

Urban-Rural Assembly (URA)

The 3rd Science-Policy Dialogue

Ecological Restoration in Urban-Rural Linkages

Overview	
Date	June 21, 2023, Wednesday
Time	1500 – 1730 CST (Beijing Time) 0900 – 1130 CEST
Venue	Online
Organizers	ICLEI East Asia
Partners	TU Berlin URA Consortium Tongji University Taizhou University ¹
Language	English and Chinese Mandarin
Zoom link	Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86911948866?pwd=MHdlalJIT1dzVFN4S2JFZmlGcUh4QT09 Meeting ID: 869 1194 8866 Passcode: 797207
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • URA Sino-German Consortium researchers • Chinese Center for Urban Development (CCUD) • Representative from governments of Chinese cities, including Taizhou, Chengdu and Foshan • Academia • NGOs

About the session

As urbanization grows, problems such as unbalanced urban-rural development and social-spatial polarization have become increasingly prominent. It is crucial to promote sustainable urban development through urban-rural integration. In the process of urban-rural integration development, urban-rural linkages, as concentrated areas of development and construction, have active economic activities, and severe human-land relations, resulting in a sensitive and fragile ecological environment. Strengthening the ecosystem in the urban-rural linkage is of great significance to promote the development and transformation of cities, the construction of beautiful countryside, and the maintenance of social stability in urban and rural areas, laying an important foundation for rural revitalization and urbanization.

On December 5, 2019, the meeting for comprehensive land improvement and ecological restoration in rural areas of Zhejiang Province was held in Wenling, Taizhou. It was asserted that there is a pressing need to advance

¹ ICLEI built connections with Taizhou University through field visits in March, and the University is interested in supporting SPD.



the enhancement and rehabilitation of the rural ecological environment, as well as the upgrade of the spatial layout, industrial structure, and village arrangement of rural areas. Additionally, it was suggested that collaborative efforts should be made to share the results of comprehensive improvement, in order to strengthen rural revitalization and foster the development of ecological civilization. In December 2020, the Zhejiang Provincial Department of Natural Resources issued the "Work Plan for the Compilation of the Provincial Land Space Ecological Restoration Plan (2021-2035)" to further promote the preparation of the provincial land space ecological restoration plan.

In order to promote the ecological environment protection and sustainable development of the urban-rural linkage in Taizhou, the URA Sino-German Consortium plans to hold a scientific-policy dialogue in June 2023 to provide technical advice and policy support for urban-rural ecological restoration. Experts will carry out exchanges and dialogues around the ecological system construction of the urban-rural linkage, in order to improve the functions and service capabilities of the urban-rural ecosystem, and provide more stable and sustainable environmental support for the integrated development of urban and rural areas.

Focus areas

- Differences and connections between urban and rural ecosystems
- Existing ecological and environmental problems in the urban-rural linkage
- Current ecological restoration policies and corresponding mitigation measures
- How ecosystem construction can promote urban-rural integration and rural revitalization
- Turning policies into practice: actors and best practices in the urban-rural linkage

Agenda

Time	Agenda	Speaker
15:00-15:01 Beijing Time 1 min 9:00-9:01 CEST	Introduction	Ying Wang Program Manager ICLEI East Asia Secretariat
15:01-15:10 9 mins 9:01-9:10 CEST	Welcome remarks Shu Zhu (3 mins) Regional Director, ICLEI East Asia Secretariat Anke Hagemann (3 mins) Professor, Technical University of Berlin (TUB), URA Project Leader Qian Wang (3 mins) Deputy Mayor, Beiyang Town Government, Taizhou	
15:10-16:20 70 mins 9:10-10:20 CEST	Thematic presentation: Ecosystem restoration and business development	
	1. China's Urbanization Strategy and Urban Ecosystem Changes (10 min)	Ms. Wei Bai Deputy Director, International Cooperation Dept, China Center for Urban Development, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)
	2. Ecosystem Services Restoration and Biodiversity Offsets, with Taizhou research results and German approach and cases (20 min)	Prof. Wolfgang Wende Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER)
	3. Urban Ecological Space Planning Based on Ecosystem Services (15 min)	Prof. Wentao Yan College of Agriculture and Urban Planning, Tongji University
	4. International practices for ecological restoration and management in cities/regions (10 min)	Mr. Marc Barra , Ecologist, Regional Agency for Biodiversity, Paris Region Institute



	5. Case Study on Ecological Restoration in Taizhou (10 min)	Prof. Jiang Wang College of Life Sciences, Taizhou University
Water Break 5 min		
16:25-17:30 65 mins 10:25-11:30 CEST	<p>Panel discussion: Eco-restoration and sustainable development</p> <p>Talking points (choose one): 5 min per city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key areas and challenges of eco-restoration in the urban and rural fringe - Local experience and observations on eco-restoration - How eco-restoration can contribute to urbanization and rural revitalization - Policy suggestions and prospects for urban-rural ecosystem construction - Others <p>Q & A 20 min</p>	<p>Ying Wang (moderator)</p> <p>Case sharing from 5 areas: Taizhou, Dresden, Chengdu, Paris Region, and ROK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Qian Wang, deputy mayor, Beiyang Town, Taizhou ● Dr. Juliane Mathey, ecologist, Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER), from Dresden, Germany ● Ruhai Yu, director, Digital Planning Institute, Chengdu Institute of Planning and Design ● Marc Barra, ecologist, Regional Agency for Biodiversity, Paris Region Institute ● Xiaomiao SHENG, researcher, Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI) <p>All workshop experts and guests</p>
17:30	Closing	

