CIDRN holds its annual conference in Beijing

China International Development Research Network (CIDRN) Annual Meeting 2013-14 was successfully held in Beijing on 25 September 2014. Members of the CIDRN shared knowledge on current hot issues of international development. CIDRN research grantees reported on their research proposals and received comments and suggestions from International Advisory Committee (IAC) members. Progress of the CIDRN during 2013-2014 was reviewed by the Management Group. From 22 to 24 September 2014, organized by the Research Centre for International Development (RCID) based at the China Agricultural University, the IAC team visited Yiwu, a city in Zhejiang Province, as a case study of accelerated inclusive growth.

Summary of IAC Visit to Yiwu at:
Public Event Series

On 25 September 2014, following the CIDRN Annual Meeting, the 13th CIDRN Public Event and the launch of the IDS Bulletin Special Issue on China and International Development were held. The Public Event, on the theme **What and how China can contribute to international development**, was moderated by Prof. Li Xiaoyun, Chair of the CIDRN. Five panelists contributed (Hu Angang, Professor and Director, Institute for Contemporary China Studies, Tsinghua University; Stephan Klingebiel, Head of Department "Bi- and Multilateral Development Cooperation", German Development Institute; Kevin May, Programme Manager of Oxfam HK; Hannah Ryder, Deputy Country Director of UNDP China and Richard Carey, Chair of International Advisory Committee of CIDRN).

The 14th Public Event was held on 23 October 2014. Dr. Gerd Müller, the German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) delivered a lecture on **China and Germany as Partners for Sustainable Development Worldwide**. The event was supported by GIZ and moderated by Prof. Li Xiaoyun, Chair of the CIDRN.

At the 15th Public Event, on 27 November 2014, sponsored by the EU-China Environmental Governance Programme, Mr. Neven Mimica, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development gave a speech on **European Union and China – International Development Cooperation in a Changing World**. The event was moderated by Dr. Zhou Hong, co-chair of the CIDRN with Prof. Li Xiaoyun, Chair of the CIDRN, as commentator.
Activities of CIDRN Members

From 29 September to 1 October 2014, hosted by the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR), the Review Meeting of the “Rising Powers in African Agriculture: Are China and Brazil bringing new paradigms to agricultural development cooperation?” Research Project was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Researchers from China Agricultural University (Li Xiaoyun, Qi Gubo, Xu Xiuli, Tang Lixia, Lu Jixia and Zhang Chuanhong) attended the meeting, participating in the discussions on research reports from all collaborating countries, the UK, China, Brazil, Ethiopia, Ghana and Mozambique.

From 13 to 14 October 2014, hosted by Center for African Studies, the Peking University and Oxfam, the workshop on New Age Agricultural International Cooperation in Africa: Opportunities & Challenges for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development was held at Peking University. Li Xiaoyun and Li Anshan talked about Africa’s Rise and Agricultural Development. Liu Haifang and Zhang Haisen joined the discussions on agricultural development cooperation and FDI in agriculture respectively. Xu Weizhong and Tang Xiaoyang shared their views in the session on the challenges and opportunities for stakeholders in aid projects, trade and investment. Wang Xiaolin and Mao Xiaojing presented their views on how to measure impacts from perspectives of inclusive growth and sustainable development. Xu Xiuli and Zhang Chuanhong shared case studies from Tanzania and Mozambique respectively.

On 29 October 2014, CIDRN hosted with UNDP China, a Stakeholder’s Meeting for the Network of Southern Think Tanks (NEST) in Beijing.

From 31 October to 1 November 2014, hosted by Korean Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC) and organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), a North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum was held in Seoul, South Korea. CIDRN members (Li Xiaoyun, Zhang Chun, Wang Yihuan, Wu Jin, Huang Meibo, Li Linyi and Yao Shuai) attended the event and made presentation/comments in the thematic sessions.

On 14 November 2014, the China-DAC Study Group, with its Secretariat at the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC), held a symposium in Beijing on Promoting Ethical Business and Public-Private Partnership for Development. Participants discussed and shared experiences on forming strategic alliances between development agencies and the private sector to promote sustainable development in developing countries and on encouraging firms operating abroad to embrace ethical business practices.
On 19-20 November 2014, Prof. Huang Meibo was invited by the JICA Institute to attend a follow-up workshop and an open symposium on Japan and the Developing World: Sixty Years of Japan’s Foreign Aid and the Post 2015 Agenda in Tokyo, Japan. On 22 November, Huang as a representative of the CIDRN, also presented at the 25th Anniversary of JISAD (Japan Society for International Development) and at an international workshop discussing potential cooperation in development education and research among Japan, South Korea and China.

On 26 November 2014, Naohiro Kitano, Deputy Director of JICA Research Institute gave a presentation on Estimating China’s foreign aid 2001-2013 at JICA/CAITEC Seminar held in the Beijing Guangming Hotel.

On 28 December 2014, Workshop for Emerging Economics and Development Partnership for the Post-2015 Era, co-organized by the Center for International Development Cooperation, Kyung Hee University and China Institute for International Development, Xiamen University was held in Xiamen. A dozen of Korean, Chinese and UN scholars discussed how emerging economies could contribute to international development in the era of post-2015. The workshop was attended by CIDRN colleagues (Huang Meibo, Wang Yihuan, Tang Lixia and Zhang Chuanhong). It is hoped that more Korean and Chinese universities will join such discussions.

Research Papers and Reports

Whose Knowledge? The challenges for North-South development co-operation

In this issue: Chai of the China International Development Research Network

The paper is under the title "Whose Knowledge? The challenges for North-South development co-operation," and it discusses the importance of knowledge exchange in global development. The author explores the challenges faced by developing countries in accessing and utilizing knowledge from the Northern world.

On Li Xiaoyun’s blog article entitled Whose Knowledge? The challenges for North-South development co-operation was released at http://devcooperation.org/2014/10/03/whose-knowledge-the-challenges-for-north-south-development-co-operation/