

## DRAFT Agenda

### Sustainable Infrastructure in Africa – Peer-Learning and Business Development with International Contractors, Project Developers and Financiers

1st Leg: 2-day Workshop and Site Visit, 14-15 March 2019, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2nd Leg: Delegation Meetings and Global Solutions Summit Side-Event, 18-19 March 2019, Berlin, Germany

### Background and Objectives

Sustainable infrastructure development is recognized as a key driver to realizing both the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union's Agenda 2063. Success or failure of the Paris Agreement will also critically depend on implementing low-carbon and climate resilient infrastructure. To reap this development potential of sustainable infrastructure projects, global stakeholders from the private, financial and public sectors need to join forces – to plan, finance, build, and operate infrastructure that meets the social, environmental and financial bottom line.

According to a recent study by the German-African Business Association, Germany Trade & Invest and the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), there is a vast potential for trilateral development cooperation between China and Germany in African countries, and for businesses and infrastructure players in these countries for sustainable, quality infrastructure. Despite this potential and the existence of a growing number of instruments and guidelines seeking to foster sustainability in infrastructure, application is lagging behind expectations.

In light of this implementation challenge, this workshop brings together project developers, contractors, and financiers – accompanied by representatives from the public sector, think tanks, and civil society – to share lessons learned in developing sustainable infrastructure. Recognizing the leading role of international private sector cooperation, the workshop also serves as a platform to forge new business partnerships for sustainable infrastructure development.

The workshop will largely consist of 35-40 participants from Africa, China and Germany who are encouraged to actively participate in a roundtable format. The target audience includes:

- Representatives from the China International Contractors Association (CHINCA) and member companies;
- Representatives from various stakeholders from African countries and the Africa Union;
- German business and government representatives;
- Participants from MDBs and the financial sector;
- International sustainability tool providers and standard setters.

Following workshop sessions and on-site visits in Addis Ababa, members of the delegation can participate in further exchanges in Berlin, Germany.

### Expected Outcomes

Recognising that sustainable infrastructure is a multi-stakeholder and typically cross-regional endeavour, the workshop seeks to:

- Identify how business cooperation between African, Chinese and European partners can foster sustainable infrastructure development;
- Provide a space for building business cooperations and partnerships;
- Facilitate match-making between infrastructure players and sustainable infrastructure tool providers, e.g. through the new EMSD Sustainable Infrastructure Tool Navigator

In cooperation with:

## WORKSHOP PART 1 – ADDIS ABABA (14-15 March 2019)

**Arrival Day – Wednesday, 13 March 2019**

**Individual transfer to the Hilton Hotel in Addis Ababa**

**Day 1 – Thursday 14 March 2019; Hilton Hotel, Menelik II Avenue, 1164 Addis Ababa**

<b>08:45-09:05</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>09:05-10:05</b>	<b>Opening Session – Visions and Frameworks for Cooperation on Sustainable Infrastructure Development in Africa</b>
<b>10:05-10:20</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>10:20-12:50</b>	<b>Company Presentations on Sustainability Strategies with Q&amp;A</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ethiopian Railway Corporation (ERC)</li> <li>2. China International Contractors Association (CHINCA)</li> <li>3. Deutsche Bahn (DB) Engineering and Consulting GmbH</li> <li>4. POWERCHINA International Group Limited.</li> <li>5. Q&amp;A in Panel Format with all Company Representatives</li> </ol>
<b>12:50-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:30-16:30</b>	<b>Navigating Existing Sustainable Infrastructure Tools</b> <p>Instruments and guidelines seeking to foster sustainability in infrastructure have mushroomed recently; yet their effectiveness ultimately depends on widespread application. In trilateral cooperation, the need to harmonize diverging standards and policies further complicates implementation. To improve “matchmaking”, this session provides an overview about key tools and a presentations by select tool providers.</p>

**Day 2 – Friday, 15 March**

<b>08:00-10:30</b>	<b>Site Visit: CHINCA Delegation at African Union Headquarters</b>
<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<b>Business Meeting and Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussion on “China in Africa”</li> <li>• B2B Round Table with African, Chinese &amp; German Business Reps.</li> </ul>
<b>13:00-13:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00-17:00</b>	<b>On-site Visit to the Addis Ababa–Djibouti Railway Project</b> <p>All participants are warmly invited to join this trip, organized by CHINCA</p>

**Travel days: 15-17 March**

**Travel for Chinese delegation to Berlin via Frankfurt, Germany**

## WORKSHOP PART 2 – BERLIN (18-19 March 2019)

Monday, 18 March – Business dialogues with German business representatives	
<p>The second leg to Berlin allows interested participants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage in exchange with representatives from German private sector</li> <li>• Participate in Infrastructure Investor Global Summit (tickets must be purchased in advance at own cost)</li> <li>• Partake in a Global Solutions Summit Side Event, organized by EMSD</li> </ul>	
10:00-10:40	Welcome and Opening Panel at the “House of German Industry”
10:40-13:30	B2B Business Development at the “House of German Industry”
13:30-14:30	Lunch
15:00-17:00	<p><i>“Sustainable Infrastructure – from G20 Global Vision to Local Implementation” – Official Side-Event to the Global Solutions Summit</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Launch: EMSD’s Sustainable Infrastructure Tool Navigator</b> EMSD will launch its Sustainable Infrastructure Tool Navigator. The website helps infrastructure professionals navigate 50+ rating systems, high-level principles and guidelines to identify the tools most suitable to their specific country, industry and project phase.</li> <li>2. <b>Presentation: WWF reports on quantifying and integrating sustainability in infrastructure</b></li> <li>3. <b>Panel: Responses from Civil Society, Business, Policy and the Financial Sector</b></li> </ol>

### Departure Day - Tuesday, 19 March

09:30-12:00	Deutsche Bahn (DB) Engineering and Consulting invites delegates to join in for a Field Visit to DB (tbc) Facilities in and around Berlin.
13:00-16:00	CHINCA delegation meeting with European International Contractors (EIC)
16:00	Airport Transfer for the Chinese Delegation

### Emerging Market Sustainability Dialogues

The Emerging Market Sustainability Dialogues (EMSD) has a proven track-record in working with emerging economy partners to develop and implement sustainability solutions in the infrastructure sector. EMSD’s member-driven network of multinational corporations, think tanks and the financial sector has successfully worked on solutions in infrastructure.

### Sino-German Center for Sustainable Development

The Sino-German Center for Sustainable Development (CSD) is a joint initiative by the governments of Germany and China to support sustainable development through – among others – trilateral and

regional cooperation with African countries. The CSD explores new ways of engaging enterprises from China and Germany for development in Africa and beyond.

### **Workshop Partners**

The Agency for Business and Economic Development (AWE), the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), the China Africa Advisory, the China International Contractors Association (CHINCA), the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce and Industry in Kenya (AHK), the German-African Business Association