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The establishment of the Sino-German Center for Sustainable Development introduces a new chapter of the development partnership between Germany and China. As strategic partners, both countries are combining their international efforts towards building an inclusive, sustainable and resilient future for the people and the planet.

Realising the synergies between official development assistance and south-south cooperation, the Center was established on May 11, 2017 as a joint initiative between the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMZ) and the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China (MOFCOM).

As a concrete effort for vitalizing the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, the Center will

- support the Sino-German Dialogue on Development Cooperation for mutual learning and greater impact,
- prepare, accompany and evaluate trilateral and regional cooperation projects between Germany, China, and third countries, particularly in Africa and Asia,
- foster development partnerships with the private sector and industry to facilitate structural transformation beyond aid.
Building on more than 35 years of bilateral development cooperation, China and Germany designed the Center to explore new and innovative ways of international cooperation, make use of experiences and lessons learned and jointly put into practice their strengths for sustainable development worldwide.
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

As a federally owned enterprise, GIZ supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development in more than 130 countries worldwide. With more than 35 years of experience in Sino-German technical cooperation, GIZ works within the framework of the Comprehensive Sino-German Strategic Partnership for the mutual benefit of both countries. It implements projects in China on behalf of the German government, the European Union, foundations and private sector clients in the areas of climate, environment, sustainable urbanization, energy, transport, law, trade, industry, Corporate Social Responsibility, sustainable investment and production, as well as education.

Trade Development Bureau (TDB)

TDB was established by the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China in 2003. Since then, it has successfully undertaken the responsibility of delivering public services to both Chinese and foreign businesses, organized activities of all kinds to help Chinese enterprises go global, and to facilitate foreign companies to develop in China. As a key trade promotion arm under the Ministry of Commerce, TDB is actively committed to the implementation of the state’s foreign trade policies, through trade promotion services such as training, business information and legal consultancy. By taking the advantage of the government’s support and its network, TDB has established close cooperative relations with foreign and domestic governmental institutions, chambers of commerce and associations and industrial organizations.
Sino-German Dialogue on Development Cooperation

A prerequisite for Germany and China to develop synergies and act together in the field of development is a deeper understanding of their respective development policies and aid delivery systems.

To facilitate the exchange of experiences on development policy, project implementation, instruments, mechanisms and methods is an integral part of the Center’s work.

Trilateral Cooperation

China is among the most important contributors to South-South Cooperation worldwide. Germany has a long history of development cooperation with countries all over the world.

Combining the prowess of both partners to support third countries on their path towards a more sustainable future is a natural next step. The Center will prepare, accompany and evaluate trilateral and regional cooperation projects between Germany, China, and third countries, particularly in Africa and Asia.
Invitation for Cooperation

The Center is set up with an open mission to actively seek out cooperation partners. It is open towards forming alliances and collaborating with governments, think-tanks, industry and business and any other institutions interested in working together towards our common goals.

Development Partnerships with the Private Sector and Industry

Investment, trade, industry and business are an integral part of resource mobilization for development. The means to achieve sustainable development far exceed what official development assistance and south-south cooperation can provide. Germany and China both realize this and work towards forging close partnerships with economic actors to leverage their public contributions, to create maximum impact. The Center will support these efforts.