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Policy Update

China Supports International Economic Organizations in Playing Important Role in Global governance: premier

BEIJING, Dec. 9 (Xinhua) -- Chinese Premier Li Qiang on Monday said China supports international economic organizations in playing an important role in global governance, adding that China will actively undertake international obligations commensurate with its capabilities, and work with all sides to promote sound and steady development of the world economy.

Li made the remarks when holding the "1+10" dialogue in Beijing with heads of 10 international economic organizations.

Under the theme of "Building Consensus on Development to Promote Global Common Prosperity," Li had in-depth exchanges with President of the New Development Bank Dilma Rousseff, President of the World Bank Group Ajay Banga, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Kristalina Georgieva, Director-General of the World Trade Organization Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Secretary-General of UN Conference on Trade and Development Rebeca Grynspan, Director-General of the International Labor Organization Gilbert Houngbo, Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Mathias Cormann, General Manager of the Bank for International Settlements Agustin Carstens, Chair of the Financial Stability Board Klaas Knot, and President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Jin Liqun.

Li said at present, world economic growth lacks momentum, and economic globalization and multilateralism face obstacles and challenges, which is giving rise to more uncertainties.

He called on all parties to put more focus on development, jointly create a peaceful and stable environment for development, improve global governance, keep global industrial and supply chains stable and unimpeded, and foster new drivers for economic growth.

Stressing that China is a firm defender of economic globalization and multilateralism, Li said for decades, China's economy has injected strong impetus into the world economy, and its development has demonstrated distinctive features. China's economy is underpinned by a system that ensures steady growth, has additional space for sustaining growth, and produces positive spillovers, he added.

He noted the underlying logic supporting China's positive economic outlook remains unchanged, and the overall goal and principle of benefiting the world remains unchanged -- this is the biggest certainty China's economy provides to the world economy.

Li also expressed China's willingness to work with all parties to uphold the basic norms governing international relations and the multilateral trading system.

The heads of international economic organizations applauded China's major development achievements, and noted that China's positive economic outlook and commitment to high-standard opening up have provided valuable stability and strong impetus for world peace and development. They expressed strong confidence in China's economic transformation and future prospects.

All parties are ready to work more closely with China to jointly uphold multilateralism and globalization, prioritize development issues, uphold free trade, increase support for developing countries, address global challenges such as climate change, foster inclusive global growth, and promote shared prosperity and sustainable development, they said.

Source: Xinhua, https://english.news.cn/20241209/674512c5baa4434ca114ef583ec69eca/c.html

Highlights

30 Sri Lankan Visually Impaired Students Receive Scholarship From China's Foundation



Jinith De Silva (4th L), president of the Sri Lanka China Society, and Ni Lisheng (6th L), chief of the China Cultural Center in Sri Lanka, pose for a group photo at the Scholarship for Visually Impaired students 2024 held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Nov. 12, 2024. Scholarship for Visually Impaired students 2024 was held here on Nov. 12, where 30 visually impaired students from low-income families received scholarships funded by China's Guangzhou Foundation for International Exchange and Cooperation. (Xinhua/Wu Yue)

COLOMBO, Nov. 12 (Xinhua) -- Scholarship for Visually Impaired students 2024 was held on Nov. 12 in Colombo, capital of Sri Lanka, where 30 visually impaired students from low-income families received scholarships funded by China's Guangzhou Foundation for International Exchange and Cooperation.

Gunaratne, president of the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind, said in the speech that the council has been dedicated to providing services for the visually impaired people in Sri Lanka. He thanked China's foundation for offering scholarships and talking books to visually impaired children in Sri Lanka to support their education.

Jinith De Silva, president of the Sri Lanka China Society said that whenever Sri Lanka faces difficulties, the Chinese government and people always extend their helping hand without hesitation.

Ni Lisheng, chief of the China Cultural Center in Sri Lanka, said that education is a fundamental right and driving force for social and individual progress, and today's scholarship provided these visually impaired students with motivation, future and hope, showcasing the profound friendship and mutual support between the people of China and Sri Lanka.

This event was jointly organized by the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind and Sri Lanka China Society. The scholarships were fully funded by China's Guangzhou Foundation for International Exchange and Cooperation and donated through the Amity Foundation.

Source: Xinhua, https://english.news.cn/asiapacific/20241112/f1ccd97961ed4018a0a06869f961ad4d/c.html

Highlights

Chinese Foundation to Improve Lives, Support Vulnerable Communities in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 5 (Xinhua) -- The Ministry of Women and Social Affairs of Ethiopia and the China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) signed an agreement to implement a joint project that aims to improve the lives of the poor and vulnerable communities in different parts of the East African country.

The agreement was signed on Monday in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, marking their cooperation and dedication to bring about a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

At the event, Ergogie Tesfaye, minister of Women and Social Affairs of Ethiopia, said China and Ethiopia have enjoyed long-standing relations in economic, social, and political aspects, noting that the CFRD has been doing exemplary deeds through offering humanitarian services in Ethiopia particularly in rural areas.

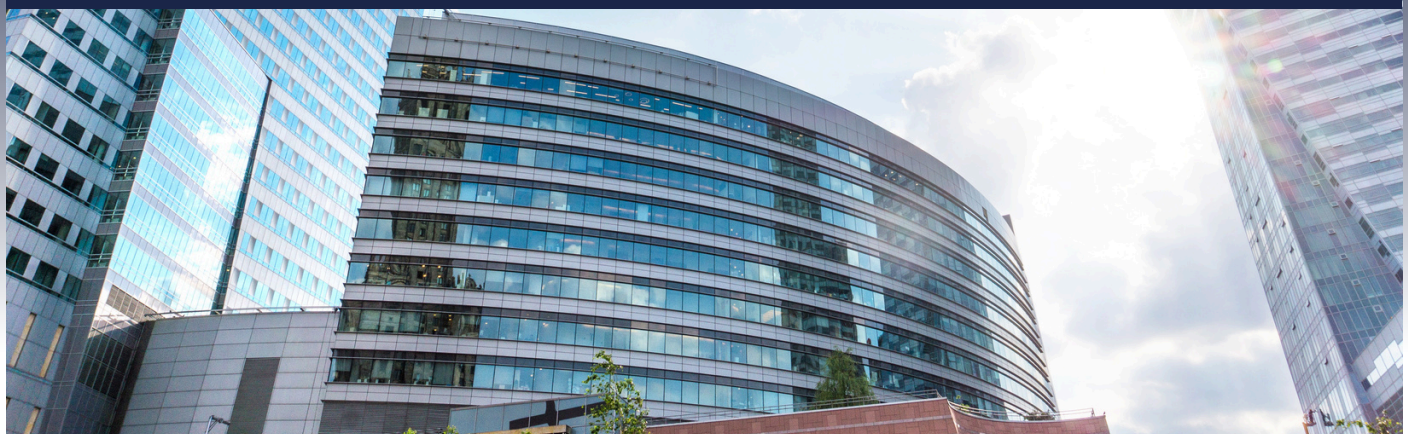
"The joint project would significantly contribute to Ethiopia's efforts to support vulnerable citizens," said Tesfaye, reaffirming the ministry's commitment to collaborating with the CFRD for the effective implementation of those initiatives.

CFRD Ethiopia Office Country Director Yin Qian said that the foundation would extend the required assistance to support vulnerable communities in different parts of Ethiopia. It was noted that implementation of the project would commence immediately after the signing of the agreement.

The joint project aims to expand school feeding programs in rural areas, provide educational materials for the needy students, install solar-powered renewable energy sources, improve sanitation facilities, empower women economically, and expand access to clean drinking water in rural areas.

Source: Xinhua, https://english.news.cn/africa/20240806/e504909b34e74602abcac5fa4cb82d95/c.html

News about CANGO



CANGO Honored at 2024 Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Gender Climate Awards

On November 6, 2024, the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Gender Climate Awards ceremony was held in Astana, Kazakhstan. Organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the awards aim to recognize individuals and organizations making significant contributions to gender equality in the context of climate change resilience, adaptation, and mitigation across Central and West Asia.





The China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) received recognition in the organization category for its impactful projects on community development, environmental protection, and its pioneering work at the intersection of gender and climate. CANGO's Deputy Secretary-General Xu Xiaoxiao and Program Assistant Wang Yueqi represented the organization at the award ceremony, the Women's Business Forum, and related training workshops.

At the Women's Business Forum, Ms. Xu Xiaoxiao delivered a speech on the theme of "Women's Leadership," highlighting CANGO's efforts to foster gender mainstreaming in China's philanthropy sector.



This prestigious award not only reflects ADB and the jury's recognition of CANGO's achievements but also serves as a motivation for the organization to continue advancing gender equality and climate action in the future.

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CANGO's Participation in 2024 Brazil C20 and G20 Social Summit

On November 12, before the C20 summit, CANGO attended the closed-door briefing meeting held by the C20 Steering Committee. In the 2024 C20 Brazil, ten issue-focused working groups were established, which were open to CSOs across the globe with an interest in relevant topics. Throughout the year, a total of 2,545 representatives from 1,760 social organizations in 91 countries participated in formulating policy recommendations via 62 online seminars. The proposals generated by the C20 working groups were officially submitted to the G20 Third Sherpas' Meeting and the Deputy Finance Ministers' Meeting held in July.



On November 13, 2024, the Civil Society 20 (C20) Summit, a pivotal event in the G20 Summit framework, was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Nearly 300 representatives of CSOs from across the globe attended the event in person. At the invitation of the host, the Brazilian Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (Abong), the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) participated in this summit. Brazil's First Lady, Janja Lula da Silva, attended the summit and delivered opening speech. Experts from the C20 International Steering Committee, representatives of the Brazilian government, and CSO representatives attended the summit, sharing their insights and viewpoints. During the Summit, it was repeatedly mentioned that the world is facing increasingly severe challenges. CSOs are urged to unite and collaborate, aiming to address systemic risks, promote socioeconomic development, and safeguard human rights. Emphasis was also laid on the importance of peaceful, just, and inclusive societies, along with proposed measures to strengthen citizen participation, improve judicial justice, and combat corruption. Ms. Wang Xiangyi, Vice Chair & and Secretary General of CANGO, shared China's strategies and achievements in combating hunger and poverty during the roundtable discussion titled "The Global Challenges Ahead of Us".



In addition, Brazil as the presidency of the G20 in 2024, launched an additional G20 Social Summit activity tailored for civil society. Spanning from November 14 to 16, this three-day event marked the first time that the G20 gathered CSOs from across the globe in diverse forms to jointly present their needs and expectations to the G20 Summit. On November 14, the China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE), CANGO, the Brazilian Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (Abong), and the Brazilian social organization Ação jointly held a side event themed "Pooling Efforts for Poverty Reduction and Contributing Non-Governmental Forces to Realizing the Sustainable Development Goals" at the Praça Mauá in Rio de Janeiro. Participants delved into in-depth exchanges regarding poverty alleviation and jointly probed into the challenges that the Global South countries are currently facing.



Furthermore, Chinese CSOs actively engaged in exchange visits with local Brazilian social organizations and had in-depth conversations with representatives of the Institute for Climate and Society (iCS) and the Meneghetti Foundation, paving the way for more extensive exchanges and cooperation between Chinese and Brazilian social organizations in the future.

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CANGO's Participation in COP29

On November 18-21, CANGO organized a series of activities during the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29), to provide a platform and space for Chinese CSOs and the international community to exchange ideas and explore potential collaboration opportunities.

On November 18, the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) successfully held a press conference themed "Civil Society Organizations Participating in Sustainable Development and Climate Governance". The press conference aimed to showcase how CSOs act as bridges in global climate action and sustainable development, thus facilitating cross-sectoral cooperation. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and several Chinese CSOs elaborated on the connections between their areas of focus and climate change and shared their practical experiences in addressing climate challenges and promoting environmental sustainability. These organizations, which span multiple sectors, not only play a vital role in promoting sustainable development and coping with the impacts of climate change but also effectively promote cooperation and partnerships among local communities, policymakers, and the private sector. This press conference provided an international stage for CSOs to display their contributions to sustainable development and climate governance. Meanwhile, through this platform, it further inspired the attention and participation of all sectors of society in climate action and sustainable development issues, promoting cross-border exchanges and cooperation.



On November 20, the side event "Chinese Civil Society Organizations in Action: Contributing to Climate Change Response" was successfully held at the China Pavilion of COP29. It was co-hosted by CANGO, the China Environmental Protection Foundation, and the Beijing Entrepreneurs' Environmental Protection Foundation (SEE Foundation), and organized by the Vanke Foundation, the SEE Ecological Association, and Greenpeace. As an important force for social change, CSOs can play unique roles in policy advocacy, technical support, and public participation due to their flexibility, innovativeness, and ability to mobilize grassroots work. The side event at the China Pavilion of COP29 built an open communication platform for Chinese and foreign governments, CSOs, enterprises, and academia to discuss how to fortify cooperation, and further drive the implementation and innovation of climate action strategies.



From November 18th to 21st, CANGO, jointly with the Gansu "Green Camel Bell" Environment and Development Center and the Shenzhen South Low-Carbon Research Institute, held a four-day exhibition in the Blue Zone of COP29. This exhibition was a showcase of multiple accomplishments. It spotlighted CANGO's remarkable project achievements and award-winning works in the climate and gender arenas. Additionally, it highlighted the funding successes of CN Plan support partners, including the well-known Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs (IPE) based in Chaoyang District, Beijing, and the Shanghai Jingsinan Financial Research Institute. The outcomes and promotional efforts of the "Voices of Children in Climate Change" project were also on display. Throughout the exhibition, interactive exchanges took place. Representatives from coporates, international organizations committed to women's development, experts specializing in climate change research, conference personnel, and enthusiastic volunteers all came together, engaging in discussions and sharing ideas.





In addition, with the support of the "COP Companions" project, the participating partners were able to take an active part in COP29 and carried out a series of significant activities. This not only demonstrated the proactive role that Chinese civil forces play in global climate governance but also offered a wider international platform for Chinese social organizations, further fueling the progress of global climate action.