

Introduction of Eco Forum Global Guiyang 2017

A. Background of Eco Forum Global

Eco Forum Global (EFG) is the only national level, high-end international platform focus on the subject of eco-civilization and sustainable development supported by Chinese central government. Since 2009, EFG has successfully organized annual conference for continuously eight years, dedicated to facilitate the cooperation among key decision makers from government, business, academia, media, and social organizations. EFG promotes the concept of eco-civilization and sustainable development, shares knowledge and experiences addressing over one hundred sub topics, and encourage domestic as well as international communication and interconnection through diversified forms. Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a message of congratulations to the EFG annual conference 2013, in which he stated that “this conference reflects the shared interest of the international community in ecological progress. I am convinced that with the joint efforts of all participants, the outcomes of the conference will make contribution to protecting the global eco-environment”; Chinese Premier Li Keqiang sent a letter of congratulations to the EFG annual conference 2014, in which he addressed that “Eco Forum Global is an international platform for sharing experiences in sustainable development”; UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also sent a congratulatory letter to EFG annual conference 2014, in which he emphasized “EFG provides us an important platform, which helps China’s major decision makers to coordinate, cooperate and put the ideas into practices”. President Xi Jinping also made the following instruction regarding running Eco Forum Global Guiyang in 2015 that “the forum should continue to be held to serve as a channel to deepen global exchanges and climate change” ; Chairman of CPPCC, Yu Zhengsheng declared in the opening ceremony that “On the platform of EFG, the questions related to eco-civilization development have been addressed and further discussed, and China issued a growing loud voice of eco-civilization over the world. The contributions towards improving sustainable development in China and global ecological security are significant.”

Distinguished politicians and former politicians all over the world have actively participated EFG in the past, including Mr. Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of UK; Mr. Gerhard Schroeder, former Premier of Germany; Mr. Romano Prodi, former Premier of Italy and former President of the European Commission; Mr. Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister of

Australia; Mr Bertie Ahern, former Irish Prime Minister and so on. In the past eight years, thousands of government officials, Nobel Laureates, distinguished scholars, business and NGO leaders have participated EFG to jointly fight against the challenges humankind are facing, and form united solutions to the problems, which has further promoted EFG to be the highest, largest and most international platform in the field of Eco-civilization and sustainable development in China.

B. Introduction to 2017 EFG Annual Conference

2017 Eco Forum Global Guiyang will be held from June 17th to 18th at the city of Guiyang, China. The main theme of the conference is “Embracing a New Era of Eco-civilization: Sharing Green Dividend”. The specific schedule is as follows:

	June 17th	June 18th
		Breakfast Meeting
Morning	Plenary Session	Seminar Symposium
Noon	Lunch Meeting	Lunch Meeting
Afternoon	Seminar Symposium	Seminar Symposium
Evening	Dinner Meeting	

The forum will host about 10 seminar symposiums, which aim to promote understandings and partnership, build mutual trust, explore common interests in the field, and to achieve the belief of EFG, “Construct together, share together, stand together, and thrive together.” The topics of the seminar symposiums are classified according to four subjects:

- 1) Green development and green transformation;
- 2) Harmony society and inclusive development;
- 3) Eco-security and environment governance;
- 4) Eco-value, ethics and global governance.

Seminar Symposiums (Preliminary)

- 1) Ecological Civilization Pioneer Zone
- 2) Forest and Health Resort

- 3) Green Finance and Development
- 4) Sino-Swiss Dialogue
- 5) Fresh: Food Reform for Sustainability & Health; Food Sector Contribution to SDGs
- 6) Green Public Procurement
- 7) Discover the Beauty of Cities: Town Construction and Ecological Civilization Innovation
- 8) Green Campus
- 9) Ecological Civilization Construction and Institutional Reform
- 10) Environmental Law

Two seminars held in other locations:

- 1) World Heritage Application and National Park Construction, hosted by Anshun Municipal Government, from June 19 to June 20, in Huangguoshu District, Anshun City, Guizhou Province.
- 2) Poverty Alleviation and Green Town, hosted by Qianxinan State Government, from June 21 to June 22, in Qianxinan State, Guizhou Province.