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China Public Diplomacy Association
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UK National Committee on China and China Forum, Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University are co-organisers of a Climate Change and Sustainability online summit:

Wed 27 - Thurs 28, Oct 2021



Co-chairs:

Sir Tim Smit, co-founder, Eden Project UK
H.E Wu Hailong, President, China Public Diplomacy Association



Overview schedule - Day 1

Wed 27, Oct

Welcome

16:45  Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Chairman, Advisory Board, UK National Committee on China
09:45  H.E. Wu Hailong, President, China Public Diplomacy Association
Sir Tim Smit, co-founder, Eden Project

Session 1: The race to net zero, and why the world depends on it.



17:00 
10:00 
(90 mins)

A growing number of countries are making commitments to achieve carbon neutrality, or "net zero" emissions within the next few decades. It's a big task, requiring ambitious actions starting right now. Net zero by 2050-2060 is the goal, but countries also need to demonstrate how they will get there. Efforts to reach net-zero must be complemented with adaptation and resilience measures, and the mobilization of climate financing for developing countries. Put simply, net zero means we are not adding new emissions to the atmosphere. Emissions will continue but will be balanced by absorbing an equivalent amount from the atmosphere. The role of Cities, locally and as international collaborators, are critical leaders of change. Topics to be explored - China 2060; Carbon Neutral by 2038, Manchester's Roadmap; UK 's 10-point plan for Green Industrial Revolution; EU "Fit for 55"; Non EU 16+1 Central and Eastern European Countries.

Moderator: Frank Slevin, Chairman, UKNCC

- Carol Culley, Deputy CEO, Manchester City
- TENG Fei, Deputy Director and Professor of the Institute of Energy, Environment, and Economy, Tsinghua University
- Chris Murray, Director, Core Cities UK
- FANG Li, Director of World Resources Institute, China
- WANG Ruijun, Party Secretary of Shaoguan City, Guangdong Province
- Mike Wilton, Chair, Manchester Climate Change Partnership

Session 2: The role of Green Tech in reaching net zero.

20:30 
13:30 
(90 mins)

Innovation is in the heart of net zero vision for the world. Developing and deploying new and existing technologies effectively will be critical to progress in areas including in energy, transport, housing, industry and agriculture. Tech businesses have a unique dual role to play in this. First, by minimising impacts on climate and biodiversity from their own operations and supply chains to achieve net zero. Second, by developing tools and technologies that help organisations in other sectors do the same. Topics to be explored - Solar, Wind technologies: cost reduction, responsible supply chain, challenges and opportunities; New Green Tech: Hydrogen, CCUS, Direct Air Capture; Role of Tech in Mobility: EVs/Sustainable Road / Aviation; Carbon and Blockchain.

Moderator: Ms. CHEN Ya'ou, Deputy Secretary-General & Counsellor, China Public Diplomacy Association

- FU Chengyu, Former Chairman, Sinopec Group
- Ariel Cohen, Director, International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC), Washington D.C.
- WANG Zhisheng, Vice-President, China Chamber of Commerce to EU Secretary General of China Carbon Neutrality 50 Forum (CNF50)
- Max Song, CEO & Founder, Carbonbase
- HAO Yihan, Director of Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)

Overview schedule - Day 2

Thurs 28, Oct

Welcome

18:45 

Reflections from Day 1 / Introductions for Day 2

11:45 

Frank Slevin, Chairman, UK National Committee on China

ZHANG Lirong, Secretary General of China Forum, Former Minister of the Chinese Mission to the EU

Session 3: The role of ESG / market mechanisms in net zero journey.

19:00 

12:00 

(90 mins)

When countries set a limit, on emissions, they create something of value: the right to emit. The countries or companies that reduce emissions below their cap have something to sell, an unused right to emit. Countries and companies that don't meet their target can buy these one-tonne units to make up the shortfall. This is called emissions trading, or cap and trade. The rise and prominence of environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria in corporate practice has been tremendous for the last few years and it brings new actors into the net zero journey: investors. Having a "green lens", while balancing the greening of the invested companies, while keeping high rates of returns will be an emerging challenge. Topics to explore -Carbon Pricing; Carbon Emission Trading Schemes (ETS); Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanisms (CBAM); Energy taxation; ESG; Returns vs. Green investments Investors' challenge; Greening companies.

Moderator: Andrew Caine, Director, UKNCC

- Paul Jefferiss, Non Executive Director, The Carbon Trust
- ZHANG Xiliang, Professor and Director of Institute of Energy, Environment and Economy, Tsinghua University, Head of design technical expert group of China's national Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)
- Gulmira Rzayeva, Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
- YU Xiang, Senior Research Fellow at the International Institute of China Construction Bank, Adjunct Fellow of Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University, China Forum Expert
- Xin Yu, Project Director, Sustainable Food Consumption & Green Supply Chains, WWF

Session 4: Role of population and civil society in net zero world.

20:45 

13:45 

(90 mins)

From general awareness, to minimising personal carbon footprint, reducing, reusing and recycling – to planting trees and responsible consumption – all of us have a role to play in net zero journey. Civil society and active citizenship became much bigger player in climate change advocacy. The panellists will elaborate proposals around some trends that may shape the future of this engagement: real time measurement of Corporate Social Responsibility success, skilling for a new normal, social innovation for the future, increased accountability and partnerships, Natural Climate Solutions, circular economy, biodiversity, etc. Topics to explore - Environmental awareness and education; Natural Climate Solutions; Circular Economy; Just Transition.


Moderator: HAN Hua, Board member, China Forum

- WANG Yuanfeng, Vice-Chairman of Chinese Association of Development Strategy Studies, Beijing Jiaotong University
- Matt Burney, Director, British Council China
- YANG Fuqiang, Senior Advisor of Climate Change and Energy Transition Program (CCETP) Institute of Energy at Beijing University
- TAO Lan, CEO China Beijing Green Inclusive Technology Co., Ltd, President, Suzhou Green Inclusive Carbon Neutralization Center.
- John Darlington, Executive Director, World Monuments Fund
- Huan (Helen) Ni, Founder, Shanghai Green Light-Year
- DU Shaozhang, Deputy Director, Beijing 2022 Olympics and Paralympics Winter Games Sustainability Advisory Committee


Overview schedule - Day 2

Thurs 28, Oct

Closing reflections

22:15 

Frank Slevin, Chairman, UK National Committee on China

15:15 

Lirong ZHANG, Secretary General of China Forum, Former Minister of the Chinese Mission to the European Union

(15 mins)

22:30 

END

15:30 

Day 1 - Biographies

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Sir Malcolm Leslie Rifkind KCMG QC, Chairman, Advisory Board, UKNCC

Sir Malcolm is a British politician who served in various roles as a Cabinet minister under Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major, including Secretary of State for Scotland (1986–1990), Defence Secretary (1992–1995), and Foreign Secretary (1995–1997). Rifkind was appointed Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee by the Prime Minister, David Cameron, on 6 July 2010, a post he held until 24 February 2015. In January 2015 he was appointed by the OSCE as a member of their Eminent Persons Panel on European Security.

H.E. Wu Hailong, President, China Public Diplomacy Association (CPDA)

Hailong was the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland from 2014 to 2016. Prior to this, he was the Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Union (2011-2014) and to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna (2004-2006). He was also the Permanent Representative to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). From 2006 to 2009 Wu Hailong served as the Director-General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and from 2009 to 2011 as Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs. From 2001 to 2004, he was Deputy Commissioner at the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. He has also worked for the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Chinese Embassy in the State of Israel. Currently, Wu Hailong is the President of the China Public Diplomacy Association.

Sir Tim Smit KBE

Sir Tim is best known for his achievements in Cornwall. He 'discovered' and then restored 'The Lost Gardens of Heligan' with John Nelson, which is now one of the UK's best loved gardens having been named 'Garden of the Year' by BBC Awards (Mar 2018). Tim is Executive Vice-Chair and Co-founder of the multi award-winning Eden Project in Cornwall. Since its opening in 2001, over 20 million people have come to see a once sterile pit, turned into a cradle of life containing world-class horticulture and startling architecture symbolic of human endeavour. Tim is also Executive Co-Chair for Eden Project International which aims to have an Eden Project on every habited continent by 2025.

Panel 1

Frank Slevin, Chairman, UK National Committee on China (PANEL CHAIR)

Frank is a seasoned chairman and board advisor. During his career he has worked as a banker in regional and global roles and has extensive experience in the Far East and the Americas. Frank lived in Hong Kong for 17 years working at the forefront of the emergence of Chinese companies onto the international stage from the 1990's. He has operated as adviser on foreign investment into China and Chinese investment overseas. Formerly, he was Chairman of House of Fraser and Hamleys, where he navigated culturally contrasting ownership and managerial styles. He currently chairs British Cycling and the Royal Society for Asian Affairs.

Carol Culley, Deputy CEO, Manchester City

Carol is Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer at Manchester City Council. As well as being the S151 officer, she has responsibility for the Corporate Core as well as being SRO for The Factory and Town Hall projects. She is also the lead for the delivery of the Council's Zero Carbon Action Plan which has seen a sharp drop in the Council's own emissions and is an active member of the City's Climate Change Partnership. Her previous experience in Manchester has included her role as Deputy City Treasurer responsible for Finance and Performance and ICT as well as being a member of the Health & Social Care Devolution Team, as Assistant Chief Executive overseeing Finance and Performance and as the Assistant Director of Finance and Commissioning for Social Services. She is CIPFA qualified and has a diploma in management and is a member of the CIPFA Council and recently appointed as chair of the Public Financial Management Board. Carol has a wealth of experience in financial management, governance and assurance and fulfilling trustee roles. She is currently a trustee for a number of joint ventures such as Northern Gateway and Manchester Central and for the Greater Manchester Learning Trust.

TENG Fei, Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Institute of Energy, Environment and Economy at Tsinghua University

Fei TENG is now an associate professor and deputy director of Institute of Energy, Environment and Economy at Tsinghua University. His research interests include energy and climate policy analysis using modelling tools, and international climate regime. He served as an advisory expert for China's negotiation team under UNFCCC from 2007 and 2017. He was the chief negotiator for transparency in Chinese delegation from 2009 to 2016. He has also been a member of the BASIC expert group in BASIC ministerial meeting since 2011 and an advisory expert for LMDC countries and second-track dialogue between China-India, China-EU, China-UK, and China-US. He served as the Chair of Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) under UNFCCC in 2013 to help developing countries to increase their reporting capacity on climate change.

Day 1 - Biographies

Panel 1 cont...

Chris Murray, Director, Core Cities UK

Chris is Director of Core Cities UK, and has worked previously in a number of cities in the UK and abroad on a wide range of urban issues. He is a visiting Professor of Practice at Newcastle University, an Honorary Fellow of the Heseltine Institute at Liverpool University, and sits on the Advisory Board of the Prime Ministers' Regeneration Investment Organisation. Earlier in his career Chris also worked in education, community work and as a psychiatric social worker. Chris holds qualifications in art and design, teaching, business and marketing and European cultural planning. He has published and contributed to a number of books about cities.

FANG Li, Director of WRI (World Resources Institute) China

Director of WRI (World Resources Institute) China, former Deputy Director General of the Foreign Economic Cooperation Office in China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment. Dr. Li Fang as Country Director of WRI China is in charge of the overall strategy and management of WRI's work in China. Prior to joining WRI, Dr. Fang was the Deputy Director General of Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of the Chinese Ministry of Ecology and Environment, where she led diverse multidisciplinary teams working on a wide range of environmental issues, overseeing more than 100 staff. She also served as the Assistant Secretary General of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED). Dr. Fang earned a Ph.D. in environmental economics from China's renowned Renmin University with a focus on finance, valuation of nature, and emissions trading. She holds two BA degrees from Tianjin University in chemical engineering and business management.

WANG Ruijun, Party Secretary of Shaoguan City, Guangdong Province

Mr. Wang Ruijun, Secretary of Shaoguan Municipal Committee of CPC, Chairman and current Vice Chairman of the 20th United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD). Wang Ruijun has been engaged in the evaluation and management of major national science and technology projects and national science and technology programs, projects, institutions, funds and policy environment. He has worked in various departments such as China Maritime Administration, the Ministry of Science and Technology and institutions. He has been engaged in scientific and technological innovation management and development strategy research for many years, is one of the core experts in the national "13th Five-Year Plan" science and technology innovation planning and major special projects.

Panel 1 cont...

He has chaired or participated in more than 40 national scientific research projects, published more than 30 papers, participated in the preparation and written more than 10 articles. He has presided over United Nations relevant meetings, delivered keynote speeches and served as advisory and assessment expert at the invitation of the United Nations and relevant international organizations.

Mike Wilton, Chairman Manchester Climate Change City Partnership

Mike is a Director of Arup and leader of the Manchester office with over 30 years' experience in the development of infrastructure. He has particular expertise in the remediation of large contaminated sites, urban public realm, transforming utility networks, high speed rail, and drainage and flooding. He works with government, infrastructure owners, and developers on some of the UK's largest projects, working closely with planners, urban designers and commercial specialists. He has a passion for sustainable design and has spoken at conferences on sustainability issues. He has worked throughout the UK, but also in Botswana, Europe, America, and the Middle and Far East.

Day 1 - Biographies

Panel 2

Ms. CHEN Ya'ou, Deputy Secretary-General & Counsellor, CPDA (PANEL CHAIR)

Counsellor of China Public Diplomacy Association (CPDA). During her 27 years of diplomatic career, she worked in Beijing, Brussels, Luxembourg and Geneva, four centres of international activities. She held various positions working on multilateral and political issues, among which projects of cooperation between China and EU involving synergy among governmental institutions, business and think tanks.

FU Chengyu, Former Chairman, Sinopec Group

Mr. Fu has over 40 years of experience in the oil & gas industry. He had been Chairman and CEO of CNOOC and Party Secretary, Chairman of SINOPEC and Party Secretary, member of the 17th the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) and member of the 12th Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), a political advisory body in China. He currently is the professor of management practice of governance and innovations at large corporations and research fellow in CKGSB, and Honorary Chairman of UN Global Compact (UNGC) Network China and the coordinator of energy and conservation group from mainland side for the Council of Cross-Strait CEO Summit (CSCS). Mr.Fu is also a Board Member of Trustees at the University of Southern California (USA), and a member of the Advisory Board of Center for Global Energy Policy (CGEP) of Columbia University (USA), Vice chairman of industrial transformation advisory committee of Internet industry research institute of Tsinghai University, and the member of the University council of Shanghai Tech University.

Ariel Cohen, Director, International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC), Washington D.C.

Ariel Cohen, L.L.B., Ph.D., is a recognized authority in political risk, international energy, and security. He is the Founding Principal of International Market Analysis Ltd, a boutique consulting firm dealing with geo-economic, geostrategic, energy and natural resources (www.IMAstrategy.com). He is also an internationally recognized expert on Russia/Eurasia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. He is a Senior Fellow with the non-profit International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC) and Director of Energy, Growth, and Security Program (EGS) there. Dr. Cohen also holds a non-resident Senior Fellowship at the Eurasian Studies Center at the Atlantic Council with a regional focus on Russia/Eurasia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. For over 20 years, Dr. Cohen served as a Senior Research Fellow in Russian and Eurasian Studies and International Energy Policy at the Sarah and Douglas Allison Center at the Heritage Foundation. He directed Heritage's energy war games (simulation exercises) and worked closely with Congressmen and Congressional staff members as well as cabinet-level and sub-cabinet domestic and foreign decision-makers.

Panel 2 cont...

WANG Zhisheng, Vice-President, China Chamber of Commerce to EU Secretary General of China Carbon Neutrality 50 Forum (CNF50)

Mr. Frank Wang Zhisheng serves as Vice President of China Chamber of Commerce to the EU (CCCEU), Partner of China Soft Group, CEO of Virtues Group, Director of Fjord Aqua, Secretary General of the China Carbon Neutrality 50 Forum (CNF50) and Executive President of Tsinghua SEM European Alumni Association. Mr. Wang worked for the Ministry of Machinery Industry and several leading multinational enterprises. He is co-founder of several leading enterprises in China and boasts rich experience in energy conservation, environmental protection, water treatment, green economy, and information technology. Also, he is an expert in international communication and management of business and industry organizations. Mr. Wang has degrees of BA, LLB and MBA.

Max Song

Max Song is founder and CEO of Carbonbase (carbonbase.co), a global climate tech startup building enterprise solutions for measuring, managing and reducing carbon emissions. Previously, he worked in investments for HK family offices, where he invested in TMT, AI, blockchain, and healthcare. He worked as a data scientist in Silicon Valley, where he helped with data analysis applications for finance, biotech and healthcare. He received a Masters degree from Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University, and Bachelor of Science from Brown University, where he majored in Applied Math. He has been recognized on the 2021 Forbes 30U30 list, and the 2021 Tatler GenT list.

HAO Yihan, Director of Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)

Yihan Hao is a principal leading RMI's Subnational Carbon Neutral Demonstration initiative in China, developing and managing research and collaboration projects focused on enabling the rapid evolution of solutions on provincial carbon neutrality, regional zero-carbon demonstration, and corporate carbon-neutral actions. Yihan Hao has interdisciplinary experience in energy transition and urban development in both China and United States, with in-depth understanding of the institutional framework and investment environment for sustainable development in China. Prior to joining RMI, Yihan Hao worked as a professional architect at Beijing Institute of Architectural Design. During this time, she has gained wide exposure to various types of municipal infrastructure projects, large-scale complex projects, and energy efficiency building projects, with a proven record of project coordination and liaisons with domestic and international stakeholders from government, industry, and academia. Yihan has also been admitted to the Architecture Department of Tsinghua University.

Day 2 - Biographies

Reflections from Day 1 + Scene setting for Day 2

Frank Slevin, Chairman, UK National Committee on China

Frank is a seasoned chairman and board advisor. During his career he has worked as a banker in regional and global roles and has extensive experience in the Far East and the Americas. Frank lived in Hong Kong for 17 years working at the forefront of the emergence of Chinese companies onto the international stage from the 1990's. He has operated as adviser on foreign investment into China and Chinese investment overseas. Formerly, he was Chairman of House of Fraser and Hamleys, where he navigated culturally contrasting ownership and managerial styles. He currently chairs British Cycling and the Royal Society for Asian Affairs.

Lirong ZHANG, Secretary General of China Forum, Former Minister of Chinese Mission to the European Union

Secretary-General and board member of China Forum. He used to be a career diplomat. He worked in the European Department and Information Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, and was once secretary to the Vice Foreign Minister in charge of Asia, the Middle East and Africa. He also worked for years in the Central Foreign Affairs Commission as well as Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu Province as Deputy Director-General. He was posted to the Chinese Embassy in Denmark, the United Kingdom and then the Chinese Mission to the European Union as Deputy Head of Mission and Minister.

Panel 3

Andrew Caine, Director, UK National Committee on China

Andrew is a founding Director of UKNCC and has over 20 years' experience advising companies and governments on China. Previous positions include Managing Partner of Booz & Company's Greater China operations, Partner-in-charge for Asian Government Advisory with Tony Blair Associates and Partner leading the Asia-Pacific Financial Institutions Practice of Boston Consulting Group. He is a Senior Associate Fellow at RUSI and a non executive director of Schroder Asian Total Return Investment Company PLC. A graduate of Harvard Business School and Cambridge University he speaks French, German, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese.

Panel 3 cont...

Paul Jefferiss, Non-Executive Director, The Carbon Trust

Paul Jefferiss is a sustainability policy leader with over thirty years' experience in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors and academia. He is currently a Non-Executive Director at the Carbon Trust. His most recent roles have been as bp's executive global lead on sustainability policy and partnerships, including energy, climate, environment and human rights, and as Chair of the Advocacy Task Force of the Oil & Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI). Prior to that, he held positions as a UK Renewable Fuels Regulator, Executive Director of the Green Alliance, and lecturer on environmental management for UNEP at Tufts University. He has written and spoken widely on energy, climate, the environment and sustainability, with over a hundred publications and presentations. He has given testimony to over twenty UK Parliamentary Select Committees, and served on over fifty government, academic and private sector governance and advisory boards in the US, UK and EU. He holds degrees from Cambridge, Harvard and Tufts. In 2003 he received the Queen's Pioneer to the Life of the Nation Award and is listed in Who's Who.

ZHANG Xiliang, Prof. & Director, Institute of Energy, Environment and Economy, Tsinghua University, Head of design technical expert group of China's national Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)

Professor & Director of Institute of Energy, Environment, and Economy, Tsinghua University. Zhang is Director of the Tsinghua-MIT China Energy and Climate Project. He served as the Co-Leader of the expert group for drafting China Renewable Energy Law during 2004 -2005, and was an Energy Expert of the expert group for drafting the China Circular Economy Law in 2007. Zhang is leading a national carbon market research project which aims at assisting National Development and Reform Commission in designing China's national Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). Since 2012 he has been the principle investigator for the four-year research project 'China's mid-and long-term low carbon development strategy' which is sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology with the support of the National Development and Reform Commission. He has been a lead author on the 4th and 5th Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Climate Change Assessment Report. He has also been the Secretary General of the New Energy Committee of China Energy Research Society since 2006, and Vice Chair of China Renewable Energy Industry Association since 2011. Zhang holds a PhD in Systems Engineering Tsinghua University.

Gulmira Rzayeva, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES)

Gulmira is a Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES). She is a founder and managing director of the London-based Eurasia Analytics Ltd consulting company. She was a senior research fellow at the Center for Strategic Studies (SAM) under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the last ten years until January 2019. Her area of expertise includes energy security covering issues such as the energy policy of Azerbaijan and East Europe/Caspian region, Turkish domestic natural gas market, SEE gas market. Ms. Rzayeva has published several scholarly publications focusing on her area of expertise.

Day 2 - Biographies

Panel 3 cont...

YU Xiang, Senior Research Fellow at the International Institute of China Construction Bank, Adjunct Fellow of Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University, China Forum Expert

Senior Research Fellow at the International Institute of China Construction Bank, Adjunct Fellow of Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University, China Forum Expert. Worked as Deputy Director of Center for Social and Economic Center, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), Director of Division of American Economic Studies at the Institute of American Studies, CICIR. YU supervised the Master Program of study at the China University of International Relations. His expertise is in international economics, China-US trade relations, US economic and monetary policies. He's the winner of 2014 National Outstanding Young Scholar. He served as Visiting Scholar at Harvard University 2016-2017. Dr.YU is the author of Mega trend of US and Europe since the Great Recession 2008-2017 (Chinese financial and Economic Publishing House, 2018), co-author of 2015 American Megatrends (Current Affairs Press, 2016), Strategic and Security Annual Review (Current Affairs Press, from 2011 to 2016), Studies on Ningbo's Industrial Competitiveness (Chinese financial and Economic Publishing House, 2008), Ningbo's Economic Pattern (Chinese financial and Economic Publishing House, 2008). He received his Ph.D. in Economics from Renmin University of China in 2008.

Xin Yu, Project Director, Sustainable Food Consumption and Green Supply Chains, WWF China

Xin Yu is an expert in food consumption and supply chains.

Panel 4

HAN Hua, Board member, China Forum

Board Member of China Forum, a veteran media professional and the founding president of Beijing Belt & Road Cooperative Community (BRCC). She is also a commentator for CGTN (China Central Television), and founder and producer of Assignment Beijing China (ABC) in collaboration with People's Daily. HAN Hua was the Chief Current Affairs Correspondent of Hong Kong Wen Wei Po and Vice President of News Corp China. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English literature and International Journalism from Shanghai International Studies University, a joint Master's degree in Business Administration (Media Management) from Peking University and Fordham University.

WANG Yuanfeng, Vice-Chairman of Chinese Association of Development Strategy Studies, Beijing Jiaotong University, China Forum Expert

Vice-Chairman of Chinese Association of Development Strategy Studies, Beijing Jiaotong University and a China Forum Expert. He is an adjunct professor at Tongji University, a mentor for the global leadership programme of Stephen Schwarzman college at Tsinghua University. Dr. Wang is director of the centre of Participatory Party Theory of the central committee of the Jiusan Society, member of academic committee of International Finance Forum (IFF). He is deputy chairman of Society Strategy Committee of the Chinese Association of Development Strategy Studies, and chairman of the Sustainable Civil Engineering Committee of the Chinese Society for Urban Studies. He has served as one of the members of the China Highway Society.

Matt Burney, Director, British Council China | Minister (Culture and Education), British Embassy Beijing

Matt Burney is the Director of the British Council in China, where he oversees the United Kingdom's cultural relations and educational exchange work. He was appointed to the role in September 2019 to lead one of the largest country operations in the British Council's global network of 100+ offices. Matt has held numerous strategic leadership positions since joining the British Council in 1997, promoting cultural and educational opportunities in Japan, the Czech Republic and Ireland. In 2000, Matt spearheaded the British Council's expansion of cultural and education work in Southwest China. This included the establishment of a Southwest China office in Chongqing. From 2010 to 2015, he was Area Director East China, based in Shanghai. During this time he oversaw the growth of a dynamic and ambitious programme driven through close collaboration and partnership with UK and Chinese cultural and educational organisations. This culminated in the creation of the British Centre, that brought together the UK's cultural actors in one place in China. He takes over the leadership at a time when the British Council is implementing an ambitious global strategy to bring clear outcomes, strong evidence and greater benefit to people in the UK and the countries and areas where it works through cultural relations.

Day 2 - Biographies

Panel 4 cont...

YANG Fuqiang, Senior Advisor of Climate Change and Energy Transition Program (CCETP), Institute of Energy at Beijing University

Dr. Yang Fuqiang is Senior Advisor of Climate Change and Energy Transition Program (CCETP), Institute of Energy at Beijing University. As an expert on climate change and energy, he has worked on China's sustainable energy strategy and policy for more than 4 decades, and researched extensively on energy savings in building, industrial, and transportation sectors, low carbon cities, electricity and renewable energy, as well as climate change. Prior to joining CCETP, he was Senior Advisor on Energy, Environment and Climate Change at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Dr. Yang was the Director of Global Climate Solutions at WWF International Headquarters and Vice President of Energy Foundation and Chief Representative of Energy Foundation Beijing Office. Before 2000, Dr. Yang worked with the State Planning Commission's Energy Research Institute in China, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the USA. Dr. Yang received his Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering at West Virginia University in the United States and his B.S. in Physics at Jilin University in China.

John Darlington, Executive Director, World Monument's Fund

John Darlington is a professional archaeologist and author with over 30 years' experience in cultural heritage management and conservation. He currently works as the Executive Director for World Monument's Fund Britain, a charity that aims to breathe new life into extraordinary buildings in the UK and across the globe. He is responsible for providing specialist heritage support and advice, developing training schemes, fundraising and engaging people with the historic environment. Current initiatives range from the restoration of Bennerley Viaduct in Nottinghamshire, Strata Florida Abbey in mid-Wales and Moseley Road Baths in Birmingham, through to implementing a training programme for Syrian refugees in the art of traditional stonemasonry in Lebanon and the restoration of the National Museum of Taiz in Yemen. Prior to WMFB, John was with the National Trust in North West England for twelve years, four as Regional Director. During that time, he was responsible for leading the Trust's portfolio of land, mansions and commercial enterprises for one of England's most diverse regions. His early career was spent in the world of archaeology where he undertook a variety of roles ranging from directing excavations through to running a county archaeological service. John has a variety of publications to his name, including Fake Heritage, his latest book with Yale University Press. He is a professor of practice at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, a member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. His current wide range of interests range from a continuing passion for medieval archaeology in the UK through to addressing the impact of conflict on heritage in the Middle East.

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Ni (Helen) Huan, Founder, Green Light Year

Ms. Ni has 20 years of experience in developing and managing international projects with multi-national corporations, international organizations and Chinese governmental agencies. Apart from having been professional project managers and fund-raising managers, she is also a communications expert in managing government relations and corporate relations. She has proven expertise to manage and deliver thematic projects on corporate social responsibility (CSR) and corporate citizenship, public-private partnership, microfinance, socially responsible investment (SRI), green financing in China, environmental protection and climate change. A Graduate from Cambridge University, she is a passionate networker to bridge Chinese organizations with the rest of the world. She has profound network with Chinese civil society, international/native media and international organizations. Having published articles in newspapers and journals both in English and Chinese, Ni Huan is also a thinker and writer with strategic thinking and sound research skills.

She was the only Chinese in the 2020 G20 policy briefing drafting taskforces and participated in the completion of the Policy Brief G20 (Saudi 2020) Collaborative Strategy for SDG 4 Target 4.7: Monitoring Progress in Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship Education. She is now the only Chinese in the 2021 G20 Policy briefing drafting taskforces and is in the group of Policy Brief "Youth Transitions and Transformations through ICT-enabled Education for Climate Change and Sustainable Development".

DU Shaozhong, Deputy Director, Beijing 2022 Olympics and Paralympics Winter Games, Sustainability Advisory Committee

Mr. Du Shaozhong is the Chairman of China Beijing Environment Exchange. Mr. Du has intensive experience in environmental protection and climate change, especially in the field of using market based instrument to stimulate energy saving and emission reduction. During his time at the Beijing Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau, Mr. Du, as the project director/team leader, participated in various key research projects at the municipal level, including the establishment of the Decision Support System for Beijing Motor Vehicle Pollution Control; Beijing V Vehicle Emission Standards, Technologies and Implementation; Diesel Emission Factors for Beijing Non-road Mobile Machinery as well as VOCs Emission Factors for Gas Stations. Since May, 2012, as Chairman of the China Beijing Environment Exchange, Mr. Du has been actively promoting international cooperation and is responsible for several projects which have domestic and international impact such as the Green Development Project with the United Nations Development Programme, the Mechanism Design and Application for Building Carbon Emissions Trading with the British Embassy and the Beijing City Carbon Finance Study with Beijing Municipal Commission of Development and Reform.

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TAO Lan, CEO China Beijing Green Inclusive Technology Co., Ltd, President, Suzhou Green Inclusive Carbon Neutralization Center.

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