



International Civil Society Conference

„After the Failure of Copenhagen:
Ways to Sustainability and
Low Carbon Economies
in Europe and in China.
Civil Society Perspectives“

Gustav-Stresemann-Institut, Bonn, Germany,
June 28th to June 30th, 2010



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The **European Union and China** can and must contribute to mitigating climate change as a matter of urgency. Both global players have to respond to the challenge that current economic growth is probably not sustainable. On the other hand, economic growth seems to be a prerequisite for social development and prosperity. This dilemma hinders the development of low carbon economies both in the European Union and in China though the political, economic and social structures differ in these parts of the world. In the European Union people might ask whether or not they can keep their living standard without economic growth. In China the question at stake is how to implement the right to development under low carbon requirements.

Irrespective of these differences, civil society organisations both in the European Union and in China promote low carbon economies. They have common concerns. They respond to the failure of Copenhagen by intensifying their initiatives to avert climate disaster. They can learn from each other though they have different traditions, structures, perceptions, options and visions.

The International Civil Society Conference helps to strengthen the exchange between European and Chinese civil society organisations. It explores possibilities, conditions and limitations for European-Chinese civil society cooperation in promoting low carbon economies. It discusses conflicting interests and trade-offs as well as the social implications of transforming growth oriented economies to low carbon economies.

The International Civil Society Conference builds on the June 2009 workshop “Global Concerns – Global Cooperation” in Guangzhou. This workshop brought up the strong wish for building European-Chinese civil society networks. The International Civil Society Conference is a step towards the realisation of this wish.

The International Civil Society Conference brings together people from European and Chinese civil society organisations concerned by climate change. In addition, it is open to the public, though places are limited.

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Programme

Subject to alteration!

Monday, June 28th, 2010

- 4.30 pm: **Welcome and introduction to the conference**
Klaus Heidel, Werkstatt Ökonomie e.V., Heidelberg, Germany
- 5.00 pm: **Who we are – what we want: we get to know each other**
World Café method
Chair and introduction: Dr. Franz Halbartschlager, SüdwindAgentur,
Vienna, Austria
- 7.00 pm: Dinner
- 8.00 pm: **Open marketplace: Presentations of activities and initiatives**

Tuesday, June 29th, 2010

- 8.00 am: Breakfast
- 9.00 am: **Introduction to the programme of the day**
Klaus Heidel, Werkstatt Ökonomie e.V., Heidelberg
- Section I: Low carbon economies and ecological justice –
compatible with prosperity and the right to development?
Challenges to civil society organisations
- 9.15 am: **The great transition to a low carbon economy: The challenge of
climate change demands a new economy**
Andrew Simms, Policy Director, Head of Climate Change and
Energy, New Economics Foundation, London, United Kingdom
(member of the Green New Deal Group) (to be confirmed)
Questions for clarification
- 10.00 am: **Climate change and the right to development.
Chinese perspectives**
LIU Jianqiang, China Dialogue, Beijing, China
Questions for clarification
- 10.45 am: Coffee break



11.15 am: **Discussion in three working groups**

12.30 am: **Reports from the working groups**
Concluding remarks by the key note speakers

1.00 pm: Lunch

Section II: Climate change, low carbon economies and conflicting interests and goals: Civil society approaches, experiences and perspectives

2.15 pm: **Civil society approaches in China and in the European Union. Key questions and general remarks**
FU Tao, China Development Brief, Beijing
Thomas Hirsch, Brot für die Welt (Bread for the World), Stuttgart, Germany

Introduction to the thematic working groups
Klaus Heidel, Werkstatt Ökonomie e.V., Heidelberg, Germany

3.00 pm: Three parallel working groups
Working group I: Climate change and sustainable lifestyle: Providing green alternatives for societies?
Introductory statements and case studies:
WEN Bo, China Program Co-director, Pacific Environment, Beijing, China
HUO Weiya, China Dialogue, Beijing, China (to be confirmed)
Julia Bals, Verbraucher fürs Klima, Verbraucherzentrale Bundesverband e.V. (Climate Campaign, Federation of German Consumer Organisations)
Tobias Pforte von Randow, Germanwatch, Berlin, Germany (to be confirmed)

Working group II: Low carbon economies and energy: A future without fossil-fuel power stations and nuclear power plants?
Introductory statements and case studies:
JIN Jiaman, Executive Director, Global Environmental Institute, Beijing, China
YE Weijia, Beijing Dao Institute for Environment and Development, Beijing, China (to be confirmed)
Jürgen Maier, Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung, Berlin, Germany
Thomas Hirsch, Brot für die Welt, Stuttgart, Germany

Working group III: Climate Change as a challenge for local communities. Local initiatives in rural and urban areas
Introductory statements and case studies:
LI Li, Chief Coordinator, China Youth Climate Action Network, Beijing, China
YANG Fangyi, Shanshui Conservation Centre, Beijing, China and University of Göttingen, Germany
ZHOU, Xiang, Executive Director, Green Anhui, Hefei, China (to be confirmed)
Johannes Küstner, Brot für die Welt, Stuttgart, Germany
Dirk Jansen, Geschäftsleiter Landesverband Nordrhein-Westfalen BUND (Friends of the Earth Germany), Düsseldorf, Germany (to be confirmed)
(4.00 pm: Coffee break)

7.00 pm: Dinner

8.00 pm: Bonn at night



Wednesday, June 30th, 2010

- 8.00 am: Breakfast
- 9.00 am: **Introduction to the programme of the day**
Klaus Heidel, Werkstatt Ökonomie e.V., Heidelberg
- Section III: Climate change as a global, national, regional and local challenge: Civil society conclusions and perspectives for future cooperation**
- 9.15 am: **Future European-Chinese civil society cooperation: Topics, proposals and open questions. Brief reports from the Tuesday afternoon working groups**
Structured panel with one reporter from each group
Chair: Dr. Franz Halbartschlager, SüdwindAgentur, Vienna, Austria
- 9.45 am: **Low carbon Germany? Observations made during the exposure and field visit programme. A stocktaking panel discussion with interventions from the floor**
Participants:
HUO Weiya, China Dialogue, Beijing, China (to be confirmed)
LI Li, China Youth Climate Action Network, Beijing, China
JIN Jiaman, Executive Director, Global Environmental Institute, Beijing, China
ZHOU Jiuxuan, Executive Director, Pesticide Eco-Alternatives Center, Kunming, China
WANG Liping, Caijing, Beijing, China
- 10.45 am: Coffee break
- 11.15 am: **European-Chinese civil society cooperation: Possibilities, conditions, limitations. Three working groups**
- 1.00 pm: Lunch
- 2.30 pm: **Brief reports from the working groups**
- 2.45 pm: **Recommendations for further cooperation. Two conference observers summarise their observations and challenge the audience**
WEN Bo, China Program Co-director, Pacific Environment, Beijing, China
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- 3.15 pm: **Plenary discussion**
- 4.15 pm: **Closing remarks**
Klaus Heidel, Werkstatt Ökonomie e.V., Heidelberg
- 4.30 pm: **End of the conference**



Languages

Conference languages are Chinese and English.

Costs

No conference fee; the costs for board and lodging (two nights and two days full board) amount to 180.00 Euro.

Venue

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Location and approach

by car:

Right side of Rhine:

A3, until motorway-crossing Bonn/Siegburg → A560, Bonn until motorway-crossing St. Augustin → A59, Bonn-Bad Godesberg until motorway-crossing Bonn-Ost (42) → A562 until exit Rheinaue, then turn left → next traffic light: turn right → Heinemann Strasse → 100 m after traffic light make U-turn (left) → GSI-parking after 100 m on the right side of the street

Left side of Rhine:

A61, until motorway-crossing Meckenheim → A565, direction Bonn → Exit Bonn-Poppelsdorf, direction Bad Godesberg (B9) → At crossing Heinemann-Strasse turn right into Winkelsweg → after 50 m make U-turn, cross B9 → after 200 m turn right into “Langer Grabenweg”: GSI after 50 m on the left side

by rail:

Between Bonn central station and Bonn-Bad Godesberg trams commute every 7 minutes (tram-number 16 and 63).

From Bonn central-station:

U-Bahn Line (underground/tram number) 16 or 63, direction Bad Godesberg → leave tram at “Max-Löbner-Straße” → walk down “Max-Löbner-Strasse” to the end.

From ICE-Station Siegburg/Bonn:

U/tram-line 66, direction Bonn/Bad Honnef → leave tram at station “Robert-Schuman-Platz” → Kurt-Georg-Kiesinger-Allee, turn left to Jean-Monet-Straße, turn left to Heinemann-Straße

by plane:

From airport Cologne/Bonn:

Bus No. SB 60 until Hauptbahnhof (Bonn central station) → From Bonn central-station: take U-Bahn Line (underground/tram number) 16 or 63, direction Bad Godesberg → Leave at “Max-Löbner-Strasse” and Walk down “Max-Löbner-Strasse” to the end.

Registration

Registration by June 15th, 2010 with:
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The EU-China Civil Society Forum therefore aims to:

- Enable informed public debate on China and Europe-China relations within the EU, a debate grounded on diversified images of China and solutions to problems sought constructively, rather than confrontational isolation
- Support political institutions within the EU and its members in shaping relations with China according to social, human rights and ecological objectives
- Ensure that labour standards and additional social and ecological standards are adhered to in Chinese affiliated companies and supplies of European enterprises
- Promote an increased level of understanding and cooperation between European and Chinese Civil Society actors.

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Please, tick as appropriate

- I register for the International Civil Society Conference in Bonn 28-30 June 2010.
- Accommodation for two nights and meals included (180,00 Euro).
- Meals included (dinner on Monday and Tuesday, lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday, 60,00 Euro).
- I ask for vegetarian food.

Place and date

Signature

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