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International Forum on Accelerating Carbon Neutrality in the Yangtze River Delta Region

Invitation Letter

Dear Distinguished Guest,

We sincerely invite you to participate in the **International Forum on Accelerating Carbon Neutrality in the Yangtze River Delta Region**. This one-day event will be hosted by World Resources Institute, and supported by Consulate General of Denmark in Shanghai, Consulate General of Finland in Shanghai, Embassy of Iceland in Beijing, Consulate General of Norway in Shanghai and Consulate General of Sweden in Shanghai, and will take place on **9:30AM (CST), June 10, 2021, at Radisson Collection Hotel, Xing Guo Shanghai.**

In September 2020, China announced the new climate pledges to peak CO₂ emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. Many countries including China have reached a consensus on avoiding the possible irreversible consequences of climate change and taking more ambitious and urgent decarbonization actions. Evidence shows that economic growth and low-carbon action not only can be realized simultaneously but can be mutually reinforcing. The Yangtze River Delta, Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, and the Greater Bay Area will be the new economic powerhouse for China. The recently released national 14th Five-Year Plan once again pointed out that China will steadily implement the strategy for coordinated regional development. Therefore, it is crucial to ensure the integrated development with better distribution of resources in these regions in order to drive technological innovation and high-quality growth and achieve the climate goals effectively.

Guided by the Declaration on Nordic Carbon Neutrality of January 2019, the Nordic countries continue to engage with partners across the world to support the transition to climate neutrality by mid-century, by offering support in developing appropriate policy frameworks, exploring options for financing climate action from different sources as well as through the innovative solutions Nordic companies can supply. The transition to climate neutrality presents an opportunity for new jobs and economic development. The Nordic countries acknowledge the role of processes that bring together climate actors with various perspectives on the climate actions we need to take.

In this context and ahead of COP26, we organize this international Forum to bring together Nordic countries and provinces and cities within the Yangtze River Delta region to learn from each other's advanced experience, especially from governments and business sectors, to explore a better development path for a greener and cleaner economy together.

We would be delighted if you could join us and share your insights. Enclosed please find the draft agenda of the forum. Should you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Ms. Xinyuan Wen (xinyuan.wen@wri.org). Please register your participation by June 3rd at (<https://www.wjx.cn/vj/t2F3SEG.aspx>).

Sincerely,

World Resources Institute

Agenda (Tentative)

Session 1: Green Innovations to Green Business

Host: Li Fang, Country Director, WRI China

9:30-9:35	Remarks	Pasi Hellman, Consul General, Consulate General of Finland in Shanghai
9:35-9:40	Remarks	TBD, Shanghai Municipal Commission of Commerce
9:40-9:45	Remarks	Helen Mountford, Vice President for Climate and Economics, WRI
Keynote Speech		
9:45-9:55	Science-Based Targets Initiative	Kevin Moss, Global Director, Center for Sustainable Business, WRI
9:55-10:05	EU Experience	Juan Ignacio Garcia de Motiloa, National Vice Chair of the Energy Working Group, European Union Chamber of Commerce in China
10:05-10:15	YRD Experience: How companies can contribute to the low carbon development	TBD, Shanghai Foreign Investment Development Board
10:15-10:25	Corporate Green Power Purchase	Min Yuan, Manager of Climate and Energy Program, WRI China
Panel Discussions		
10:25-11:10	<p>Topic A: Scaling renewable energy to accelerate low-carbon transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers and challenges for the companies Future trends in key sectors Climate finance innovations 	<p>Moderator: Peng Peng, Secretary-General, China New Energy Investment and Financing Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesper Wigardt, VP Communications & Public Affairs, Northvolt (online) Xiaoju Fang, Head of PR and Branding, Envision Energy Bing Zhao, Vice President, Head of Collection Solutions Asia, Tomra Jing Qian, Vice President, JinkoSolar Xin Zhao, CFO and Managing Director, Artic Green Energy Beijing Office
11:10-11:20	Break	
11:20-12:05	<p>Topic B: Leveraging big data to accelerate low-carbon transition and system level thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers and challenges for the companies Policy support Key technology innovations for zero carbon development 	<p>Moderator: Wee Kean Fong, Deputy Country Director, WRI China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD, NIO Alfred Che, Vice President and Head of Corporate Communications for the China region, Danfoss Yan Wu, Vice President, Sinosoft Technology Rhonin Zhou, Market Development Manager, Wärtsilä
12:15-13:30	Lunch	

Session 2: Coordinated Regional Development for Deeper Decarbonization

Host: Li Fang, Country Director, WRI China

14:00-14:10	Opening	Li Fang, Country Director, WRI China
14:10-14:15	Remarks	TBD, Shanghai Municipal Development and Reform Commission
14:15-14:20	Remarks	Hans Olav Ibrekk, Policy Director, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Panel A: Enhancing Regional Collaborations

- How to promote cooperation from the perspectives of economic development, transportation, civil society for achieving the climate goals?
- What will the new development pattern be in the key regions?

14:20-14:30	Shanghai	TBD, Shanghai Economic Information Center
14:30-14:40	Finland	Ma Ding, Senior Advisor, Regional Council of South Karelia
14:40-14:50	Anhui	TBD, Anhui Economic Research Institute
14:50-15:00	Denmark Latest DK commitment to develop Energy Islands in Denmark, its utilization of renewable energy and how this will contribute to power grid integration in Northern Europe.	Tomas Christensen, Climate Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities
15:00-15:10	YRD Regional Cooperation	Xiaoming Zhu, President, Southeast University YRD Carbon Neutrality Strategy Development Institute
15:10-15:40	Panel Discussion	Above Representatives
15:40-16:00	Break	

Panel B: Decarbonizing the Industry Sector

- How to facilitate circular economy as a way to support climate goals?
- What are the key factors that affect the decarbonization pathway for the Industry sectors?

Host: Jan Wahlberg, Ambassador for Climate Change, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

16:00-16:10	Sweden	Svante Axelsson, National Coordinator for Fossil Free Sweden, Fossilfritt Sweden Commission
16:10-16:20	Zhejiang	Huafu Zhou, Director General, Zhejiang Development & Planning Institute
16:20-16:30	Norway Presenting a carbon capture and storage project in Norway.	Alex Engh, Senior Advisor, Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy
16:30-16:40	Jiangsu	Li Lai, Director, Jiangsu Strategy and Development Research Center
16:40-16:50	Iceland	Stefán Skjaldarson, Ambassador and Special Envoy on Climate Change, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland
16:50-17:20	Panel Discussion	Above Representatives
17:20-17:30	Wrap-up	Mattias Frumerie, Climate Ambassador, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden
18:00-19:30	Dinner	