## U.S.-CHINA

# HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON SUBNATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION: Action and Progress under the Sunnylands Statement

## **AGENDA**

# **TUESDAY** | MAY 28, 2024

4:15 pm Registration Opens

Outside Meritage Room, Lobby Level

5:00 - 6:30 pm Welcome Reception - Claremont Hotel

Meritage Room, Lobby Level

## **WEDNESDAY** | MAY 29, 2024

8:00 am Registration Oper
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Outside Meritage Room, Lobby Level

## 9:30 - 11:40 am Opening Ceremony

Empire Room, Claremont Hotel

Emcee: Fan Dai, Director, California-China Climate Institute

## 9:30 - 10:10 am Keynote Speeches

Introduced by Fan Dai, Director, California-China Climate Institute

- Jerry Brown, Chair, California-China Climate Institute
- LIU Zhenmin, China Special Envoy for Climate Change (Virtual remarks)
- John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for International Climate Policy (Virtual Remarks)
- XIE Feng, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States (Virtual Remarks)
- Nicholas Burns, Ambassador of the United States to the People's Republic of China (Virtual Remarks)
- ZHAO Chenxin, Vice Chairman of National Development and Reform Commission, People's Republic of China
- Rick Duke, Deputy Special Envoy for Climate, U.S. Department of State
- Elizabeth Urbanas, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia and the Americas, U.S. Department of Energy

#### 10:10 - 11:00 am

### **City's Climate Leadership Panel**

Moderated by Mary Nichols, Vice Chair, California-China Climate Institute

- Andrea Davis, Mayor, Missoula, Montana
- TAO Yongxin, Executive Vice Mayor Shenzhen, Guangdong Province
- Kim Norton, Mayor, Rochester, Minnesota
- XUE Yongsen, Vice Mayor Sanya, Hainan Province
- JIN Xiaohu, Deputy Secretary General, Suzhou Municipal People's Government
- Melisa Logan, Mayor, Blytheville, Arkansas
- Craig Allen, President, U.S.-China Business Council

#### 11:00 - 11:10 am

#### **Coffee Break**

#### 11:10 - 11:40 am

## **Demonstrating Subnational Climate Action and Cooperation**

Moderated by Mary Nichols, Vice Chair, California-China Climate Institute

- WANG Weizhong, Governor, Guangdong Province
- Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California (in conversation with Mary Nichols)

#### 11:40 - 11:45 am

## **Announcement in support of Implementation of The Sunnylands Statement**

• LIU Dechun, Director General, Department of Resource Conservation and Environmental Protection, National Development and Reform Commission

## 12:00 - 1:00 pm

#### Lunch

## **AFTERNOON**

## 1:30 - 5:00 pm

#### **Roundtable Sessions: Skyline Room**

These sessions will include short opening remarks by the Lead Presenters. Afterwards, all the roundtable participants will engage in moderated, interactive, discussion.

#### 1:30 - 2:30 pm

#### **Roundtable 1: Sustainable and Green Transition**

(Circular Economy, Inclusive Transition, Greenhouse Gas and Air Pollution Reduction Strategy)

## CO-MODERATORS:

- Nate Hultman, Director, Center for Global Sustainability, University of Maryland
- WANG Yi, Vice Chairman of National Experts Panel on Climate Change, Researcher of Institute of Science and Development of Chinese Academy of Sciences

#### SPECIAL REMARKS

• Paul Chan, Financial Secretary, Hong Kong SAR

#### **LEAD PRESENTERS:**

- LIU Dechun, Director General, Department of Resource Conservation and Environmental Protection, National Development and Reform Commission
- Anna Lising, Senior Climate Advisor, Washington State
- ZHU Wei, Deputy Director General, Guangdong Provincial Development and Reform Commission
- Serena McIlwain, Secretary, Department of Environment, Maryland
- ZHANG Wangcai, Director General, Beijing Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Center
- Joseph Chan, Under Secretary for Financial Services & the Treasury, HKSARG
- MI Benjia, Deputy Director General, Chongqing Development and Reform Commission

#### **DISCUSSANTS:**

- Tyrone Jue, Director, San Francisco Environment Department
- ZHU Liyang, President, China Association of Circular Economy
- LI Lina, Chief Accountant of China Energy Engineering Corporation Limited
- JIN Wei, Executive Vice President of State Grid Corporation of China
- Iyad Kheirbek, Director of Air Quality for C40
- LO Sze Ping, Director, Sequoia Climate Fund
- BO Yi, Director, Haikou Municipal Ecological Environment Bureau
- Dan Lashof, Director of World Resources Institute, United States
- Sarah Izant, Deputy Secretary for Climate Policy, California Environmental Protection Agency

## 2:30 - 2:45 pm Coffee Break

## 2:45 - 3:45 pm

## **Roundtable 2: Local Climate Resilient Development**

(Adaptation and Resilience, Green Infrastructure and Urban Nature-Based Solutions)

## MODERATOR:

Louise Bedsworth, Executive Director, Center for Law, Energy, and Environment, UC Berkeley

#### LEAD PRESENTERS:

- Wade Crowfoot, Natural Resources Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
- XU Xiaoxia, Director General, Guangdong Department of Ecology and Environment
- Lauren Jensen, Sustainability Officer, Rochester, Minnesota
- GONG Peng, Vice President (Academic Development), The University of Hong Kong
- LIU Qiao, Dean, Professor, Guanghua School of Management of Peking University

#### **KEY DISCUSSANTS:**

- Michelle Passero, Director of Climate Change Program, The Nature Conservancy
- Amanda Ikert, Head of Climate Resilience, C40
- Larry Goldzband, Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- WONG Chuen Fai, Commissioner for Climate Change, HKSARG
- Alex Wang, Professor, University of California, Los Angeles
- WANG Yonghong, Dean, Guangdong Provincial Academy of Environmental Science
- FENG Shuchen, Vice President of China Energy Investment

## 3:45 - 4:00 pm Coffee Break

#### 4:00 - 5:00 pm

## Roundtable 3: Clean Energy and Low Carbon Innovation

(Power, green shipping and carbon capture, utilization, and storage)

#### **CO-MODERATORS:**

- ZOU Ji, CEO & President, Energy Foundation China
- Joanna Lewis, Provost's Distinguished Associate Professor and Director, Science, Technology and International Affairs, Georgetown University

#### LEAD PRESENTERS

- David Hochschild, Chair, California Energy Commission
- ZHU Minglin, Deputy Director General, Shanghai Municipal Development and Reform Commission
- TIAN Yuan, Deputy Director General of Hainan Development and Reform Commission
- Nancy Sutley, Deputy Mayor of Energy and Sustainability, Los Angeles
- TIAN Chengchuan, Director, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment
- LAM Sai Hung, Secretary for Transport & Logistics, HKSARG
- CUI Yi, Professor, Stanford University
- Will Toor, Director of the Colorado Energy Office
- Alexa Voytek Deputy Director, Programs, Innovation & Transportation, Communications, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

#### **KEY DISCUSSANTS:**

- XU Shaoshan, Deputy Director, China Quality Certification Centre
- LIAO Chenghao, Director, Guangdong Provincial Academy of Environmental Science
- SHEN Zhongmin, Co-Chairman, Mingyang New Energy Investment Holding Group Co.
- Michael Davidson, Assistant Professor, UC San Diego
- XU Jiyun, General Manager, DeCarbon Tech (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.
- Aldous Mak, CFO, Hong Kong Science and Technology Park
- LYU Wenbin, Director General of the Energy Research Institute, NDRC Academy of Macroeconomic Research, People's Republic of China
- ZHOU Nan, Senior Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Ryna Cui, Associate Research Professor, China Program Co-Director, Center for Global Sustainability at University of Maryland
- Xiaobo Wang, Principal, Operations and Market, California Independent System Operator

**THURSDAY** | MAY 30, 2024

## 8:30 - 9:30 am Clean Energy Business Breakfast

Room: Claremont Ballroom

## MODERATOR:

Danny Kennedy, CEO, New Energy Nexus

- Lisa Jackson, Vice President of Environment, Policy and Social Initiatives, Apple (invited)
- Alex Makler, Senior Vice President, West Region Calpine
- David Hochschild, Chair, California Energy Commission
- Alexis Kai-hon LAU, Professor, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (invited)
- SHEN Zhongmin, Co-Chairman of Mingyang New Energy Investment Holding Group Co., LTD (invited)

#### 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

# Off-Site Bay Area Climate Action Site Visits for National Government Officials Only

(By Invitation Only)

## 12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch

Room: Claremont Ballroom

## 1:30 - 3:30 pm Bay Area Climate Action Site Visits (Choose One)

## • GROUP 1: Green Port: The Port of Oakland and Hydrogen Fueling Station

Visit duration: 1 hour

**Distance:** 5.7 miles from the Claremont Hotel (12-minute drive)

**Introduction:** This group will visit the Port of Oakland and the nearby hydrogen fueling station. To address greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, the Port of Oakland has launched various zero emission vehicle programs since 2021. Adjacent to the port is the FirstElement hydrogen fueling station, the world's first of its kind. This station is the largest commercial deployment of Class 8 fuel cell electric trucks in North America and supports zero-emission trucks at the Port of Oakland.

# GROUP 2: Circular Economy and Waste-to-Energy: East Bay Regional Municipal Management District

Visit duration: 1 hour

**Distance:** 5.8 miles from the Claremont Hotel (14-minute drive)

**Introduction:** This group will visit the wastewater treatment facility in the East Bay Regional Municipal Management District (EBMUD). EBMUD has been recycling, resuing, and producing renewable energy at its wastewater plant since the mid-1980s. This site uses an organic waste co-digestion process to reduce landfill methane and generate power. In addition, EBMUD produces more than enough renewable energy to meet all on-site power demands and sells the excess to the Port of Oakland.

## • GROUP 3: Nature-based Solutions: One-Tam Project in Mt. Tamalpais

Visit duration: 2 hours

**Distance:** 30.5 miles from the Claremont Hotel (45-minute drive)

**Introduction:** This group will visit a multi-benefit One Tam project that is addressing climate, fire, watershed protection, recreation, biodiversity on a landscape scale at Mt. Tamalpais. This project, supported by a range of national, state and local partners, includes ecological restoration, trail improvements, and wildlife monitoring, and inspires a new generation of stewards.