmap, UNEP Green Economy Report and China's 12th Five-Year-Plan

Presentation 15 min. followed by 10 min. discussion

Moderator: Catrina Schläger, Resident Director, FES Shanghai

15 min + 10	**Dr. YANG Fuqiang,** Senior Advisor on Climate and Energy, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) *Topic: "Green Energy for Developing Countries"*
15 min + 10	**Prof. Kirit S. Parikh,** Chairman, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), India *Topic: "Low Carbon Strategy for Inclusive Growth"*
15 min + 10	**Thaís Brianezi,** Environmental Education and Policy Laboratory (OCA), University of Sao Paulo (USP), Brazil *Topic: "From Green Economy to Colorful Sustainability"*
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15 min + 10	**Deborah Seligsohn ,** Principal Advisor, China Climate and Energy Program, World Resources Institute (WRI) *Topic: Energy-Water Nexux*

15 min + 10	**CHAO Qingchen**, Deputy Director-General, National Climate Center, China Meteorological Administration (CMA) *Topic: Green Development - China's Perspective*
8 min	**Comment: Prof. YU Hongyuan**, SIIS
30 min	General Discussion
17:15	**End of Day One**
18:00	Reception – Dinner Venue: Private Restaurant, 3rd Floor, Ramada Plaza Caohejing, 509 Caobao Road

Wednesday April 18, 2012 – Day Two

08:15 Pls. meet in the Hotel Lobby for departure to conference venue

09:00-12:15 Session III: "Reforms of Global Sustainable Development Institutions"

Issues to be discussed:

- Global governance innovation for green development: does the world need a global institution to strive for it and balance the different needs? What would it have to look like?
- The discussions on a World Environmental Organization
- Durban platform for enhanced action
- Negotiation strategy for Rio+20 summit
- China as a bridge between South and North (G20, BRICs)

Presentation 15 min. followed by 10 min. discussion

Moderator: Prof. YE Jiang, SIIS

15 min + 10	**Sascha Müller-Kraenner**, Executive Director, The Nature Conservancy in Europe; Founder and Vice-President, Ecologic Institute in Berlin and Washington DC *Topic: The Reform of Global Sustainable Development Institutions*
15 min + 10	**Dr. Jürgen Friedrich,** Associate Programme Officer, UNEP, Division for Environmental Law and Conventions (DELC), International Environmental Governance Team *Topic: International Environmental Governance in the Context of Rio+20*
15 min + 10	**Prof. YANG Zewei,** Professor of International Law, Wuhan University *Topic: A Dream Far Away? UN Reform and Global Governance*

10:15 - 10:45	Coffee Break
15 min + 10	**Dr. Peter Saundry,** Executive Director, National Council for Science and the Environment, USA *Topic: The US and Global Environment Governance*
15 min + 10	**Prof. WANG Yi,** Deputy Director-General, Institute of Policy and Management, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) *Topic: Policy Review on China's Green and Low Carbon Development*
8 min	**Comment: Prof. ZHAO Hongtu,** Deputy Director, Institute of World Economic Studies, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR)
30 min	General discussion
12:15-12:30	**Closing**
	Closing remarks by **Catrina Schläger,** Resident Director, FES-Shanghai Closing remarks by **CHEN Dongxiao**, Vice President, SIIS
12:30 -14:00	Lunch Venue: All-day-dining Restaurant, 2nd Floor, Ramada Plaza Caohejing, 509 Caobao Road

End of Conference

14:00-18:00	Excursion for participants
18:20	Pls. meet in the Hotel Lobby for departure to restaurant
19:00	Farewell dinner for speakers and invited guests Venue: Lost Heaven on the Bund, No. 17 Yan'an Dong Road