



全球南南发展中心项目
Global South-South
Development Center Project

2020 Highlights

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Global South-South Development Center Project

AT A GLANCE



5
developing countries

from 6 regions
benefitted through
small grants



**8 UN agencies
and international
organizations
engaged**



3 online

capacity development and
knowledge sharing exchanges/
webinars organized



16 online/offline

inter-agency experience
sharing workshops/
seminars contributed



1000+ participants' knowledge and skills increased



6 offline

capacity development and
knowledge sharing exchanges
events organized



**1000+ copies/
downloads**

of knowledge products
disseminated



funds and medical
supplies worth approx.

USD 3.6 million

for COVID-19 responses
by partner institutions

benefiting 20

African, Asian,
and Latin
American
countries



5 new partnerships

for South-South
cooperation established



parallel funding
at the value of

USD 258,800

mobilized

Knowledge management

- Developed three reports which housed valuable knowledge and development solutions on COVID-19 pandemic, agroforestry system, and bamboo industry.
- Identified and documented 15 good practices and facilitated their inclusion in the *Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development Volume 3*.

Supporting SSTC projects through small grants

- Appraised, approved, and granted for implementation four demand-driven small-grant proposals which were developed from proposal templates with enhanced Monitoring and Reporting component, benefiting five developing countries from six regions.

Capacity development

- Organized three online capacity development and knowledge sharing exchanges/webinars, attracting 200 attendees among which 95% rated the webinars as highly satisfactory.
- Organized six capacity development and knowledge sharing exchanges events, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Increased over 1000 participants' knowledge and skills.

Partnership building and resource mobilization

- Mobilized parallel funding at the value of USD 258,800 from small grant implementing partners for scaling up efforts.
- Facilitated the establishment of five partnerships in South-South cooperation for advancing SDGs.
- Expanded project partnership base through knowledge sharing and capacity development activities, including engaging eight UN agencies and international organizations.

Communication and advocacy

- Increased project visibility and expanded partnership base through active participation in 16 online/offline inter-agency experience sharing workshops/seminars for mutual learning, and creating a landing page of the project on UNOSSC's global partnership building and knowledge sharing platform South-South Galaxy.
- Disseminated a broad range of multi-media communication and advocacy products through various platforms, including over 1000 copies/downloads of knowledge products at conference venues and through online platforms.
- Increased the visibility of partners' donation of funds and medical supplies worth approx. USD 3.6 million for COVID-19 responses, benefitting people in more than 20 African, Asian, and Latin American countries, by publicizing these efforts through UNOSSC and GSSDC media channels.

Office capacity development

- Enhanced understanding and knowledge on M&E tools and methods applied to implement M&E through completing three capacity building trainings on results-based planning, monitoring & reporting system and M&E tools and outcome level indicators.

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About
UNOSSC,
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SSDC Project

In 1974, the United Nations General Assembly established the **United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation** (hereafter as “UNOSSC”, named as “Special Unit for Technical Cooperation between Developing Countries” at that time), an independent entity mandated to promote, coordinate and support South-South and triangular cooperation globally and within the United Nations system. Guided by the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, and under the direct leadership of Envoy of Secretary General on South-South Cooperation, UNOSSC provides support to the Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations agencies in the areas of policy advocacy and coordination, strategy research, knowledge sharing, technology exchange, capacity building, and innovative South-South Cooperation projects, to facilitate the partnership building and resource mobilization for the South-South and triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development. UNDP has been entrusted by the United Nations General Assembly to provide budgetary and operational support to the UNOSSC since its inception.

Directly under the Ministry of Commerce of China, **China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges** (CICETE) was founded in 1983 with the approval of the State Council. CICETE’s main function, delegated by the Ministry, is to coordinate the cooperation between China and UNDP, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) including implementing their assisted programs to China, and to manage projects of general goods supply, South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund projects, Human Resource Development Cooperation projects under the China-Aid programme with other developing countries. CICETE has also been actively organizing high-level conferences, exhibitions and professional trainings, invites international short-term and long-term experts, and provides project management service to international organizations, government agencies and enterprises. In addition, CICETE has also been cooperating actively with international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and enterprises.

The **Global South-South Development Center Project** (Global SSDC) was jointly initiated by UNOSSC and CICETE building on the 10 years achievements of the China SSDC project. During the past ten-year, the China SSDC Project has achieved encouraging results in consolidating South-South cooperation expertise and resources in China, promoting economic and technical cooperation between China and other developing countries through the PPP model. The new Global SSDC Project (2019-2024) will build on the China SSC Network of expertise and resources and reprofile itself as a global network of centers of excellence for SSC in advancing SDGs and aims to engage southern centers of excellences outside China, and build sub-centers of excellence in line with regional priorities to become a globally-focused platform to facilitate and implement South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC).

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Think-tanks

Knowledge

Products

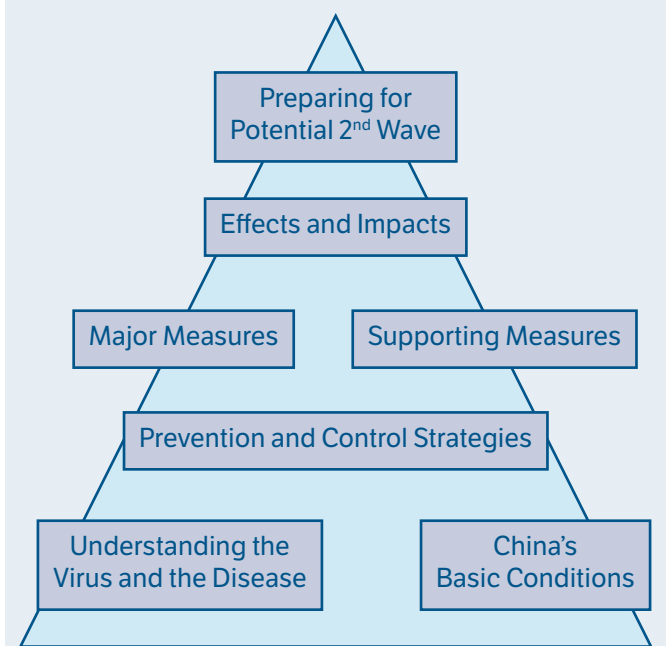
Throughout the implementation of the China/Global SSDC Project, the project office documented good practices, organized international policy dialogues, published and disseminated analytical reports, quarterly updates, and news briefs within and beyond its networks.

1

“100 Questions, 100 Answers” series

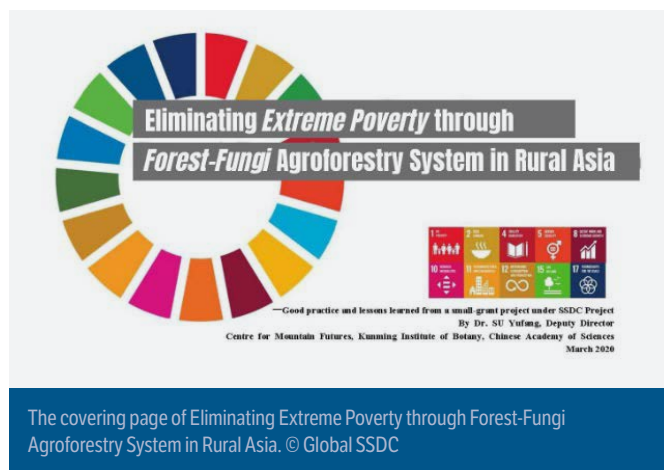
In 2020, Global SSDC Project worked closely with the Center for International Knowledge on Development (CIKD) on China’s experiences in fighting the pandemic. While China had seen a significant decline of COVID-19 cases, the rest of the world was still faced with a surge in new cases and fatalities. To increase the understanding of China’s key measures on prevention and control of the COVID-19 outbreak comprehensively and objectively, CIKD, with the support from Global SSDC Project, developed the **“100 Questions, 100 Answers” series**. Centered around the most widely discussed questions on COVID-19, this series aims to enhance the people’s general knowledge and understanding of China’s experience in responding to the health crisis.

Fighting COVID-19: 100 Q&As. Logical Framework.



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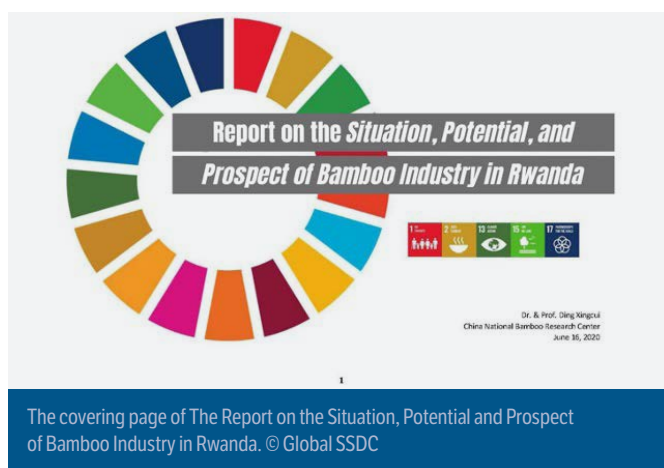
Eliminating Extreme Poverty through Forest-Fungi Agroforestry System in Rural Asia



China sees the year 2020 as a milestone, when the goal of eliminating absolute poverty and comprehensively achieving a “Xiaokang Society”, meaning full emergence as a moderately prosperous country, will be realized. China’s poverty alleviation work and achievements provides valuable experiences for the global fight against impoverishment. This report, entitled “**Eliminating Extreme Poverty through Forest-Fungi Agroforestry System in Rural Asia**” summarizes forest-fungi agroforestry’s outstanding contributions in terms of increasing smallholders’ income, scaling up ecological restoration in mountain area and promoting the sustainable development of local farming communities, which is proved to be replicable and adaptable.

3

The Report on the Situation, Potential and Prospect of Bamboo Industry in Rwanda



In 2019, supported by Global SSDC Project, China National Bamboo Research Center organized a filed trip to Rwanda to study, assess and document the experience and lessons of **China Aid Rwanda Bamboo Planting, Processing and Utilization Project** in the past 10 years. Following the trip, this report was released in 2020, echoing the calls made by UN Secretary General António Guterres on the International Day of Forests (21 March) to “take urgent action to halt deforestation and restore degraded forests, so future, generations can enjoy a greener, healthier future”. Riding on the facts and findings provided by the report, “To Develop a Market-driving Green Bamboo Concrete Board Industry in Rwanda”, a small- grant proposals under Global SSDC Project, was initiated in 2020 to promote the development of green bamboo concrete board industry in Rwanda through public-private partnership (PPP) and help develop contextualized and demand-driven solutions to address local development challenges.

Find out more about knowledge products supported by both China SSDC and Global SSDC Project, please visit [South-South Galaxy](#).

3

Do-tanks

Small-grant
Proposals &
Capacity
Development
Trainings

→ Small-grant proposals

In 2020, the China SSDC / Global SSDC Project approved and granted for implementation four demand- driven small-grant proposals focusing on sustainable fishery, building/construction materials, sustainable tourism development and poverty eradication, and sustainable bamboo development, respectively. These proposals were developed from proposal templates with enhanced Monitoring and Reporting component were appraised.

1

Poverty Alleviation through Tilapia Industry Chain Development in Tanzania



Hands-on training on rice-fish farming technology by FFRC/CAFS to Myanmar.
© FFRC

SECTOR

sustainable fishery

BENEFICIARIES

Fishery officers, technicians and small-scale tilapia farmers from Tanzania

DURATION

August 25, 2020 to August 24, 2021

IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION

Freshwater Fisheries Research Center, Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences (FFRC/CAFS)

INTENDED OUTPUTS

- Chinese and Tanzanian participants' knowledge and skills on South-South cooperation improved;
- Technical demonstration Tilapia fish farms established;
- Local fish farmers learn new skills on improved Tilapia farming;
- Partnerships between Chinese fishery enterprises and Tanzania SMEs expanded;
- Small scale fish farmers receive aquaculture inputs to improve capacity of tilapia production; and
- Knowledge and lessons generated from the project documented and disseminated.

2

High-Performance Development, Standardization and Testing Capacity Development in Building Materials Sector for Countries along the Belt and Road



Inter-agency visit to China Building Materials Academy to ensure a smooth implementation. © Global SSDC

SECTOR

building/ construction materials

BENEFICIARIES

Local governments, local R&D organizations and building materials manufacturers and local residents in Uzbekistan and Algeria, etc.

DURATION

1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021

IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION

International Centre for Materials Technology Promotion (ICM) / China Building Materials Academy (CBMA)

INTENDED OUTPUTS

- R&D conducted on high-performance technologies of building materials for developing countries;
- Symposium organized on standardization in building materials in developing countries;
- Capacity building of target beneficiaries developed on testing technology and high-performance technology in building materials;
- Technical assistance provided for testing methods and high-performance technology of building materials;
- Demonstration plant of admixture production established and operationalized to showcase new technologies; and
- Testing laboratory for building materials established and techniques are trained; Knowledge and lessons generated from the project documented and disseminated.

3

Tourism Promotes Poverty Reduction, Employment and Women's Development in Uzbekistan



SECTOR

sustainable tourism development and poverty eradication

BENEFICIARIES

Government officials in Uzbekistan; Decision-makers of Uzbekistan State Committee for Tourism Development; Uzbekistan residents; Chinese counterparts

DURATION

1 September, 2020 to August 31, 2021

IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION

Chongqing Training Center for International Cooperation (CTCIC)

INTENDED OUTPUTS

- Through comparative studies and communication, CTCIC will propose feasible solutions for poverty reduction, employment and gender equality promotion under the framework of Uzbekistan's tourism industry;
- The thematic reports will provide reference for the formulation and evaluation of tourism policies and contribute to the goal of poverty reduction;
- Organize Uzbekistan tourism managers to visit China and communicate with their Chinese counterparts. Bilateral exchanges at the grass-root level will be enhanced and the two sides will learn from each other in terms of poverty reduction, employment and gender equality promotion;
- CTCIC will conduct capacity building training for Uzbekistan tourism managers to improve their professionalism;
- Knowledge and lessons generated from the project documented and disseminated.

4

To Develop a Market-driving Green Bamboo Concrete Board Industry in Rwanda



Thanks to the China Aid Rwanda Bamboo Planting, Processing and Utilization Project, more jobs in bamboo weaving and furniture making were created, which contributed a lot to increase local farmers' income and promote women's participation in development. © NBRC

SECTOR

sustainable bamboo development

BENEFICIARIES

Government officials, technicians and farmers working in the field of forest and rural communities in Rwanda and East Africa as a whole

DURATION

1 September, 2020 to 31 August, 2022

IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION

China National Bamboo Research Center (NBRC)

INTENDED OUTPUTS

- Training on bamboo production and Bamboo Concrete Board (BCB) conducted to transfer skills and technology;
- Bamboo supply chain created promoting model of company + farmer;
- Feasibility study conducted on BCB development in EAC Countries;
- Exhibition conducted on BCB development in Rwanda; and
- Knowledge and lessons generated from the project documented and disseminated.

→ **Capacity development trainings**

As the global pandemic, COVID-19 spreads rapidly to almost every corner of the world, it threatens to profoundly deepen inequalities and undo the progress on sustainable development done over the decades. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, several planned awareness-building and experience-sharing seminars/workshops, as well as fact-finding missions, under the framework of Global SSDC, were postponed/ cancelled.

The project office constantly adjusted its workplan to ensure smooth project implementation amidst changing situations. Close contact has been kept with the partner institutions to brainstorm possible solutions, and, based on partners' real needs, synergize their capacities and capabilities for effective collaboration and ultimately accelerate the innovation of South-South cooperation and international development cooperation. Since June 2020, the project team had adopted a proactive approach to prepare for demand-driven capacity development and knowledge sharing exchanges seminars/ workshops / forums both online and in-person.

1

Webinar series: South-South Cooperation and International Development Cooperation in the Post COVID-19 World

To improve the effectiveness of the virtual meeting and provide a better understanding of partners' particular development interest and foster mutual understanding for further collaboration among partners, an online needs survey was undertaken by the project office. Survey results indicated that partners were concerned about, among others, whether and how the COVID-19 pandemic would reshape future South-South cooperation and international development cooperation, what opportunities and challenges the pandemic would bring to international cooperation, and how South-South cooperation and international development cooperation could be strengthened in the post COVID-19 world. Based on the needs received, the project office designed the event concept and invited relevant partners to join.



→ **Webinar 2** focused on sustainable agriculture was held on 10 September 2020, brought together nearly 60 representatives from expert institutions of multi fields.

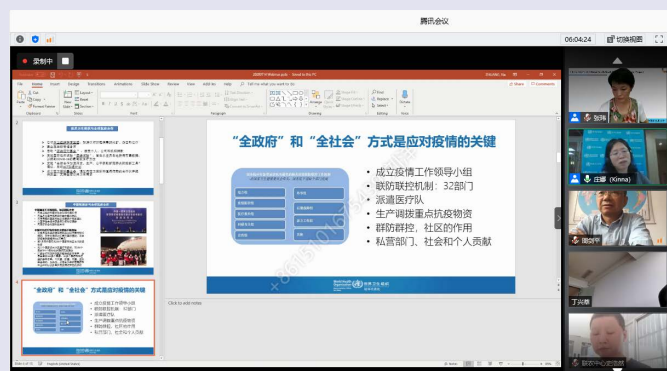


→ **Webinar 1** “South-South Cooperation and International Development Cooperation in the Post COVID-19 World” took place on 14 July 2020, brought together more than 80 representatives from expert institutions of multi fields.



→ **Webinar 3** focused on energy efficiency & environmental protection, took place on 20 October 2020, attracted over 70 representatives from expert institutions, and was made into a video knowledge product.

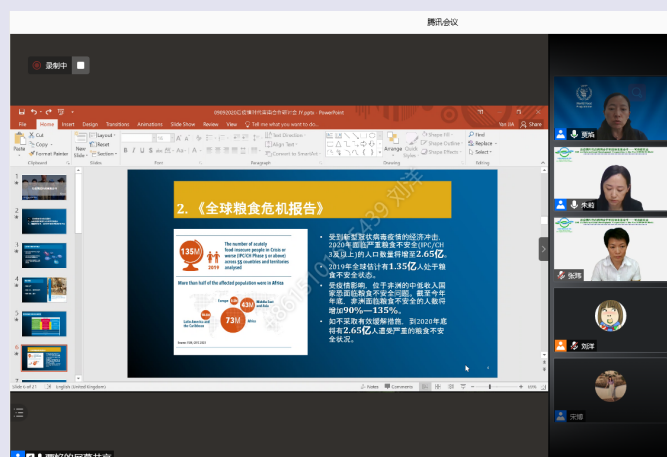
Highlights of the webinars



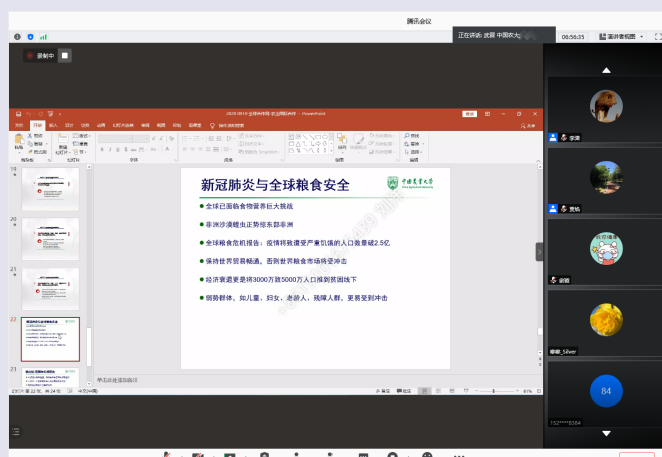
In terms of addressing the pandemic, whole-of-government and whole-of-society was the key to success. — Ms. Qiao Jianrong, Coordinator, Health Systems and Health Security Team, World Health Organization China Office. © Global SSCC



The technical innovation tended to be more and more important, which underscored the importance of public health and digital economy during international collaboration in accordance with the guiding principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits. — Mr. Zhou Taidong, Division Chief, Division of Global Development Research, CIKD. © Global SSCC



South-South cooperation should be strengthened to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 on global food security — Ms. Jia Yan, Programme Policy Officer, World Food Programme. © Global SSCC



International cooperation in agriculture displays a perfect fusion of promoting SSC and a community of shared future for mankind — Ms. Wu Jin, Associate Dean of College of Humanities and Development Studies, Executive Dean of College of International Development and Global Agriculture/China Institute for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture at China Agricultural University. © Global SSCC



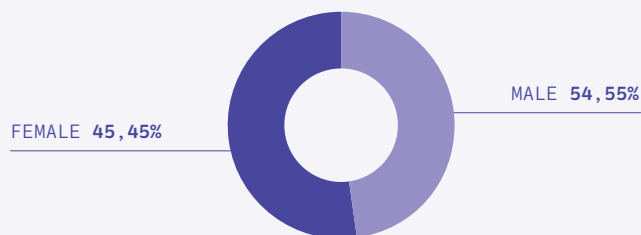
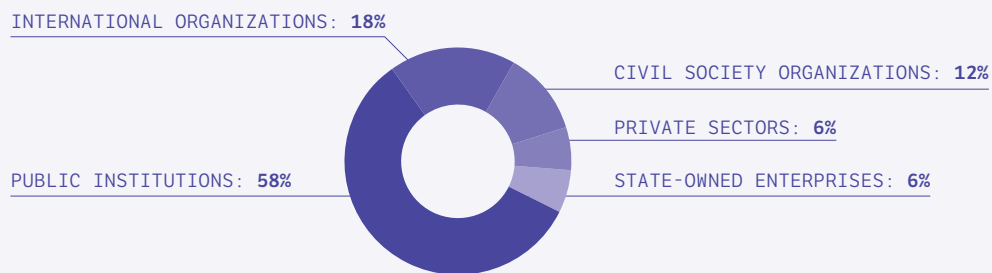
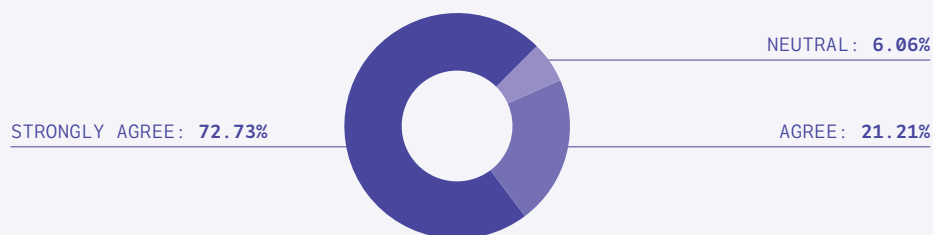
The pandemic is part of what UNEP call the “triple planetary crisis” of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. — Mr. LIU Jian, UN Environment Chief Scientist and Director of the Science Division, UN Environment Programme. © Global SSCC



Green development has drawn intense attention globally and low-carbon and green growth will bring development opportunities for related industries — Mr. Liu Zhijie, Deputy Director of the Training Division, Center for Environmental Education & Communications of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment. © Global SSCC

→ SURVEY RESULTS

Over 200 practitioners attended the webinars. According to the post-webinar surveys, more than 95% practitioners were satisfied with these webinars: topics were relevant, event organization was smooth and well-paced, speakers were knowledgeable, knowledge shared were practical and useful, etc.

**I PLAN TO APPLY WHAT I LEARNED IN THESE WEBINARS:**

2

Offline Capacity Development and knowledge sharing exchanges events

The 2020 South-South Cooperation and Digital Economy Development Forum took place in Chongqing City, China from 25-26 November. Under the theme “Digital Economy Cooperation among Developing Countries in the Post-Epidemic Era”, speakers from UN agencies, the Chinese government, embassies in China, and research institutes highlighted the role of South-South cooperation in bridging the digital divide and ensuring the inclusive and sustainable development of the digital economy. The Forum was co-hosted by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Chongqing Sub-council, Chongqing University, and the Chongqing International Cultural Communication Center, with the support of the CICETE and the Global SSDC Project.

Ms. Xiaojun Grace Wang, Deputy Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), highlighted in her video message that “As a pioneer in the digital economy, China has been helping other developing countries employ digital technologies to accelerate poverty alleviation and encourage sustainable development with the application of digital technologies in the five priority areas under the ‘Belt and Road’ Initiative.”

The 25th Annual Meeting of the China South-South Cooperation Network (CSSCN), two thematic workshops, and an exhibition on China’s good practices in South-South and triangular cooperation, hosted by the China SSC Network and organized by the Chongqing International Cultural Communication Center, one of the member institutions of China SSC Network, took place in parallel to the 2020 South-South Cooperation and Digital Economy Development Forum. The annual meeting saw an attendance of more than 60 representatives from United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), CSSCN member institutions and organizations interested in joining the CSSCN.



Xiaojun Grace Wang's video message at the Forum. © Global SSDC



The project team at the Forum and annual meeting. © Global SSDC



The 25th Annual Meeting of CSSCN, Chongqing, China. © Global SSDC



Address speech from Mr. Qu Sixi, Representative/Country Director, WFP.
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During the 25th Annual Meeting of China SSC Network, **thematic workshops on SSC** were organized, on the importance of SSC in the context of COVID-19 and risk

management & sustainable development when promoting SSC, receiving sound feedbacks among participants.



The thematic workshops during the 25th Annual Meeting of China SSC Network.
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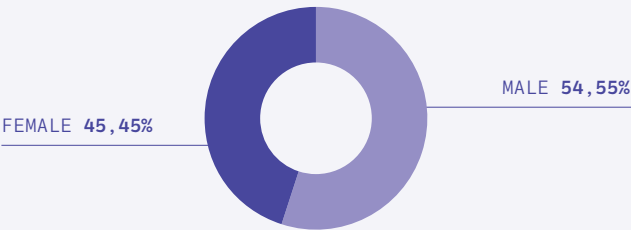
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→ SURVEY RESULTS

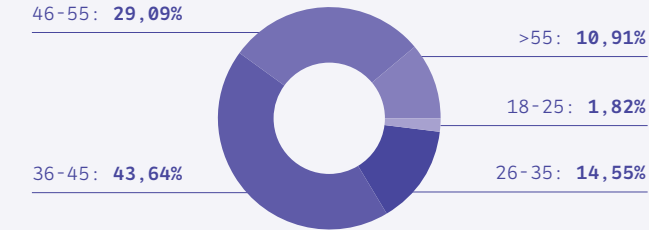
According to the post-event survey results, the overall gender ratio among attendees were almost equal (female 45.45% and male 54.55%). Public institutions, CSOs/ NGOs and academia were the three largest groups of organizations where the participants were from. A detailed analysis has been generated. 94.55% of attendees strongly agreed that the event delivered the information that they expected.

Snapshot

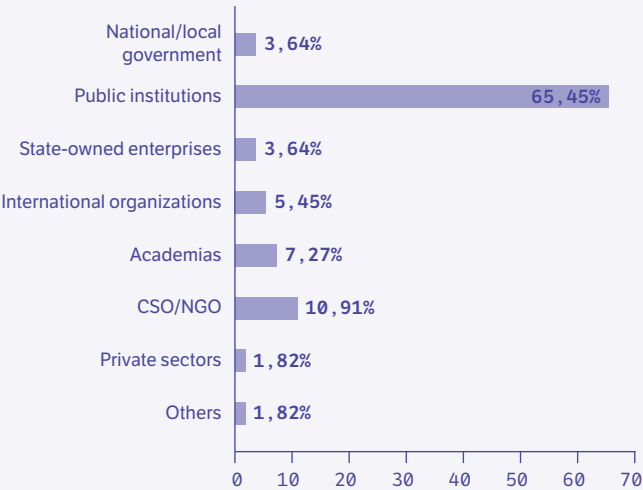
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OVERALL AGE COMPOSITION AMONG PARTICIPANTS



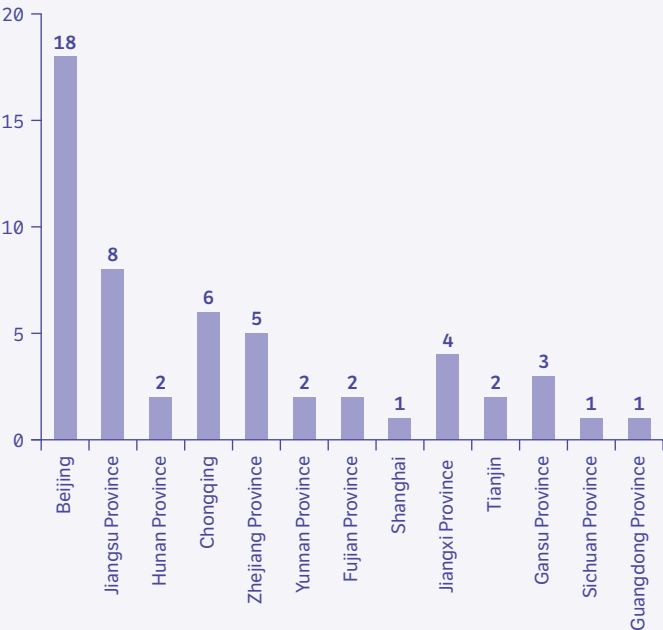
WHICH SECTORS DO PARTICIPANTS WORK FOR?



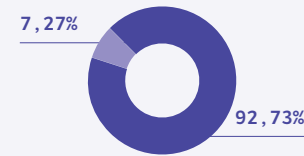
THE ANNUAL MEETING AND THE THEMATIC WORKSHOPS DELIVERED THE INFORMATION THEY EXPECTED



WHERE ARE PARTICIPANTS FROM/BASED?



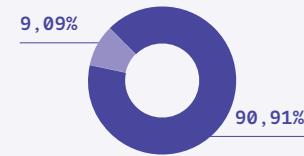
THE SUBJECT MATTER WAS PRESENTED EFFECTIVELY



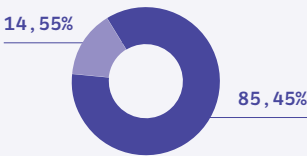
THE PACE OF THE MEETING WAS SATISFACTORY



THE SPEAKERS WERE KNOWLEDGEABLE



I GAINED NEW KNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE TO FUTURE WORK



■ AGREE
■ STRONGLY AGREE



Discussions and exchanges during the annual meeting. ©Global SSDC



Discussions and exchanges during the annual meeting. ©Global SSDC

The exhibition alongside the Forum, **Good Practices Exhibition of China's Efforts in SSTC for Sustainable Development**, featured 16 good practices which were included in the Good Practices in *South-South and*

Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development – Volume 3 with the nomination of CICETE and the China Agricultural University.



The shuttle-style layout of the Exhibition enabled visitors view the posters with high efficiency. © Global SSDC



The shuttle-style layout of the Exhibition enabled visitors view the posters with high efficiency. © Global SSDC

3

Seminar on China-Africa Private Sector Cooperation

2020 marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), which had earned worldwide attention to the cooperation between China and Africa. China-Africa cooperation has been spearheading SSC. At the United Nations Security Council High-level Debate on “Cooperation between

the United Nations and Regional and Sub-regional Organizations with a Specific Focus on the United Nations and the African Union” on December 4th 2020, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said, “China stands as a true friend of African countries and a partner with common purpose. Guided by the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith, China has put the greater good of African countries above its own interests. We are always ready to play a part as the African people pursue their grand vision of development.”

Against this background, supported by Global SSDC Project and hosted by China-Africa Business Council, the **Seminar on China-Africa Private Sector Cooperation** was held on 11 December. As an important part of the 2020 China-Africa Private Sector Cooperation Forum, the Seminar was attended by experts from CIKD, the China-Africa Development Fund (CADF), the Project Office of the UNIDO Centre for South-South Industrial Cooperation, and the South-South Cooperation Research Center of Nankai University. Participants exchanged ideas over international business cooperation, China-Africa cooperation in investment and financing, industrial parks, and China-Africa production capacity cooperation. The Seminar was also joined by over 120 guests from the embassies of developing countries in China, local trade promotion councils, financial institutions, chambers of commerce, guilds, investors in Africa, and young entrepreneurs.

Find out more at [South-South Galaxy](#)





***Hub for
SSTC***

Partnerships

Global SSDC Project brings together resources and expertise from various industries and sectors. It provides comprehensive support including capacity development and on-site practical trainings, as well as direct implementation of small-grant proposals.

In 2020, five institutions joined the China SSC Network under auspices of Global SSDC project office, bringing the total number of member institutions to 36 by January 2021. (Chongqing International Culture Exchange Centre,

Fujian Association of Science, Technology and Cultural Innovation, National Medical Products Administration Institute of Executive Development, World Food Programme China Center of Excellence and College of International Development and Global Agriculture of China Agricultural University).

In particular, the partnership with WFP China CoE, was a significant step towards a global platform.

A part of partner Institutions of Global SSDC Project



In 2020, seven UN agencies and international organizations (WHO, WFP, UNIDO, UNEP, UNCDF, UN-Habitat, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) engaged with Global SSDC project in knowledge, capacity and technical exchanges. Substantial preparatory activities for joint initiatives with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and WFP on digital innovation and agriculture development respectively was conducted.

A broad range of multi-media communication and advocacy products were disseminated through [South-South Galaxy](#), [CICETE website](#) and its WeChat official account and China SSC Network web portal; an interactive profile webpage on South-South Galaxy for Global SSDC created as well.

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CICETE Deputy Director-General Zhang Yi Attended the 2020 China-Africa Private Sector Cooperation Forum

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The 2020 China-Africa Private Sector Cooperation Forum was held in Beijing on the afternoon of December 11th, 2020, with a focus on industrial and trade cooperation between China and Africa in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Forum was attended by more than 10 African diplomatic envoys and over 100 representatives from Chinese and African government departments, academia, think-tanks, financial institutions, and the private sector, and joined by over 100,000 viewers from the Chinese and African business communities online. CICETE Deputy Director-General Zhang Yi was invited to the Forum.



Chinese President Xi Jinping and Senegalese President Macky Sall who is co-chair of the FOAC, exchanged congratulatory messages on the 20th anniversary of the FOAC on October 12th, 2020, who stressed the need to push the comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership between China and Africa to higher levels and build a closer China-Africa community with a shared future to benefit the people of both regions and create a better future for all.

As part of the efforts to implement the consensus of Chinese and Senegalese leaders, the Forum is dedicated to encouraging Chinese private businesses to increase investment in and cooperation with Africa, contribute to high-quality sustainable development of China-Africa economic cooperation and trade, and join the push for a closer China-Africa community with a shared future.



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CICETE Deputy Director-General Zhang Yi Attended the 25th Annual Meeting of the China South-South Cooperation Network and the 2020 South-South Cooperation & Digital Economy Development Forum

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From November 25 to 26, supported by CICETE and the Global South-South Development Center Project (Global SSDC Project), the 25th Annual Meeting of China South-South Cooperation Network (hereinafter referred to as the annual meeting) and the 2020 South-South Cooperation & Digital Economy Development Forum (hereinafter referred to as the Digital Forum), were successfully held in Chongqing. CICETE Deputy Director-General Zhang Yi attended the meetings and delivered a speech respectively.

The annual meeting saw an attendance of more than 60 representatives from United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), China South-South Cooperation Network (CSSCN) member institutions and organizations interested in joining the CSSCN. There was robust discussion at the annual meeting on the future development direction of CSSCN under the new situation and how to promote South-South and Triangular cooperation more extensively and deeply. After the speeches from organizer (Chongqing International Culture Exchange Centre), supporter (CICETE) and guest institution (WFP), a progress report of the CSSCN in 2020 was presented. Representatives from the member institutions who newly joined the CSSCN in 2020 introduced their efforts and experiences in international cooperation and South-South cooperation. In the session of "forage ahead during the pandemic and turning challenges into opportunities", representatives shared their experiences and innovative approaches.



In his speech, DGG Zhang Yi fully affirmed and appreciated the work and achievements made by the member institutions of CSSCN in promoting South-South and Triangular cooperation. It is hoped that member institutions could implement the new development concept of "innovation, coordination, green, open and sharing", put forward by President Xi Jinping, carry forward the spirit of solidarity and cooperation, mutual benefit and win-win results, and work together to seek common development. DGG Zhang Yi also expressed that the CICETE, as a specialized project management agency, will spare no efforts to support the development of CSSCN through its functions, experiences and platform specialties, helping member institutions expand their international partnerships and making contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and a community of shared future for mankind.



With the theme of "working together for innovation and development", the Digital Forum focused on cooperation among developing countries in the field of digital economy in the post-pandemic era. More than 100 guests, including Mr. Li Bo, Vice Mayor of Chongqing Municipal Government, Mr. Xiaojun Grace Wang, Deputy Director of United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), Mr. Zhou Yiguo, Deputy Director of UNOSSC, Director of Digital Economy Expert of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, Mr. Lewis Quesada, Ambassador of Peru to China, Mr. Masudul Rahman, Minister of Bangladesh to China, Mr. Ming Ju, Vice President of Chongqing University, discussed issues including South-South cooperation, digital economy, blockchain and trade in services, etc. Participants of the annual meeting were invited to attend the Digital Forum.

Private Sector Contributes to China-Africa South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development

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Organized by the China-Africa Business Council (CABC), the 2020 China-Africa Private Sector Cooperation Forum took place in Beijing, China, on 11 December 2020, with a focus on industrial and trade cooperation between China and Africa in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants substantiated the growing importance of the private sector in China-Africa South-South cooperation with quantitative evidence and case studies, and shared observations on key areas and trends of the cooperation.

South-South cooperation has expanded from technical cooperation to economic, trade, financial cooperation in recent years, because of the strong momentum in economic development and cooperation in the global South, especially the increased investment and trade cooperation. The Outcome Document of the Second High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40), held in Argentina in 2019, highlighted the expanded scope of SSC which includes South-South trade and investment; and acknowledged the role played by multi-stakeholders, including the private sector, in promoting South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC) for sustainable development.



China-Africa cooperation has been spearheading South-South cooperation. At the United Nations Security Council High-level Debate on "Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional and Sub-regional Organizations with a Specific Focus on the United Nations and the African Union" on 4 December 2020, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said, "China stands as a true friend of African countries and a partner with common purpose. Guided by the principle of security, real results, unity and good faith, China has put the greater good of African countries above its own interests. We are always ready to play a part as the African people pursue their 'grand vision of development'."

Mr. Xu Jiajun, Executive Vice Chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce shared that this year marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), which had earned worldwide attention to the cooperation between China and Africa. He further stated that, "the trade between China and Africa exceeded USD2000 billion in 2019, which is 20 times the number of 2000. China's direct investment in Africa reached USD49.1 billion in the same year, which is 100 times higher than that of 2000, making China the largest trading partner of Africa for the 11th consecutive year. Contributing to over 20 per cent of the African economic growth for many years, China has become a critical driver of the sustainable economic growth of the continent."



Mr. Wu Peng, Director-General of the African Affairs Department of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the Forum. Source: CABC

Mr. Wu Peng, Director-General of the African Affairs Department of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said, "as a sub-forum under the FOCAC framework, the China-Africa Private Sector Cooperation Forum has evolved as an important platform and flagship event for Chinese and African private businesses to communicate and cooperate. The Forum is held on schedule despite COVID-19 challenges. Such demonstrated the willingness and commitment of both China and Africa to promote cooperation and joint development." Looking ahead, Mr. Wu shared that cooperation and development would remain the top priority on the agenda of China-Africa cooperation and the next Forum to be held in Senegal in 2021 would certainly boost China-Africa cooperation in the post-pandemic era and offer Chinese and African private businesses more opportunities.

South-South Cooperation in Digital Economy Makes Technological Innovation Available to All

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7 December, New York – The 2020 South-South Cooperation and Digital Economy Development Forum took place in Chongqing City, China from 25-26 November. Under the theme "Digital Economy Cooperation among Developing Countries in the Post-Epidemic Era", speakers from UN agencies, the Chinese government, embassies in China, and research institutes highlighted the role of South-South cooperation in bridging the digital divide and ensuring the inclusive and sustainable development of the digital economy.

The Forum was co-hosted by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade-Chongqing Sub-council, Chongqing University, and the Chongqing International Cultural Communication Center, with the support of the China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges and the Global South-South Development Center Project.

The digital economy has the potential to advance the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and it is believed to be an incubator of innovations and a transformative force in social governance. South-South cooperation among developing countries is guided by, among others, the principle of mutual benefits and self-reliance. It accelerates developing countries towards sustainable development through various means, including enhancing their capacities to integrate into the global economy. Despite the rapid digitalization of our socio-economic activities through technological advances such as artificial intelligence, big data, Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud computing, a digital gap persists between developed and developing countries, i.e. the "North" and the "South", and within different regions in the same country, threatening to widen the inequalities in developing countries, especially in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs). It is in this context that the digital economy becomes a priority area of South-South cooperation towards attaining the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ensuring that no one is left behind.



Ms. Xiaojun Grace Wang, Deputy Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), highlighted in her video message that we need "a more inclusive and sustainable digital economy for all". The advancement of the digital economy requires international dialogues for forging consensus and facilitating decision-making. She added that at the national level, South-South cooperation should prioritize assisting developing countries in developing regulatory policies, business platforms, digital finance, infrastructure, etc. "As a pioneer in the digital economy, China has been helping other developing countries employ digital technologies to accelerate poverty alleviation and encourage sustainable development with the application of digital technologies in the five priority areas under the 'Belt and Road Initiative'. The call on more Chinese partners to leverage the digital economy to promote a more open, vigorous, and influential South-South cooperation and engage in South-South cooperation to foster a more inclusive and sustainable digital economy."

"In 2019, about 87 percent of the population living in developed countries had access to the Internet, whereas this figure was a mere 19 percent in the least developed world, indicating a huge gap among different countries and regions in the capacity of using digital data and cutting-edge technologies," said Mr. Yi Zhang, Deputy Director-General of China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE). Zhang believes that the divide in digital access, utilization, and capacity, if not bridged, would intensify both international and domestic inequalities, result in greater adverse impact upon the vulnerable populations, and prejudice developing countries in new technological revolutions and the digital economy. "It is of extraordinary significance to enhance cooperation in digital and intelligent technologies among developing countries and bridge the digital divide in a way that is faster and more sustainable by upholding the spirit of South-South cooperation underpinned by solidarity, cooperation, and self-reliance," concluded Zhang in his speech.

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Impact Stories

South-South
Solidarity
in COVID-19
Responses

The project office helped increase the visibility of partners' donation of funds and medical supplies worth approx. USD 3.6 million for COVID-19 responses, benefitting people in more than 20 African, Asian, and Latin American countries, by publicizing these efforts through UNOSSC platforms.

1

International Center on Small Hydro Power (ICSHP) and Partners Donate 240,000 Masks for COVID-19 Response

As of January 2021, ICSHP and its partners have donated 240,000 disposable surgical masks to support local COVID-19 responses, benefiting over ten developing countries in Africa, Asia and Pacific, and Latin America regions. In May, the ICSHP donated 5,000 urgently needed protective masks to the Secretariat of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). In October,

the ICSHP and the Dragon Design Foundation together donated 20,000 face masks to the UN System in Nigeria as part of the "Green Ribbon Action". In December, the ICSHP responded to the calls of its Nepalese partners by donating 210,000 disposable medical masks to the municipal governments of Khajura and Bardaghat in Nepal.



A representative from an INSHP member institution handing over masks to the Secretary-General of COMESA Ms. Kapwepwe. © INSHP



Masks donated by the ICSHP and the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research to their Mexican partners in April 2020. © Global ICSHP

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Mission to Support Ethiopia's COVID-19 Testing Accomplished in 72 Hours by China-Africa Business Council & Partners



Chinese medical team in Ethiopia and Ethiopian CDC researchers in the lab.
© Chinese Medical Team in Ethiopia.

15 April 2020, New York – Following a request for support from Ethiopia in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic on 4 February 2020, within 72 hours, the China-Africa Business Council (CABC) and its partners mobilized and delivered a portable automatic nucleic acid extraction and amplification device and testing kits to Ethiopian partners.



Chinese medical team in Ethiopia training local CDC researchers to operate devices donated by CABC. © Chinese Medical Team in Ethiopia.

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Global SSDC Outreach 2020

The project team increased project visibility, expanded partnership base, and explored cooperation opportunities through active participation in high-level forums and engagement with partners.

- In January, project office participated in the **First Shenzhen Business Innovation Promotion Conference** & the **2019 Annual Conference of Federation of Shenzhen Industries** and visited the member institution Shenzhen International Technology Promotion Centre for Sustainable Development. Both sides discussed ways to strengthen collaboration on energy and sustainable environment.



Programme Management Training and Retreat. © Global SSDC

- On July 23, the project office received the delegation from **Finance Center for South-South Cooperation (FCSSC)** to explore possible cooperation. As a result, the project office recommended a knowledge product South-South Cooperation in a Digital World, which was jointly launched by UNOSSC and FCSSC in 2019, to the conference sponsor of 2020 SSC and Digital Economy Development Forum as an exhibit, and supported the distribution of 200 hard copies of the publication among Forum participants.
- In September, the project team participated in the **2nd “Aerial Silk Road” International Cooperation Summit 2020** and the **China International Fair for Investment & Trade** during China International Fair for Trade in Services, respectively to increase project visibility.

- On September 10, the project office received the delegation from **Chongqing International Culture Exchange Centre** to detail the preparation for the 25th annual meeting of China SSC Network.
- On September 17, the project office received the delegation from **China-Africa Business Council**. Both sides exchanged views on how to better promote the implementation of a waste management small- grant proposal.
- In the same month, the project team facilitated CICETE senior leadership’s participation at **2020 UN Day for SSC** commemorative event, which was attended by hundreds of representatives from government departments, UN agencies in China, foreign embassies in China, international organizations, think tanks, etc.



CICETE DDG Zhang Yi's attendance to the UN System in China's 2020 UN Day for South-South Cooperation Celebration. © Global SSDC

- In late September, the project team participated in the **Launching Ceremony of International Young Entrepreneurs Club & 2020 International Economic Cooperation Conference**, organized by China International Youth Exchange Center, and presented Global SSDC Project, Cities Project and China SSC Network to event participants (approximately 200) to increase project visibility among young entrepreneurs and increase their knowledge on SSTC.
- In October, the project office received the delegation from **China-Africa Green Agriculture Development Research Center** to explore potential collaborations.

- From May to November, the project team held several consultation discussions with WFP China, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other stakeholders to promote Joint Initiative on **Strengthening South- South and Triangular Cooperation in China-Africa Rice Value Chain**. In November, the project team participated in the **SSC Review and Strategy Analysis Meeting** organized by WFP China CoE in Suzhou and joined the group brain-storming on value-chain development, innovative poverty reduction initiative, disaster and risk reduction, etc. Global SSDC's efforts were presented to meeting participants (more than 40 participants) to strengthen the inter-agency experience-sharing.



SSC Review and Strategy Analysis Meeting. © WFP China CoE

- In November, project team contributed to CICETE senior leadership's participation in the **Fourth International High-level Forum on Sustainable Urban Development**, which was jointly organized by China Center for Urban Development, UN-HABITAT and Chengdu Municipal People's Government. During the Forum, the efforts of both Global SSDC Project and Cities Project were presented.



Bi-lateral meeting between CICETE and CCUD during the Forum. Both sides agreed to strengthen cooperation in the coming years. © Global SSDC

- On December 21, the project team paid an on-site visit to **China Building Materials Academy** to deepen collaboration and further promote the small-grant proposal implementation.
- The project was also advocated in other high-level events including the **China International Fair for Trade in Services, 2020 China International Fair for Investment and Trade China International Import Expo and EU-China Business & Technology Cooperation Fair**.



Key Goals in 2021

Research and analysis conducted to identify and document good practices of SSC and triangular cooperation as well as the needs and priorities of developing country partners.

1

Small-grant projects and demand-driven capacity building activities supported to facilitate transfer of technical know-how and capacity development.

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Advocacy and knowledge, partnership building and resource mobilization further enhanced.

3

Global network expanded to outreach beyond China through partnering with centers of excellence from the global South and leveraging UN specialized agencies' expertise.

4

Project office capacity further developed.

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