

Program Description

Title	Seminar on Ecological Civilization Development and Institutional System Construction for Developing Countries		
Organizer	National Academy of Forestry and Grassland Administration (NAFGA)		
Date	Nov.23th-Dec.6th, 2023	Language	English
Invited Countries	Developing Countries		
Objectives	<p>The Seminar is intended to (1) enable participants to systematically understand and grasp the core essence, connotation, extension, implementation pathways, and models of ecological civilization; (2) enhance the developmental capabilities of developing countries in ecological civilization and strengthen international cooperation and high-level dialogues in ecological conservation; (3) familiarize participants with the specific actions to advance ecological conservation, promote mature and effective institutional systems, technologies, and management models in ecological conservation; (4) establish a high-level dialogue and communication mechanism for ecological civilization development among South-South countries, providing talent assurance and intellectual support for global ecological progress in the new era.</p>		
Qualifications for Participation	Professional Background	<p>--Area of expertise: natural resources management, ecological conservation and environmental protection, ecological governance and other areas related to the themes of the seminar</p> <p>--Occupation: natural resources management, ecological conservation and environmental protection, ecological governance and work related to the the themes of the Seminar.</p> <p>--Rank, education or other qualifications: officials at the level of Director General, Division Director or below; Researchers in related fields.</p> <p>--Work experience: no requirements</p> <p>--Others: None</p>	
	Age	Under 50 for officials at director general's level; Under 45 for officials at or under division director's level; Under 45 for technicians.	
	Health Condition	Good health without diseases with which entry to China is prohibited by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation nor in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled nor in pregnancy.	
	Language Proficiency	Fluent in English (speaking, writing, listening and reading)	

	Others	Family members or friends shall not follow	
Training Content	<p>The seminar will be held in Beijing, China and adopt a combination of lectures, case studies, and group discussions. The lectures will tentatively include: the core essence, connotation, and extension of Thought on Ecological Civilization; policies outlined in China's "Integrated Plan for Ecological Conservation"; institutional framework and specific methods of ecological conservation; technologies and supporting measures for ecological conservation; paths and models through which China's ecological civilization construction promotes green development and increases income; international cooperation highlights under the initiative of "Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth"; the significance of forestry in ecological conservation; the transformation paths and models of "Lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets"; low-carbon, green, and circular economic development models; Thought on Ecological Civilization and the Global Development Initiative; China's ecological conservation practices guided by ecological civilization theory. Additionally, the program will include field visits to Hangzhou, Huzhou, and Jinhua and other cities in Zhejiang province.</p> <p>The seminar will arrange country report and group discussion sessions and the participants are advised to prepare materials in advance. In country report section, the tentative outline for sharing is as follows: general introduction to the participating country in geographical, cultural, societal and other aspects; ecological progress and institutional system building. In discussion session, there are different topics. For the topic of exploring bilateral cooperation, we will set up a discussion between National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China (highest forestry authorities in China) and participating countries. Participants are advised to know the current situations and challenges of forestry cooperation between participating countries and China and think about the possibility of expanding cooperation. The Seminar will also collect training needs to make future training more targeted and effective. They include the training needed for forestry development as whole and for better competence for the job.</p>		
Host City	Daxing District, Beijing	Field Visit	Hangzhou, Huzhou, Jinhua of Zhejiang province
Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Passport: make sure your passport is valid from the 5th day before the seminar to the 5th day after the end of the seminar.2. Preparation for Daily Life<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Make preparations for on-site study and life according to the seminar arrangement and the weather conditions of the host city and cities to visit.(2) You can carry a small amount of commonly used drugs according to your own situation, and it is strictly forbidden to bring drugs that are prohibited or exceed the customs’ limit.(3) If you have any religious needs, please communicate with the organizer in advance.3. Baggage<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Pay attention to the luggage standards for international and domestic flights in China. The expenses caused by oversized/overweight baggage and the responsibility for missed flights due to luggage disputes shall be borne by yourself.		

	<p>(2) Confirm whether you need to check in your luggage again if you transfer to a connecting flight.</p> <p>(3) In case of lost baggage to be registered with the airline, please first make a call to the organizer to confirm the baggage delivery address and then fill in the registration form.</p> <p>4. Flight Delays and Pickup</p> <p>(1) Inform the organizer in time if you are unable to depart on time or encounter flight delays during flight transfer.</p> <p>(2) Upon your arrival, please claim your baggage and wait for NAFGA staff at INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL EXIT (or DOMESTIC ARRIVAL EXIT) of the airport. NAFGA staff will pick you up with the pick-up card, which reads “NAFGA--Seminar on Ecological Civilization Development and Institutional System Construction for Developing Countries”. For any unexpected occasion, please contact the organizer immediately.</p> <p>5. Flight Changes or Cancellations: If you change or cancel your flight without consent from the organizer or change your flight due to personal reason, the costs and responsibilities therefore incurred shall be borne by yourself.</p> <p>6. Safety comes first during your stay in China. In case of emergencies, please contact the organizer immediately.</p>
About the Organizer	<p>National Academy of Forestry and Grassland Administration (NAFGA) (the former State Academy of Forestry Administration, STAFA), located in Beijing and established in 1951, is a training institution under the National Forestry and Grassland Administration. It provides training opportunities for civil servants and other employees of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, leaders from the counties where the key forestry programs are implemented, local forestry leaders and technicians, leaders of large and medium-sized forest enterprises, international trainees and key foresters. The Party School and Adult Education Research Center of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration as well as China Forestry Education & Training Website are stationed in the Academy. NAFGA has achieved ISO9001 quality management system certificate issued by certification and accreditation administration of PRC. And the quality system is applied on all training courses or workshops hosted or sponsored by the academy. NAFGA enjoys the reputation of pioneer in training for civil servants and quality management for forestry industry. NAFGA campus covers over 5 hectares of land with building area of 40,000 square meters. The Academy boasts a main teaching building, a building for international training, an apartment building for trainees, a restaurant, a library, a sports ground, a cultural entertainment center and other facilities, which can accommodate 2,000 people at the same time.</p> <p>Sponsored by Chinese government, NAFGA has been organizing the foreign aid training projects since 2007. Up to now, NAFGA successfully held 63 seminars on varied themes including Forest Law Enforcement and Governance(FLEG), Sustainable Forest Management,</p>

	<p>UN Forest Instrument(UNFI), Wildlife Protection, Forestry Projects Development under “Belt and Road initiative”, Biodiversity Protection and Nature Reserve Management, Forest and Climate Change, CITES implementation, Management and Protection of Endangered Species through which 3,435 participants were trained and over 100 developing countries were included. With rich management experience in China aid training, good services and strong service awareness, we welcome participants from all over the world to Beijing and our beautiful campus.</p>
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