

Young Entrepreneurs Dialogue on Climate Resilient Infrastructure Innovation in the Lancang-Mekong Region was Successfully Held

On April 21, 2022, Young Entrepreneurs Dialogue on Climate Resilient Infrastructure Innovation in the Lancang-Mekong Region, a branch of the "Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative: Roundtable Dialogue on Green, Low-carbon and Sustainable Infrastructure", was held in Beijing in the form of hybrid meeting. The meeting was hosted by the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center (LMEC) / the Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO) of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) and supported by UNICEF. Nearly 200 representatives from the climate or environment authorities of the Lancang-Mekong countries, regional and China-based agencies of UNICEF, enterprises, relevant international organizations, and research institutes attended the meeting.



Ms. Sae-Ryo KIM, senior advisor of public partnerships section of UNICEF China and LI Xia, director of the LMEC /FECO made opening remarks respectively.



Sae-Ryo KIM said that climate-resilient infrastructure is crucial for women and children to deal with climate risks, requiring syndicate cooperation from multiple stakeholders, to jointly promote regional climate resilience and sustainable development. We hope, through this meeting, young entrepreneurs will strengthen communications and experience sharing of climate change cases, contribute their wisdom and strength to sustainable development, and give impetus to the region's implementation of the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



LI Xia stated that young entrepreneurs are the backbone of ecological and climate solutions, playing an important role in achieving regional carbon neutrality. It is hoped that through this roundtable dialogue, the good practices of regional climate-resilient infrastructure and the path of green and low-carbon development will be explored. A Lancang-Mekong community with a shared future will be jointly built as we enhanced the region's awareness and capabilities to act in environment protection and response to climate change.

At the meeting, LMEC's representatives focused on the status quo, challenges, and opportunities of the world's climate-resilient infrastructure development, especially in the Lancang-Mekong countries. LMEC shared the specific path of the Knowledge Hub for South-South Cooperation on Climate Change to drive the region's climate-resilient development. UNICEF introduced the key role of climate-resilient infrastructure for vulnerable groups, such as women and children, in coping with climate change, and shared cases of the WASH project.

The participating young entrepreneurs shared the projects and cases of climate-resilient infrastructure and discussed in depth the actions and contributions of enterprises in climate change adaptation and mitigation. They concertedly expressed their hope to strengthen practical cooperation and knowledge sharing in addressing climate change, to share examples of climate-resilient infrastructure, and to promote climate resilience and sustainable development in the Lancang-Mekong region and the entire world at large.



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