

# Facilitating Chinese International and Domestic Cooperation on Climate Change Policy

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GEI Executive Director (C) with program officers at COP21 in Paris – 2015 GEI

Climate change took the spotlight in 2015 as The United Nations Conference of the Parties 21 (COP21) produced global agreement for climate change mitigation. Not only did China actively participate in COP21 but the country also announced the China South-South Fund for Climate Change, which will mobilize billions of dollars for renewable energy in developing countries.



GEI co-hosted an official COP21 Side-Event with **National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)**, USA, and **The Energy and Resources Institute – Council for Business Sustainability (TERI)**, India. The side event juxtaposed the issues and opportunities facing the 3 nations, *which together comprise 60% of global GHG emissions.* [Read more](#)



GEI facilitated a meeting between **XIE Zhenhua**, China's Special Representative for Climate Change, and **Dr. Thet Thet Zin**, Myanmar's Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry at COP21. They discussed China's involvement in Myanmar's climate-change efforts and how to effectively implement China's South-South Cooperation Policy in Myanmar. [Read more!](#)

***As such, 2015 brought opportunities for new international and domestic collaborations to curb CO<sub>2</sub>, lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and support China in reaching its climate goals.***



We met with major US NGOs and Foundations including **Center for American Progress**, **Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF)**, Greenpeace, etc. at COP21 to discuss the future of Sino-American Climate Change Cooperation. All parties agreed to continue information sharing to achieve climate change goals.



At COP21, GEI with 20 Chinese civil society organizations signed and submitted the 'Chinese NGOs Position Paper on 2015 Paris Conference.' The paper outlined the following: NGOs can serve as a bridge between the government and the public; NGOs can be an integral part of the climate change solution; government leaders should recognize and encourage the contributions of NGOs and in the formulation & implementation of strategies, planning and policies to address climate change. [Read more!](#)

GEI's Energy and Climate Change program has been deeply integrated in international and domestic climate change activities since its initiation. In fact, we've been involved in Sino-American Climate Relations since 2008 when GEI initiated 8 Sino-US Dialogues on the Track II, Track 1.5 and Track I levels that led to the first Sino-US Climate Change Agreements in 2014.



GEI's bilingual *Climate Change Newsletter* began in 2015. Released quarterly to Chinese and American officials, businesses, NGOs, etc. the newsletter summarizes the major climate change news from both nations. [Sign up today!](#)