

China Europe Water Platform Conference Sunday 17 April 2011

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The 5th water sector dialogue conference under the EU China River Basin Management Program (RBMP) will be held in Nanjing in the afternoon of Sunday 17 April 2011 as a prelude to the 4th Yangtze Forum taking place Monday 18 – Tuesday 19 April 2011. The dialogue conference is supported by the Ministry of Water Resources and the European Union and organised by the Changjiang Water Resources Commission and the EU China River Basin Management Programme.

The dialogue conference will focus on recent water policy developments in China and in Europe and conclude with a panel discussion on next steps to create a sustained China Europe Water Platform before closure of the EU China RBMP in 2012.

Background

The EU China River Basin Management Programme (RBMP) started in January 2007.

The purpose of the RBMP is to support Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Environmental Protection, the Yellow River Conservancy Commission (YRCC), the Changjiang Water Resources Commission (CWRC) and related partners enhancing integrated river basin management (IRBM) practices at central and decentralised levels with specific attention to the Yellow and Yangtze River basins through sharing of EU experience and best practices.

The RBMP has pursued this objective through a range of activities including study tours to Europe, conferences and exchange visits in Europe and China, research studies, training courses and piloting of water management practices in selected sub-basins of the Yangtze and Yellow River Basin.

Four EU China water dialogue conferences have been held with the following themes:

- 1 Launch of the EU China RBMP outlining the water sector in China and in the EU: 3rd International Yellow River Forum in Dongying, October 2007.
- 2 WFD Roundtable Meeting on history, objectives, principles and approaches of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD): Wuhan, September 2008.
- 3 Trends, innovation, benefits and costs of Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM): 3rd Yangtze Forum in Shanghai, April 2009.
- 4 IRBM performance indicators and river ethics and industry: 4th International Yellow River Forum in Zhengzhou, October 2009.

The 5th water dialogue conference is dedicated to the China Europe Water Platform, a mechanism aiming at a future sustainable dialogue and cooperation between China and Europe in the water sector.

China Europe Water Platform

In 2010 the Ministry of Water Resources (MWR) and the EU Delegation to China and Mongolia (EUD) agreed to work towards a China Europe Water Platform to sustain the dialogue in the water sector between China and Europe beyond the lifetime of the EU China RBMP.

The first step towards the China Europe Water Platform was the invitation by MWR for two missions of EU government officials and advisers to visit the Yangtze River Basin and the Yellow River Basin in December 2010 and April 2011, respectively.

The visit to the Yangtze River Basin and the concluding workshop at the MWR in Beijing identified 4 priority topics for future cooperation between China and Europe:

- 1 Flood and drought risk management
- 2 Water quality management and ecosystem restoration
- 3 Water governance
- 4 Research and development

The 5th dialogue conference in Nanjing will address the potential models, mechanisms and topics to sustain a China Europe Water Platform.

Program

The conference will be opened by the Vice-Minister of Water Resources and the Head of the EU Delegation to China and Mongolia.

Principal content of the platform conference will be:

- 1 Policies and principles of water management in the EU
- 2 Status of water management in China
- 3 Chinese and EU visions for future cooperation in the water sector
- 4 Experience and visions following 10 years implementation of the EU WFD
- 5 Panel discussion on China Europe Water Platform

The detailed program for the conference is attached as Appendix 1.

Logistics

The organisers will invite Chinese and European government officials as well as experts of EU Member States and other European countries cooperating with China on integrated river basin management.

MWR will invite around 30 Chinese government officials and experts and the EU China RBMP around 30 EU government officials, experts and company representatives, as well as development cooperation projects present in China. invited (The list of invited participants is included as Appendix 2).

Appendix 1

Agenda for China Europe Water Platform Conference

Time	Content	Comment
Session 1	Opening of China Europe Water Platform Conference	Master of Ceremonies Mr Liu Zhiguang Deputy Director General MWR Department of International Cooperation
13:30	Opening Speech Visions for future China Europe cooperation in the water sector	Vice Minister of Water Resources Mr Hu Siyi
13:40	Opening Speech Policies of water management in the EU and visions for future EU China cooperation in the water sector	Head of EU Delegation to China and Mongolia Dr Marcus Ederer
13:50	Key Note Speech The Government of China No. 1 Document for 2011 and the 12 th Five Year Water Plan (2011-2015)	Deputy Director General Duan Hong Dong MWR Department of Planning and Programming
14:10	Key Note Speech Experience from 10 years implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive and visions to 2015 and beyond	Representative of the EU WFD Strategic Co-ordination Group Mr Stephan von Keitz
14:30	Announcement of the World Water Forum and a China Europe event, Marseilles, France, March 2012	Secretary General Jean-Francois Donzier Office of Water, France
Session 2	Launch of Chinese versions of EU Guidelines	Chair EU China Deputy Team Leader Lars Skov Andersen
14:35	Odense River Basin Pilot Management Plan An EU pilot river basin management plan	Deputy-Ambassador Søren Jacobsen Royal Danish Embassy, Beijing
14:40	Sea to Source – A European Guidance on Fish Migration	Aquatic Ecology Expert Peter Paul Schollema Hunze en Aa's Water Board, Netherlands
14:45	Significance of publication of EU Guidelines in Chinese	Deputy Director Wang Fangqing CWRC Water Resources Protec- tion Bureau
14:50	Unveiling of Publications	MWR Vice-Minister Hu Siyi Head of EU Delegation Dr Marcus Ederer
14:55	Group Photo	
15:05	Networking Break	

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Session 3	China Europe Water Platform Panel Discussion	Chairs: EU China RBMP Project Director Dr Yu Xingjun EU China RBMP Team Leader Mr Paul van Meel
15:30	Report on EU missions to the Yangtze and Yellow River Basins	Team Leader of EU Mission to Yangtze River Basin Mr Régis Thépot
15:45	Report on MWR Senior Officials Study Tour to Europe	Deputy Team Leader Ms Liu Jinmei
15:55	Report on MWR Medium Level Officials Study Tour to Europe	Deputy Team Leader Mr Li Chunming
16:00	Panel discussion on China Europe Water Platform: Potential mechanisms, focus and topics to ensure a sustainable China Europe Water Platform Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jin Hai, MWR • Mr Ma Jianhua, CWRC Vice-Commissioner • Mr Shang Hongqi, YRCC International Cooperation • Dr Dong Zheren, RMBP PAG Chinese co-chair) • Mr Liu Zheng Hong, General Manager, China Water Investment Company • MS Michela Tagliaferri, Program Officer, EU Delegation to China and Mongolia • Mr. Stephan von Keitz, German Representative on EU WFD Strategy Group • Mr Per Bertilsson, Deputy Director General, Stockholm International Water Institute • Mr. Jean-Francois Donzier, RMBP PAG EU Member France) 	Facilitators: Professor Yang Xiaoliu Peking University Mr Régis Thépot Team Leader of EU Mission to Yangtze River Basin
17:10	Summary	EU China RBMP Team Leader Mr Paul van Meel
17:25	Closing remarks	EU China RBMP Project Director Dr Yu Xingjun
17:30	Closure	

Appendix 2

List of participants or organisations invited for the China Europe Water Platform Conference and the Yangtze Forum

Invited by EU China RBMP

(Bold = Confirmed)

Name	Country	Organisation	Position	E-mail	Participation
EU Delegation to China and Mongolia					
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EU Mission to Yellow River Basin					
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Per O Bertilsson	Sweden	Stockholm International Water Institute	EU Mission to Yellow River Basin	Per.bertilsson@siwi.org	Water Platform Conference
Hydro-Ecology Subforum					
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IRBM Subforum (Names in italics already listed above)					
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<i>Per O Bertilsson</i>	Sweden	Stockholm International Water Institute	EU Mission to Yellow River Basin	Per.bertilsson@siwi.org	Water Platform Conference
Climate Change Subforum					
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Yellow River Conservancy Commission					
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