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New Year Message

Dear Members of the CIDRN,

On behalf of the International Advisory Committee of the CIDRN, let me wish all of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Of course the real new year in China will arrive on 8 February, the year of the red monkey - the 4713th Chinese year, which puts things into perspective! And then there will be serious holidays in China.

But for now, in this new calendar year, I hope that we have all been able to enjoy a brief respite from all the hard work and events of 2015, even as we are now already coming to grips with all the hard work and events ahead in 2016.

We know more than ever that we are living in a complicated world. Our work is directed at understanding the development challenges in that world and thus helping to move effective development cooperation forward. China's own policy conundrums as it pushes forward with its fundamental transition and reform process are a key part of this picture.

In this context the CIDRN is more relevant than ever as China becomes a maker more than a taker in the international development architecture. The year just past has been a landmark in this respect, via new China-based institutions and China's constructive contributions to the major global agreements of 2015.

The new Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank officially up and running as from 25 December in Beijing, held its opening ceremony on 16 January, and the BRICS New Development Bank located in Shanghai was launched last July. As well, there is the Silk Road Fund, headquartered in Beijing and open to any public and private investors, already having made its first equity investment in a hydro project in Pakistan. In addition, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, with India and Pakistan as new members, is moving to establish a further development bank. At the same time, China is initiating three new forums: the International Knowledge Centre for Global Development; the Silk Roads Think Tank Network; and a heads of state forum for the Silk Roads Initiative. Meanwhile, at the UN in September President Xi Jinping announced two new South-South Funds, one for climate change of \$3.1bn and a second fund of \$2bn to help finance implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. Alongside these initiatives, in December the 6th FOCAC Summit was held in Johannesburg culminating in an ambitious action plan with major new and additional financing windows, including a \$10bn China-Africa production capacity cooperation fund to support China-Africa industry partnering.

On another level, on 18 December, hardly noticed, the US Congress passed an omnibus spending bill that included a provision that will allow the G20 agreement of 2010 on the rebalancing of voting powers in the IMF to finally go ahead, along with increased IMF financial resources. This will generate a follow-on readjustment of voting powers in the World Bank. China's voting share at the IMF will rise to 6 per cent, still a long way short of its role as the second largest economy in the world, but this move unblocks the way forward in international systems terms, an outcome of the Xi-Obama Summit meeting of last September. We can expect China to play an active role in IDA 18, the next replenishment of the World Bank's aid window.

Among the announcements made by Xi Jinping at the UN is the establishment of a new Academy of South-South Cooperation and Development to facilitate exchanges by developing countries on theories and practices of development suited to differing national conditions. Along with the new International Knowledge Center for Global Development, and the Center for New Structural Economics just launched at Peking University, Beijing will become an increasingly important locus of global discussion on development issues and strategies. In early September 2016, the G20 will meet in Hangzhou under the Chinese Chair, with green development as a key theme. The CIDRN, a cooperative venture of its members, providing a public forum and voice for academic and think tank development researchers from around China, can surely flourish in this exciting environment. The scheduled outputs from our twenty plus research projects will be very timely. Our CIDRN Management Committee under the Chair of Professor Li Xiaoyun has begun last July in Yunnan to map out the next stage in the life of the Network.

On that note, let us all enjoy our double new year celebrations and look forward to contributing to the collective wisdom in the year of the red monkey.

With best regards,

Richard Carey ▶
Chair, International Advisory
Committee of CIDRN



CIDRN Public Events

On **26 November 2015**, the 18th CIDRN Public Event, on the theme **China's Commitments to the SDGs: Opportunities and Challenges for Global Poverty Reduction**, was held in Beijing. It was moderated by Prof. **Wang Yihuan**, Director of Research Centre for International Development/College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University, with contributions from four panelists (**Ye Jiang**, Director/Professor of the Institute for Global Governance Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies; **Lars Gronvald**, Head of Cooperation Section, EU Delegation; **Hannah Ryder**, Head of Policy and Partnership, UNDP China; and **Antony Gao**, Programme Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation China Office).



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During **28 September to 2 October 2015**, **He Wenping** was invited by Fundation Eduardo dos Santos to attend the **International Conference on Angola and the African Economic Regional Integration** in Luanda, Angola. She gave two presentations on China's Political and Economic Strategies towards the Africa and the Impact of BRICS on Africa's Economic Development, sharing perspectives from Chinese scholars.



On **6 October 2015**, invited by the China Studies Center of New Zealand Asia Institute, **Huang Meibo** attended the **Workshop on China's Economic New Normal and Its Domestic and Global Implications** held in Auckland University. Prof. Huang gave a presentation titled "The Motives of AIIB: the Relations of International Development Financing and the FDI of Lending Countries".



On **8-9 October 2015**, invited by New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre, **Huang Meibo** attended the **Workshop on China-US Relations in Global Perspective** held in Victoria University of Wellington. Prof. Huang spoke on the topic "The AIIB and the Development Financing System: Complementary or Competitive?".



On **12-14 October 2015**, invited by Southern Voice on Post-MDGs, **Huang Meibo** attended a workshop in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The event is organized by the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Research Organization (STIPRO) and co-supported by the Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA) and Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF). The event includes the Brainstorming Meeting on Research Methodology of South-South and Triangular Cooperation and the Strategizing Workshop on the Future of Southern Voice Network. Prof. Huang made a presentation in Session 4 on Leading Issues on Triangular Cooperation titled Triangular Cooperation: A Feasible Path to Promote Global Partnership for Development.

On **21 October 2015**, **Li Xiaoyun**, Chair of the CIDRN spoke at the **Parliamentary Event on How can the UK and China work together to tackle global challenges?** The high-level panel discussion is hosted by the House of Commons and organized by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS). The event happens as the State Visit by the President of

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the People's Republic of China commences and ahead of China taking over the G20 leadership in 2016.

On **22 October 2015**, **Li Xiaoyun** attended the **UK-China Development Forum** organized by the Development Research Center of the Chinese State Council (DRC) in Chatham House, London. Prof. Li talked about how to deepen the China-UK cooperation on development knowledge.

On **27-28 October 2015**, invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and the Korea International Cooperation Agency(KOICA), **Li Xiaoyun** attended the **9th Seoul ODA International Conference** in Seoul, Korea. Prof. Li made a presentation in the Session on A transformative Partnership in Asia in the Post-2015 Development Framework.

During **31 October and 1 November 2015**, the **North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum 2015** was held in Tokyo, Japan. The event is organized by ESCAP-ENEA, Japan Society for International Development (JASID), and JICA Research Institute. Prof. **Li Xiaoyun** made a presentation in the Session on Sustainable Development Goals – roles of development cooperation of North-East Asian countries. **Huang Meibo** contributed to the discussions on development finance. **Xu Xiuli** shared her thoughts in the Session on Means of Implementation, including knowledge sharing, collective actions towards SDGs. **You Tao** acted as commentator. **Wang Yihuan** represented the CIDRN as the co-organizer of the event.

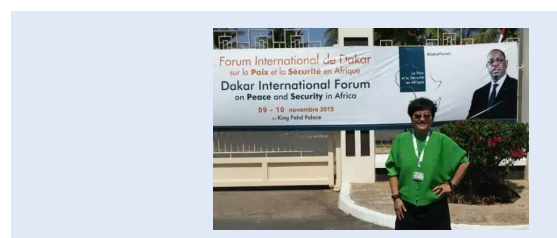
During **29 October and 2 November 2015**, **He Wenping** attended the **Fourth Trans-Atlantic Dialogue** in Marrakech, Morocco. She talked on the role of China in African development and poverty reduction.

On **5 November 2015**, invited by the Center for International Development Evaluation (CIDE) at Seoul National University, **Li Xiaoyun** as a panelist attended the **International Symposium on Major Trends of ODA and its Evaluation in East Asia: China, Japan and Korea**. Prof. Li talked on the topic “Major Trends of China’s ODA: Development Knowledge, New Development Bank (NDB) and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)”.

On **7 November 2015**, invited by the Peking University, **Li Xiaoyun** and **Li Anshan** attended the **Beijing Forum 2015** and spoke at a panel session on Africa and China. The forum this year is themed “The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All — Different Paths with Common Responsibilities”.

On **9 November 2015**, **Workshop on China-Africa Agricultural Cooperation and its Impacts on Poverty Reduction in Africa** was held in Beijing, co-hosted by the Research Center for International Development of China Agricultural University, ActionAid China office, the UNDP and the China’s Sustainable Overseas Agricultural Cooperation (CSOAC).

During **8-12 November 2015**, **He Wenping** attended the **Second Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa** and made a speech on the Africa’s security situation and China’s contribution to the continent’s peace and security.



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On 23-24 November 2015, Huang Meibo attended the **Conference on WTO and SDGs: Issues before the Nairobi Ministerial** in New Delhi, India. Prof. Huang made two presentations: (1) China's Attitude to WTO and TPP, and (2) WTO and SDG: How can voluntary standards contribute to implementation of the 2030 Agenda.



On 26 November 2015, invited by the German Development Institute (DIE), Li Xiaoyun gave a presentation for the closing ceremony of **Managing Global Governance (MGG) Programme**. The speech was well-received by 23 young professionals from six rising powers (China, India, Indonesia, South Africa, Brazil and Mexico).



On 27 November 2015, Qi Gubo attended the **Workshop on "What works? When? Why? And for Whom?--Impact of Norwegian and Chinese Development Assistance in Malawi and Zambia"** in Lusaka, Zambia. 20 colleagues from China, Norway, Malawi and Zambia joined the discussion. During 24 November to 9 December, field studies were conducted in districts of Chilanga, Chongwei, Kafue, Mazabuka and Lusaka on the topic of Linkage between China-Zambia Agricultural Cooperation and Local People's livelihood.



On 8-9 December 2015, the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) with the UNDP and the AU, held the **Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference** in Johannesburg, South Africa, themed on **Towards Post-2015 Africa-China Sustainable Co-operation on Poverty Reduction and Development**. Li Xiaoyun introduced the Practice of Chinese Village Poverty-reduction Model in Tanzania and its impacts to date – incl. linkages to ATCs in the Session on poverty impact of China's engagement in Africa. Liu Haifang spoke on Africa-China Co-operation Aiming at Reducing Poverty: China's Strategy on Providing Foreign Assistance to Africa in the Session moderated by Richard Carey on experience sharing on Africa-China poverty reduction co-operation. This annual event was upgraded in the previous week, under the Johannesburg Action Plan of the FOCAC, to become a sub-forum of FOCAC.



On 9 December 2015, Huang Meibo attended the **Consultation on the "Sustainable Development of Smallholder Farming: Chinese Practices and Experience"** in Wuhan held by the Foreign Economic Cooperation Center (FECC), Ministry of Agriculture. Prof. Huang commented on the report and joined the discussions on internationalization methods and approaches of Chinese smallholder development.



On 9-10 December 2015, the **Agricultural Technology Transfer (AgriTT) Project Workshop** themed on **"Promoting Agricultural Development through Technology Transfer: China and Africa in International Perspective"** was held in Beijing. The 2-day event is co-organized by College of Humanities and Development Studies of China Agricultural University and Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA).



On 21-22 December 2015, invited by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Wang Yihuan and Mao Xiaojing attended the **Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST) & United Nations Conference**

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on **Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** on developing indicators to measure the quality of South-South relations and processes. **Mao Xiaojing** made a presentation in the Session on National approaches to accounting for development cooperation. **Wang Yihuan** moderated the Closing and Way-forward Session.

On **24 December 2015**, **Huang Meibo** attended the **Research Project Kick-off Workshop on the Strategic Study of China-Africa Relations** held by Institute of African Studies, Zhejiang Normal University. The workshop also discussed on how to implement the results of FOCA Johannesburg Summit.



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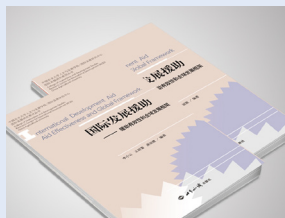
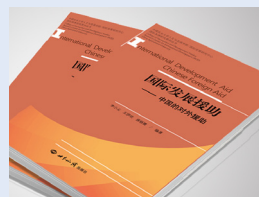
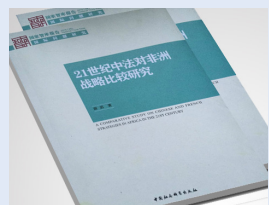
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Books

The book *China and the G-20: The Interplay between an Emerging Power and an Emerging Institution* edited by **Chen Dongxiao** (chief editor) and **Zhang Haibing** (associate editor) was published by Shanghai People's Publishing House (Shanghai) in January 2015.

The book *Yuanwai Shuzha (On Foreign Aid)* authored by **Zhou Hong** as one of the academicians publication by the Chinese Social Sciences Academician Committee was published by China Social Sciences Press (Beijing) in October 2015.

The book *Towards a Society with Social Protection for All—A Concise History of Social Security Transformation in Modern China* co-authored by **Zhou Hong** and **Zhang Jun** as one product of **Understanding China Series** was published by China Social Sciences Press (Beijing) in October 2015.

The book *Donors in China* (English version) co-authored by **Zhou Hong**, **Zhang Jun** and **Zhang Min** was published by China Social Sciences Press (Beijing) in October 2015.

The book *A Comparative Study on Chinese and French Strategies in Africa in the 21st Century* authored by **You Tao** was published by China Social Sciences Press (Beijing) in December 2015. It is one of the knowledge products of the National Think Tanks 2015 (29).

The book *International Development Aid: Chinese Development Aid* edited by **Li Xiaoyun**, **Wang Yihuan** and **Tang Lixia** was published by World Knowledge Publishing House (Beijing) in December 2015.

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