

The Fifth International High-Level Forum on Sustainable Urban Development

High-level dialogue on promoting green lifestyles for sustainable, green, and livable cities and territories

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Forum	The Fifth International Sustainable Cities Forum
Date	26-27 October 2021
Venue	Chengdu W Hotel
Forum organizers	National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) China Center for Urban Development (CCUD) UN-Habitat Chengdu City
Forum supporting organizers	ICLEI East Asia
Session title	High-level dialogue on promoting green lifestyles for sustainable, green and livable cities and territories: Leveraging the SDGs and the NUA in integrated urban planning
Session organizers	China Centre for Urban Development ICLEI East Asia Secretariat
Supporting organizer	Urban-Rural Assembly (URA)
Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore how international and Chinese cities can localize and engage with global SDGs and NUA processes (through SDGs localization) and support integrated spatial and territorial development in cities and territories To explore how integrated urban and territorial planning shape urban space and catalyze green living and livability To understand what the newly launched 14th Five-Year Plan and China's policy directions in integrated urban-rural development and rural revitalization strategies and its opportunities for SDGs and NUA
Date	26 October 2021 (Tuesday)
Time	1600 – 1815 CST 1000 – 1215 CEST 1700 – 1915 KST
Language	English and Mandarin
Zoom link	https://zoom.us/j/98077235906?pwd=bU1EaVFJcHJNeThhQ1V2U0VScdXRkUT09 Meeting room number : 980 7723 5906 Password : 557660

About the session

Cities and regions play an imperative role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 11, “Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”. According to OECD estimate, almost 65% of the 17 SDGs and 165 targets cannot be achieved without city and regions’ coordinated development, signifying the importance of local and regional governments’ role in realizing the SDGs and achieving the 1.5-degree climate goals.

The New Urban Agenda (NUA) calls to support integrated urban and territorial planning and development to achieve the SDG11 and sets the stage to achieve other SDGs to create sustainable and livable cities and communities. Urban-rural linkages present a new opportunity to synergize development plans and strategies in the urban-rural continuum to leverage the interdependence and support sustainable and high-quality growth for urban, peri-urban, and rural areas. Furthermore, better urban planning and urban-rural integration nudge behavioral change and foster green living and livability, addressing urban sprawl, unequal development, and excessive resource consumption.

In recent years, the Chinese national government released various policies and strategy plans aiming to break the divisive dual urban and rural development through territorial spatial plans and urban-rural integrated development. Similarly, UN-Habitat’s “Urban-rural linkages: Guiding Principles and Framework for Action” also calls for local, national, and international institutions to actively implement SDGs and the NUA through localized and pragmatic solutions.

Organized by the CCUD and the ICLEI East Asia Secretariat and supported by the Urban-Rural Assembly (URA), this session explores how cities and regions can engage the global SDGs and the NUA processes by localizing SDGs and implementing Voluntary Local Reporting (VLR). Furthermore, it will discuss how innovative urban-rural linkage coordinated actions and territorial spatial planning can strengthen sustainable and livable cities to fulfill the global SDGs and the NUA processes. As an outcome, the session hopes to inspire more Chinese cities to engage in the SDGs localization and integrated development within the urban-rural linkages through VLRs and future URA engagements.

Guiding questions

- How can the SDGs be relevant in developing inclusive, resilient, and sustainable cities? What is the potential for cities and regions in localizing the SDGs and the NUA?
- What is the relevance of Chinese cities engaging in the global SDGs and NUA processes? What are the opportunities for counties, cities and regions in integrated development?
- How should local and regional governments leverage territorial spatial and urban-rural integrated planning to catapult their cities in sustainability and economic transformation? What are the innovative approaches and pathways?
- What are the existing international and Chinese policymakers’ approaches in localizing the SDGs, and how does that engage communities to foster green living?



CST Time	Agenda	Speaker
1600-1603 2 mins	Opening introduction in Chengdu	Video
1603 – 1605 3 mins	Screen 1: Introduce international parallel session from Seoul <i>Introduce ICLEI East Asia and the Seoul office</i>	Video
Setting the scene: Innovative policies and localizing national commitments to build equitable and sustainable cities and regions <i>Shu Zhu, ICLEI East Asia Regional Director and China Representative</i>		
1605-1610 5 mins	Welcome remarks and introducing the Forum session <i>(integrating green living, low-carbon cities, and China's carbon peaking and neutrality goals)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can Chinese cities engage in the SDGs and the NUA to foster sustainable urban development by looking at urban-rural linkages? - What are the innovative scientific approaches and how to bridge to policymaking? What are the opportunities for Chinese cities in achieving the SDGs and the NUA 	Shu Zhu ICLEI East Asia Regional Director and China Representative
1610-1620 10 mins	Keynote address: Cities and regional integrated development to create green and livable cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National policies to steer high-quality and sustainable development in counties, cities and metropolitan circles (14th Five-Year Plan, National Territorial Spatial Plan, and the new Urban-Rural Integrated Development Action Plan) - Future opportunities, plans, and goals for Chinese cities in implementing the SDGs within the urban-rural linkages 	Feng Kui Secretary-General of Academic Committee, China Center for Urban Development (CCUD)
1620 – 1625 5 mins	Powering sustainable cities: Energy transition in cities to achieve net-zero carbon cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy transition within the context of urban-rural integrated development - Energy transition as the key ingredient to achieving carbon neutrality in cities 	Christine Panerali Director of Energy Infrastructure for Net-Zero Carbon Cities, World Economic Forum <i>(Video presentation)</i>
1625-1635 10 mins	Chengdu Park City and its sustainability policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The award-winning Park City spatial planning approach in the new-type urbanization and urban-rural integration strategy 	Zhang Qingyan Director's Assistant, Chengdu Park Urban Construction and Development Research Institute, Chengdu City
<i>Moderator: Merlin Lao, Senior Program Manager, ICLEI East Asia</i>		
1635 – 1645 10 mins	A territorial approach to the SDGs: The case of Bonn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A territorial approach to the SDGs as a means to shift from sectoral to multi-sectoral approach - Bonn's Sustainability Strategy 	Stefan Wagner Director of International and Global Sustainability, Department, Bonn, Germany
1645 – 1655 10 mins	Nature-based Solutions and urban biodiversity as an opportunity for urban-rural integrated development and sustainability	Kunming Ecological Environment Bureau,



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kunming's path to the 15th Conference of Parties of the Convention of Biodiversity (CBD) - How can NbS solutions and urban biodiversity be mainstreamed in territorial spatial planning and strengthening urban-rural linkages 	Kunming, Yunnan Province (TBC)
1655 – 1705 10 mins	<p>Bridging the science-policy gap in urban-rural integrated development: The Sino-German Urban-Rural Assembly (URA) approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovative approaches in urban-rural linkages to create sustainable, resilient, and green cities - How should policymakers bridge the science-policy gap to facilitate better policymaking and sustainability in cities 	Anke Hagemann Professor and Co-Chair of International Urbanism and Design - Habitat Unit, TU Berlin
1705 – 1713 8 mins	<p>Essen and the Ruhr Region's approach in urban transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Even as the region is changing, how did Essen transition from coal to a sustainable city? - The regional and local approach in planning Essen and the linkages in achieving the Agenda 2030 - Innovative approaches and planning tools that can be transferred to Chinese cities (improving resilience, climate neutrality, others) 	Sebastian Schlecht Strategic Management Department of Environment, Mobility, and Sport, Green Capital of Europe, Essen, Germany <i>(Video presentation)</i>
1713 – 1723 10 mins	<p>Multi-faceted approach in building resilience in the context of urban-rural linkages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mainstreaming resilience, disaster risk prevention, and blue-green infrastructure in strengthening in urban-rural linkages and ecosystem services - Long-term policies and innovative best practices in regenerating urban districts, cities and regions 	Lauren Sorkin Executive Director, Global Resilient Cities Network
1713 – 1725 12 mins	<p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spatial planning approaches as a means of integration: the challenges and opportunities - How German and Chinese cities differ in their approaches, what can be learned from one another? 	Additional panelist: Hannes Lannguth Researcher, URA Lead, TU-Berlin
<p>Bridging the private sector gap: Innovative implementation strategies and interventions to build equitable and sustainable cities and regions <i>Moderated panel discussion by Shu Zhu, ICLEI East Asia Regional Director and China Representative</i></p>		
1725 – 1728 3 mins	Introduction by the moderator	
1728 - 1745 15 mins	<p>Each panelist begins with a round of introduction</p> <p>What is your business and how does it contribute to building equitable and sustainable cities and regions? <i>(Maximum 3 minutes, preferably with no slides or a maximum of 2 slides)</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Renardo, Vice President, ICF International Consulting Liu Hongzhi, Senior Vice President, AECOM Liu Chao, Vice President, iSoftStone Smart Technology Co., Ltd. Lian Xirui, Founder and CEO, Mung Bean Sprouts APP 	



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	v. Zhang Jiahua, Chairman, Meishan California Smart Town Investment and Development Co., Ltd.	
1745 - 1810 20 mins	<p>Moderated panel discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can the private sectors help to build smart, resilient, and sustainable cities and regions? - Where are the opportunities for innovation and growth in terms of urban-rural or urban cluster integrated development from the perspectives of the private sectors? - As China emphasizes urban clusters or metropolitan circle development in critical areas, where do you see opportunities to strengthen sustainability and urban-rural integration? - To reach China's carbon neutrality and sustainability goals, the main gaps and challenges require more investment (financial, technology, human capital)? - How can businesses strengthen relationships with the local and provincial governments and contribute to the city's sustainability goals, and foster green living? What are some of the best practices of successful impact on cities and regions? - How have national's climate, biodiversity, resilience, and sustainability goals changed the way your business operations and business models? 	
1810 - 1815 5 mins	<p>Concluding remarks and next steps</p> <p>Better spatial and territorial planning enables high-quality urban-rural development and green living to create safe, resilient, sustainable cities and regions for all</p> <p><i>Next steps</i></p> <p>Follow SDG VLR process in localizing SDGs and VLRs</p> <p>Follow our URA project</p>	

