**Project Description**

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| Name | High-Level Workshop on Policy Approach of Bamboo and Rattan in Sustainable Development and South-South Collaboration 2017 | | | | | |
| Organizer | International Centre for Bamboo and Rattan | | | | | |
| Time | November 5th – November 14th , 2017 | | | Language | | English |
| Invited Countries | Government officials engaged in forestry, agriculture, science and technology, standardization, natural resource and environment protection from developing countries. | | | | | |
| Number of Participants | 25 | | | | | |
| Requirements for the  Participants | Age | Under 50 for director general’s level; under 45 for division director’s level | | | | |
| Health | In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China’s laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant. | | | | |
| Language | Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English | | | | |
| others | Chinese Government will not pay for any expenses of relatives or friends of the participants if they come to China with the participants | | | | |
| Host City | Beijing | | Local Temperature | | 0-10℃ | |
| Cities to visit | Anji, Deqing, Huzhou, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province | | Local Temperature | | Anji 9-17℃  Deqing 10-18℃  Hangzhou 10-18℃ | |
| Notes | 1.Please prepare a country report(PPT) on bamboo and rattan resources and utilization in your country;  2.Please take one pair of comfortable shoes for outdoor visits;  3.Please take some frequently-used medicine, like malaria or cold medicine etc.;  4.Please apply for Skype account and charge for it, so you can use it to communicate with your family in China;  5.Please take your laptop in case you need it, as some hotel may not provide computers;  6.Please take one set of formal clothes or national traditional clothes for ceremony and meeting;  7.Please take business cards to exchange with related personnel during visiting companies;  8.Please email us in advance if you have other needs about the training. | | | | | |
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| About  The  Organizer | The International Centre for Bamboo and Rattan (ICBR) was approved to be established in 2000 by State Commission Office for Public Sector Reform, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Science and Technology, which was a non-profit research institution under the State Forestry Administration (SFA). Its mission is to directly serve the first China-based intergovernmental international organization - the International Network of Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) - in supporting and cooperating with the work of INBAR to promote sustainable development of the international bamboo and rattan industries.  ICBR’s main responsibilities and tasks are: to launch scientific research in bamboo and rattan for better resource conservation, development and utilization; to carry out international cooperation and exchanges in related fields for INBAR member countries; to train senior professionals by disciplinary and personnel development; to spread out scientific R&D, technological services and promoting use of the products to speed up the bamboo industry; to unfold both international and domestic technical training; and to provide logistics support services to headquarter of INBAR.  Since 2005, sponsored by Ministry of Commerce and State Forestry Administration, ICBR organized 28 international seminars themed on bamboo & rattan or combating desertification; it has trained a total of 818 senior government officials, business executives and senior technical staff from 80 countries. These seminars play a very important role in promoting the development of bamboo and rattan sector and combating desertification worldwide. It is noteworthy that Premier Li Keqiang met with the Ministers who joined the Ministerial Workshop on Bamboo and Rattan, and Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the Secretary General of the United Nations sent a congratulatory message for International Seminar on the Combating Desertification for African Countries in 2011. | | | | | |
| Workshop Content | Sponsored by Ministry of Commerce of China, ICBR will organize the High-Level Workshop on Policy Approach of Bamboo and Rattan in Sustainable Development and South-South Collaboration 2017. In response to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the new goals in the South-South cooperation sponsored by the Chinese government, and matching the experience and needs of the senior officials participating in this workshop, the policy discussion will include the following topics: the role and potential of the protection and utilization of bamboo and rattan resources in green development, the policy needs of bamboo and rattan industry development for poverty reduction and livelihood improvement, the building of a bamboo and rattan-oriented platform for South-South cooperation, policy and strategy design for the development of national and regional bamboo and rattan industries, the importance of standardization in the field of bamboo and rattan and South-South cooperation, the sustainable management and utilization of rattan resources and relevant collaborations, the experience of China’s bamboo forest ownership reform. The senior officials enrolled in the workshop are also invited to a series of events in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR), including the Bamboo and Rattan Ministerial Forum. The workshop also provides field trips to Zhejiang province to see in person the sustainable management of bamboo forests, the processing and utilization of bamboo, and bamboo products markets.  2017 marks INBAR’s 20th anniversary. By inviting senior government officials working in the sector of bamboo and rattan to China to engage in workshops and discussions, we provide them with an opportunity to further understand bamboo’s tremendous potential in the South-South cooperation for green economy and sustainable development, thus increasing these policymakers’ awareness and support of bamboo and rattan-related policies, creating a better environment for the export of processing technology, equipment, and products in China’s bamboo and rattan industry, and giving full play to the global influence and role of the Chinese government and INBAR in South-South cooperation. | | | | | |