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**Background Document for Agenda Item 3:  
Briefing from the Secretariat on launch of the Green Coalition on the Belt and Road  
Initiative**

This note provides a Brochure for International Coalition for Green Development on the Belt and Road, which includes background, activities, structure of the Coalition.

The note may serve as useful background information for the briefing from the Secretariat under Agenda Item 3: “Briefing from the Secretariat on launch of the Green Coalition on the Belt and Road Initiative”.

## **Brochure for International Coalition for Green Development on the Belt and Road**

### **Background**

China proposed the Belt and Road Initiative in response to the challenges confronted in globalization and regional development. It aims to promote regional development, prosperity and stability, and expand dialogue and mutual learning between civilizations. Cooperation under the Belt and Road framework is public, transparent, and open, and pursues mutual benefit and complementary gains. It will help to achieve diversified, independent, balanced and sustainable development.

Green development has become a common goal and a key content of global governance. To prevent and curb environmental pollution and ecological degradation is a shared responsibility for countries in the world. Promoting green Belt and Road responds to the international trend of seeking green, low-carbon and circular development. It is an effective means to reinforce the stimuli for continuous, healthy and sustainable growth. To promote green Belt and Road, efforts will be made to incorporate the principles of being resource efficient and environment friendly into the whole process of international cooperation on production capacity and equipment manufacturing.

In May 2017, at the opening of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, President Xi Jinping of China announced the establishment of the International Coalition for Green Development on the Belt and Road (the Coalition). As a response, the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and the Ministry of Ecology and Environment<sup>1</sup> of China co-initiated the Coalition.

The Coalition is an open, inclusive and voluntary international network which will bring together partners' environmental expertise to ensure that the Belt and Road brings long-term, planet-friendly growth in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Coalition's mission is to integrate sustainable development, in particular environmental sustainability, across the five priorities of the Belt and Road Initiative: policy coordination, facilities connectivity, unimpeded trade, financial integration, and people-to-people bonds. It aims to promote international consensus and collective actions on the development of a Green Belt and Road and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Coalition partners include representatives from government, the private sector, academia, civil society and other stakeholder groups.

### **What the Coalition Will Do**

(1) Provide a platform for policy dialogue and communication to:

- Share green development concepts and environmental policies;
- Provide communication opportunities amongst different Belt and Road stakeholder groups, including business entities, research institutes, international, intergovernmental,

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<sup>1</sup> The Ministry of Ecology and Environment was previously known as the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

- non-governmental organizations, and governments;
  - Forge a joint research network which could provide support and policy recommendations for green development in the Belt and Road regions.
- (2) Provide a knowledge and information platform to:
- Share knowledge and data related to environmental protection and pollution prevention and control;
  - Provide environmental data and analysis related to the green development of the Belt and Road;
  - Promote capacity building on environment management;
  - Raise environmental awareness.
- (3) Provide a Platform for green technology exchange and transfer to:
- Facilitate international cooperation on environmental technologies, in order to enhance stakeholders' capacity on ecological conservation and pollution prevention and control in Belt and Road regions;
  - Promote the exchange and transfer of advanced green and low-carbon technology, in order to promote investment in green infrastructure and trade.

### **Coalition Activities**

The Coalition's work will be delivered through a biennial High-Level Roundtable for Green Development on the Belt and Road and a number of Thematic Partnerships made up of coalition partners. The areas of Thematic Partnerships may include, but are not limited to:

- Biodiversity and ecosystem management
- Green energy and energy efficiency
- Green finance and investment
- Improvement of environmental quality and green cities
- South-South environmental cooperation and SDGs capacity building
- Green technology innovation and Corporation Social Responsibility
- Environmental information sharing and big data
- Sustainable transportation

### **Coalition Structure**

#### (1) Chairs

- Two Co-chairs - one high-level representative each from UN Environment and Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China.
- Several Vice Chairs – consisting of high-level representatives from the Leading Partners and specially invited individuals.

#### (2) Senior Advisors

- Representatives of Belt and Road countries and prominent international experts

#### (3) Thematic Partnerships

- Major part of the Coalition and conduct research, academic exchange and seminars of the thematic area.
- Each to be led by Leading Partners that are responsible for fund-raising and organizing

relevant activities.

(4) Secretariat

- Responsible for the daily operations of the Coalition, including managing work plan, budget, etc.
- Organize Coalition meetings and provide coordination support to the Thematic Partnerships
- Lead communication and outreach activities for the Coalition

**Joining the Coalition**

The Coalition welcomes as Partners any stakeholder - including governments, business entities, research institutes, as well as international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations - that meets the following requirements:

- Endorses the mission of the Coalition and willing and ready to make contribution to the global green development.
- Participates in Coalition activities, including the biennial High-Level Roundtable for Green Development on the Belt and Road.
- Provides expertise, leadership and resources (financial or in kind) to support work of the Coalition and its Thematic Partnerships that correspond with your organization's area(s) of interest and expertise.
- Contributes your advice and support with regard to the development of the Coalition, and advocates for the objectives of the Coalition and the key messages from the biennial High-level Roundtables.
- Carries out concrete actions to promote the Green Development of the Belt and Road.

**Annex**

**Form of Intent to Join International Coalition for Green Development on the Belt and Road**

Name of Institution:			
Contact Person:		Department and position:	
Telephone:		Email:	
Address:			
Thematic partnerships preferred to join (multiple selection)	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency <input type="checkbox"/> Green Finance and Investment <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement of Environmental Quality and Green Cities <input type="checkbox"/> South-South Environmental Cooperation and Capacity Building towards Realizing 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development; <input type="checkbox"/> Green Technology Innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Information Sharing and Big Data; <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Transportation. <input type="checkbox"/> Global Climate Change Governance and Green Transformation		

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