Bilateral Cooperation between China and the United States: Facilitating Progress on Climate-Change Policy

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AGENDA

Thursday, 25 June

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome; motivation for the workshop; self-introductions of participants

Zou Ji, Deputy Director-General and Professor, National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (NCSC)

Robert Stavins, Director, Harvard Project on Climate Agreements

SESSION 1: Market mechanisms for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions

9:30 – 10:30 Market mechanisms in the United States

Robert Stavins

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45 Market mechanisms in China

Zheng Shuang, Professor, NCSC

11:45 – 12:00 Responses

Guo Wei, Vice General Manager, SinoCarbon Innovation & Investment Co., Ltd

Gabriel Chan, Assistant Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

12:00 – 12:30 Additional discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
**Thursday, 25 June (continued)**

*Session 2: Climate change policy and trade policy*

13:30 – 14:15 Discussion of climate change and trade policy  
Fu Sha, Assistant Professor, NCSC

14:15 – 15:00 Trade-and Climate-Change Interactions: Opportunities for China-U.S. Cooperation  
Thomas Brewer, Senior Fellow, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 16:30 Responses and discussion

16:30 Close

19:00 – 21:00 Reception and dinner  
Tangla Hotel
Friday, 26 June

SESSION 3: Comparison of mitigation effort in a Paris climate-change regime

9:00 – 9:15 Introductory remarks
Robert Stavins and Zou Ji

9:15 – 9:30 Status update on Paris process and submission of INDCs
Zou Ji

9:30 – 9:45 Why is it important to be able to compare effort?
Robert Stavins

9:45 – 10:30 Approaches to comparison of effort
Joseph Aldy, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:30 Comparison of Effort and the Paris Agreement
Zhang Xiaohua, Deputy Director and Assistant Professor, NCSC

11:30 – 11:45 Responses
Cao Jing, Professor, Tsinghua University
Robert Stowe, Manager, Harvard Project on Climate Agreements

11:45 – 12:15 Additional discussion

12:15 – 12:30 Summary, discussion of cross-cutting issues, conclusions, next steps

12:30 Close

12:30 – 13:30 Optional Lunch