# Capacity Building and Technology Transfer in the context of UNFCCC: China's Perspectives

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# Understanding TT and CP in the Context of Implementing FCCC



Does conventional market-based mechanism work adequately to meet the climate change challenge that human-beings never had before?

#### Importance of CB and TT (1)

- It is necessary for all the North and South parties to participate in the global climate cooperation
- Specific challenges to developing countries
  - Poverty
  - Vulnerability with higher reliance of economy on natural resources
  - Shortage of intellectual and financial resources
  - Weak institutional functions

## Importance of CB and TT (2)

- Developing countries' weak capacity is a crucial obstacle for them to participate in the global process;
- The North-South cooperation will not be effective and efficient if the capacity gap is too large

#### Importance of CB and TT (3)

- The effective way to make significant and positive change in developing countries in near future
- Create external climate benefits enjoyed by the whole world
- Promote equity of the world economy: more sustainable

#### Overall Approaches

- A national platform needs to be built first for plan, coordination, service for sharing info and experience, networking, communication, and activity monitoring, etc.
- A sectoral approach may be used to identify specific needs matching specific sectors
- Integration of top-down and bottom-up approaches
- Integration with existing plans, programmes, and schemes for sustainable development in developing countries.

## Key issues for CB

- Institutional CB
- CDM
- Human resource development
- Technology transfer
- National communications
- Adaptation
- Public awareness
- Coordination and cooperation
- Improved decision-making

## Key Issues for TT

- Tech and tech needs assessment;
- Tech information;
- Enabling environment: institutional and policy conditions and infrastructure;
- Capacity building supporting T&T;
- Mechanism improvement and development;
- Schemes for near future: finding vehicles

#### Some likely activities for TT

- Development of clearing-house: info system
- Tech needs assessment: methodologies and exercises
- Tech supply assessment: listing available tech for transfer
- Development of programmes and schemes on bilateral and multilateral basis
- Assessment and design of enabling environment: selecting policy instruments and measures
- Demonstration projects: learning by doing

#### Some on-going CB activities in China

- Preparation of the initial national communication (GEF-UNDP)
- Sino-Canada Climate Change Cooperation project (implementation started)
- CDM CB for China (UN Foundation, planned)
- ADB, WB CDM project
- Sino-UK CB for provincial decision-makers
- Sino-US CB for technology transfer

## Challenges for technology transfer and factors to ensure success

- Technical assistance and capacity building for TT
- Information
- Involvement of different stakeholders
- Sufficient financial support and incentives for business cooperation
- Pilot and demonstration projects