

* 2019 Review *

CEC International Cooperation





Preface

Dear Friends,

2019 is a meaningful year for CEC, as representative agency of China Environmental Labelling, CEL had a wonderful birthday with most of you.

Lots of precious memories in this year were maintained, and we would like to appreciate a lot for your collaboration in 2019.

CEC expects to keep move forward with you for 2020.
Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

Best wishes,

Xiaodan ZHANG and CEC team



Annual Events

International Symposium on Green Consumption 25 Years of China Environmental Labelling Program



The Symposium on Green Consumption - 25 Years of China Environmental Labelling Program was held in Suzhou, China on October 25, 2019. This activity was hosted by MEE Environmental Development Center and organized by China Environmental United Certification Center with strong support from Suzhou Municipal Government, China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) Secretariat, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) China Office, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) and International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN). This activity aimed at exchanging Chinese and international best practice and experience in green consumption; discussing the strategy, tasks and measures for green consumption in the 14th Five-Year Plan period; summarizing the progress, efforts and fruitful results of China Environmental Labelling Program over the past 25 years; exploring comprehensive measures and publicizing the stakeholders who promote and carry out green consumption. More than 300 participants from related governments, industries, scientific institutes, testing bodies, NGOs, certified enterprises as well as the representatives of GEN, UNEP, EDF, IGPN and eco-labelling body of many countries and regions attended this meeting.



Mr. Shoumin ZOU Director-General of MEE Department of Science, Technology and Finance. “As the linkage with public green production and consumption, China Environmental Labelling in the future should grow bigger and stronger and play a bigger role in policy making, technical support, media guidance as well as promoting green development mode and lifestyle.”



Mr. Chunjiang LI, Vice Director-General of the Department of Certification Supervision of State Administration for Market Regulation. “In the development of the past 25 years, the concept and development of China Environmental Labelling highly align with the idea of quality certification work. Now, it becomes the role model of voluntary product certification in China and also enjoys strong influence in the world.”



Mr. Scott Vaughan of CCICED International Chief Advisor “It is expected that this international workshop will be a new beginning with more fruitful achievements in the future.”





Mr. Hualin ZHAO, a Vice-Ministerial leader of State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC) and former Chairman of the Supervisory Board of SASAC “China Environmental Labelling Program should make use of the favorable situation and play a bigger role in promoting ecological civilization and green development in the new era.”



Mr. Erik Solheim, CCICEC Vice Chairman and former UNEP Executive Director “With continual globalization, international communities are striving for global ecological civilization and building a clean and beautiful world as the key measures for promoting the community with shared future.



Mr. Yong REN, Director-General of Environmental Development Center, MEE presented a keynote speech with the title “China’s Strategy to Promoting Green Consumption”. He gave elaborations about the following three topics: 1) Why China attaches great importance to green consumption? 2) Challenges and opportunities for China to promote green consumption; 3) Strategy and policy recommendations.





Mr. Charles Arden-Clarke, Executive Director of UNEP One Planet Network introduced the achievements of One Planet Network. He expounded the priority areas and roadmap for promoting sustainable consumption.



Mr. Sebastien Paquot, Counsellor Climate Action and Environment, EU Delegation in Beijing gave a keynote speech with the title "EU Policy System for Green Production and Consumption", which introduced EU policies and practice on circular economy.



GEN Chairman Bjorn-Eric Lonn presented GENICES Certificate to CEC General Manager Xiaodan ZHANG.



With the approval of IGPN Council, Mr. Chen Yanping, former DG of MEE Bureau of Office Affairs and the first Chairman of CEC will serve as the new Chairman of IGPN.



To advocate the idea of green travel and low carbon, CEC accounted CO₂ emission of this meeting and procured equivalent carbon reduction credits to neutralize all carbon emissions resulting from this activity. Therefore, this meeting achieved the target of "zero carbon emission".

CCICED SPS Project

Activities of CCICED SPS Task Force

China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) is a unique organization that has championed the environment and sustainable development for over 26 years, and garnered long-lasting support and respect from the international community.

The project of CCICED Special Policy Study (SPS) on Green Transition and Sustainable Social Governance was carried out from 2019. EDC Director General Ren Yong is China team leader and CEC undertakes implementation. In 2019:

- SPS Task Force visited Sweden and Germany in March of 2019 to attend SPS Task Force Meeting and had discussions with institution and enterprise representatives from Sweden and Germany;
- Attended the CCICED 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Hangzhou in the early June of 2019, submitted the research report and briefed its findings and policy recommendations at the meeting.
- It also co-organized the Open Forum on China's High-quality Economic Development and Green Transformation during the 14th Five Year Plan Period with CCICED Secretariat during the AGM;
- Organized Inception Meeting of Special Policy Study on Green Transition in Suzhou;
- EDC Director General Ren Yong meet with Swedish environmental experts and had deep discussion.



SPS Task Force visited Sweden



SPS Task Force visited Germany



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Inception Meeting of Special Policy Study on Green Transition



EDC Director General Ren Yong met with the Swedish delegation



Cooperation with UNEP

UNEP Sustainable Public Procurement Program

MEE Environmental Development Center approved as the **Co-lead of UNEP One Planet Network Sustainable Public Procurement Program**, CEC was appointed to **implement Co-lead work**.

CEC delegation attended UNEP One Planet Network executive meeting the first Co-lead meeting of UNEP SPP Program in May and the first Co-lead meeting of SPP Program in September in Paris.



Mr. Chunming CHENG, Deputy General Director of MEE EDC, Board Chairman of CEC attended the first Co-lead meeting of SPP program



SPP Co-lead Certificate awarding



One Planet Network executive meeting

Project of Status review on SCP and national policy dialogue on Sustainable Consumption for policy makers and stakeholders in China



Under the project framework:

25th April 2019 –The National High Level Policy Dialogue on Sustainable Consumption for Policy Makers and Stakeholders held in Beijing, co-organized by SWITCH-Asia II Regional Policy Advocacy Component (PPAC) and China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC) with the support of Delegation of the European Union to China, Environmental Development Center of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China (MEE). Mr. Yong REN, Director General of Environmental Development Center, MEE and Ms. Dechen Tsering, Director of Asia Pacific Regional Office, UNEP, attended and delivered keynote speech.

The report on status review of SCP policies and activities in China and policy suggestions with a focus on sustainable consumption is under development and will be complete according to experts review meeting which was held in September.



Mr. Ren Yong, Director General of EDC met with UNEP China delegation



The National High Level Policy Dialogue



Experts review meeting

Cooperation with GEN

**Ms. Xiaodan ZHANG attended GEN Board meeting
and discussed GEN development**



GEN 2019 Spring Board
Meeting, April 8-9, LA,
United State



GEN 2019 Autumn Board Meeting,
October 20-21, Suzhou, China

2019 Annual General Meeting of Global Ecolabelling Network held in Suzhou, China



2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) was held in Suzhou, China. China Environmental United Certification Center was responsible for the preparation and holding of the meeting under strong support of GEN secretary. Meanwhile, UNEP China Office and International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN) held back to back meeting with GEN AGM and participated GEN workshop and activity during AGM.

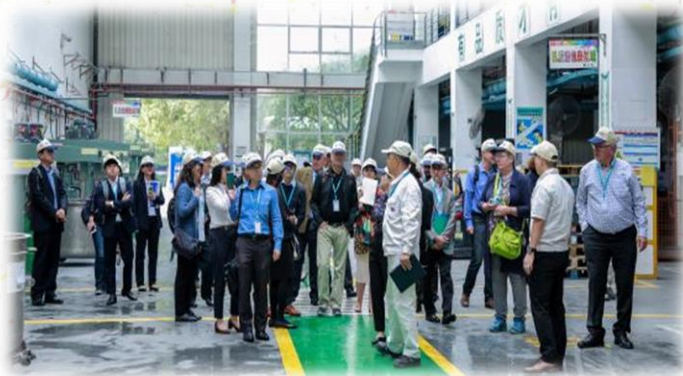
2019 AGM focused on ecolabel mutual cooperation, performances, communication and services certification etc. The seminar on “Ecolabel and Green Procurement” was held to discuss their synergetic development. 2019 is GEN 25th anniversary, all participants reviewed GEN’s development and celebrate its birthday. During AGM, “Ecolabel go to enterprise and university” was organized and GEN member made deep communication with enterprises and university for ecolabel function, circular economy and green consumption etc.



2019 Annual General Meeting Activities



GEN 25th Anniversary GALA, Ecolabel enter Enterprise and University & Social Activity



Cooperation with GEN member



Attend China-Japan-Korea Ecolabel Working Group Meeting March 26-27, Tokyo, Japan and reach consensus on CJK common core criteria of Further



Attend the 5th Tripartite Roundtable on Environment Business November 21-24, Kitakyushu, Japan and sign the CJK common core criteria of Further



Ms. Zhang Xiaodan, General Manager of CEC and Mr. Hidenori Yamagata, Managing Director of JEA jointly presented the medal to the first enterprise obtaining mutual ecolabel recognition based on China-Japan ecolabel common core criteria.



Cooperation with GEN member

The Seminar on Sino-Germany Sustainable Consumption Project was successfully held in Suzhou on October 25th, 2019. The representatives from China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC), German Environment Agency (UBA), The RAL gGmbH (RAL), German International Cooperation Organization (GIZ) and relevant industries attended this seminar.

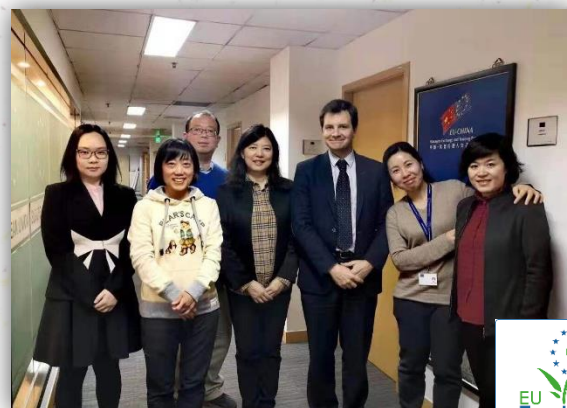


The meeting confirmed Sino-Germany ecolabel common core criterion of shredder; and proposed next cooperation category. German experts gave detailed explanation about Blue Angel criteria of water-based paints and detergents of common concern and had in-depth discussions. The participation of the representatives of relevant industries facilitates the application of the project findings.



CEC visited the Delegation of the European Union to China on Dec. 9 to meet with Mr. Sebastien Paquot, Counsellor of Environment and climate Change.

There were some exchanges on Ecolabel, Green Consumption and Climate Change etc. The meeting is in-depth exchange between the two sides, which laid a good foundation for the further cooperation between the two sides in the future.



IGPN Related Activities



IGPN 2019 Annual Meeting

IGPN 2019 Annual Meeting was held in Suzhou, China. This meeting was hosted by IGPN Secretariat China Environmental United Certification Center. Representatives of national and regional green procurement network such as Japan, Thailand, Singapore, China Hong Kong and Chinese Taipei as well as the participants from IGPN Council and Stakeholders, such as UNEP SPP program officer.



During the meeting Mr. Yanping CHEN was elected as the new IGPN Chairman. IGPN former Chairman Mr. Hideki Nakahara elected as Honorary Chairman. IGPN will focus exchanges and communication on practices, tools and methods, promote the dissemination of green procurement, accelerate the solution of global environmental issues, and promote the realization of SDGs.



Mr. Hideki Nakahara and Mr. Yanping CHEN

One Planet Program Officer
Mr. Farid Yaker delivered a speech



Climate Change

World Bank Partnership for Market Readiness (PMR)



At the invitation of the World Bank, Wenbo LIU from CEC on behalf of MEE Department of Climate Change attended the 20th Meeting of Members of World Bank PMR held in Brussels, Belgium during May 28th -June 1st, 2019.

At the invitation of the World Bank, Wenbo LIU from CEC attended the Innovate Climate held in Singapore during June 4th -8th, 2019. On behalf of MEE Department of Climate Change, he introduces the latest development of carbon market in China.



Former UN secretary general Ban Ki-moon visits the China pavilion

Other activities

2019 Annual Meeting of APEC Green Supply Chain Cooperation Network, Tianjin, China



Mr. Jiangyuan GU, the deputy General Manager of CEC attended the meeting and gave a speech on GSC performance in green printing

2019 Asia-Pacific Sustainable Packaging Summit, Shanghai, China

Mr. Lei CAO, CEC Assistant General Manager attended and addressed the meeting with the theme “Environmental Labelling as a New Measure Promotes Green Packaging and Achieves the Control of VOCs”.



Global SCP upstream policy tools knowledge exchange, Bangkok, Thailand



Mr. Xiaodong CUI, the Director of Audit Dept. of CEC shared experiences on China Sustainable Consumption and Production and Green Public Procurement



Thank you for
your attention

