

COP 15 PARALLEL EVENT

Ecological Civilization Forum

1. Concept note

Biodiversity conservation is a critical goal in the development of an ecological civilization. In line with the theme of COP 15: "Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth", the objective of this forum is to provide a platform for representatives from all walks of life to: 1) to share experiences and achievements in global biodiversity conservation, improvement of people's livelihood and well-being and green development, 2) to gather consensus on ecological civilization, 3) to promote exchanges and cooperation in global biodiversity conservation and ecological civilization-related fields, and provide experience and wisdom for building a global community of life and achieving harmonious coexistence between human beings and nature. In accordance with the theme of COP15 and in line with the objectives of this forum, the theme of the Ecological Civilization Forum is: working together to build a harmonious and beautiful world for all life on the planet.

2. Programme outline

The proposed forum would consist of 3 parts: an opening ceremony of the plenary meeting, 7 theme sub-forums, and a closing ceremony. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this forum is planned to be held both online and in person. Representatives abroad and some domestic participants may attend this forum via Interactio with Chinese and English simultaneous interpretation (link to be provided on the CBD website before the meeting). The forum will also be live-streamed online via YouTube.

It's proposed to invite heads of international organizations, leaders of ministries and local governments to deliver opening remarks, and invite and award medals to representatives of the 5th batch of "national development of an ecological civilization" demonstration cities and counties and "lucid waters and

lush mountains are invaluable assets" innovation bases, as well as national and international well-known experts and scholars, and representatives from international organizations, local governments to give keynote speeches. Also, participants will sign a "Building a Shared Community of Life on Earth and Protecting Global Biodiversity " initiative during closing ceremony of the forum.

There will be 7 sub-forums planned in line with the overall theme of the forum. They will focus on significant international issues, key regions and key fields, starting from the requirements developing an ecological civilization and aiming at promoting regional and global biodiversity conservation. List is as follows:

Sub forum 1, Towards a Carbon Neutral Future: Synergy between Climate Change and Biodiversity;

Sub forum 2, Mainstreaming Ecological Civilization and Biodiversity Conservation;

Sub forum 3, "Lucid Waters and Lush Mountains are Invaluable Assets"-From Theory to Practice;

Sub forum 4, Nature-based Solutions for Ecological Conservation and Restoration;

Sub forum 5, Natural Capital Accounting and Ecological Product Value-Realization;

Sub forum 6, Ecological Civilization and Ecological Security of the Tibetan Plateau;

Sub forum 7, Financial Sector Supporting Biodiversity.

3. Expected Outcomes

3.1. Launch of the "Building a Shared Community of Life on Earth and Protecting Global Biodiversity" Initiative.

3.2. The thematic sub-forums will lead to the publication of research reports, case studies and other relevant achievements to show global efforts and

accomplishments in biodiversity conservation, promoting ecological civilization, and global sustainable development.

3.3. Preparation of a compilation of forum research and discussion results to provide references, suggestions, cases, methods and actions for the COP15 conference and post-2020 biodiversity conservation.

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Proposed agenda

Exhibition Time: October 14 th (Beijing Time) Location: Pavilion 5, 3/F, Building of Dianchi Convention & Exhibition Center	
8:30-8:50	Exhibition of Yunnan Province
Opening Ceremony Time: October 14 th 09:00-12:00 (Beijing Time) Location: Pavilion 7, 3/F, Dianchi Convention & Exhibition Center	
Artistic performance	
9:00-9:05	"Mama the Earth", COP15 theme song performance
Opening remarks Moderator: H.E. Mr. Huang Runqiu, Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China	
9:05-10:10	Sun Jinlong, Secretary of the Leading Party Members Group and Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment
	Ruan Chengfa, Secretary of the CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee

	Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
	Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (video)
	Yang Linping, Vice-President of the Supreme People's Court
	Susan Gardner, Director of Ecosystems Division, United Nations Environment Programme (Video)
	Zhang Yudong, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology
	Masatsugu Asakawa, President of the Asian Development Bank (video)
	Zhang Zhanhai, Chief Engineer of the Ministry of Natural Resources
	Bruno Oberle, Director General of International Union for Conservation of Nature (video)
	Zhang Jiwen, Vice Minister and CPC Committee Member of the General Administration of Customs of China
	M. Sanjayan, Chief Executive Officer of Conservation International (Video)
	Zhou Liujun, Vice Chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency
Awarding medals to representatives of the 5th batch of "national development of an ecological civilization" demonstration cities and counties and "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets" innovation bases. Moderator: Zhao Yingmin, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China	
10:10-10:55	Video of the selected areas
	Announcement of the list of awarded areas and speech by Zhao Yingmin, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment

	Invite guests to award medals to representatives of the 5th batch of national ecological civilization construction demonstration cities and counties and "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets" innovation bases.
Keynote speeches Moderator: Zhao Yingmin, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China	
10:55-12:00	Wang Yubo, Governor of Yunnan Province
	Marco Lambertini, Director-General of World Wide Fund for Nature (video)
	Wang Lixia, Chairwoman of the People's Government of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region
	Lu Shan, Vice Governor of Zhejiang Province of China
	Zhang Hua, Vice Mayor of Shenzhen Municipal People's Government
	Gretchen Daily, Professor of Stanford University, fellow of US National Academy of Sciences (video)
	Zhang Yaping, Academician, Vice-President of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
	Wang Jinnan, Academician, Chinese Academy of Environmental Planning (CAEP)
Theme Forums Time: October 14th 14:30-18:00	
14:30-18:00	Theme Forum 1: Towards a Carbon Neutral Future: Synergy between Climate Change and Biodiversity Lead Organizers: ICCSD, WWF, CGTN Think Tank
	Theme Forum 2: Ecological Civilization and Biodiversity Mainstreaming Lead Organizers: NIES, CWPCA, WRI

	<p>Theme Forum 3: Lucid Waters and Lush Mountains are Invaluable Assets: from Concept to Practice</p> <p>Lead Organizers: CECRPA, RIEco, UNEP-IEMP</p>
	<p>Theme Forum 4: Ecosystem conservation and Restoration by Nature-based Solutions (NbS)</p> <p>Lead Organizers: LCRC, CRAES, IUCN</p>
<p>Theme Forums</p> <p>Time: October 15th 8:30-11:30</p>	
8:30-11:30	<p>Theme Forum 5: Natural Capital Accounting and Ecological Product Value Realization</p> <p>Lead Organizers: RCEES, CAEP, ADB</p>
	<p>Theme Forum 6: Ecological Civilization and Ecological Security of the Tibetan Plateau</p> <p>Lead Organizers: ITP, ANSO, SCIES</p>
	<p>Theme Forum 7: Financial Sector Supporting Biodiversity</p> <p>Lead Organizers: CBA, NADSR, UNDP</p>
<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Time: October 15th 12:00-13:00</p> <p>Moderator: ZHAO Yingmin, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China</p>	
12:00-12:55	<p>Launch an initiative of "Building a Shared Community of Life on Earth and Protecting Global Biodiversity"</p>
	<p>Closing remarks by Wang Yubo, Governor of Yunnan Province</p>
	<p>Closing remarks by Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity</p>
	<p>Closing remarks by Meng Dong, Vice Administrator of the National Radio and Television Administration</p>

	Closing remarks by Aniruddha Dasgupta, President and CEO of the World Resources Institute (video)
	Closing remarks by Leader of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China
	Closing speech by H.E. Mr. Huang Runqiu, Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China