

# CEWP Meeting: Agenda and General Information



**29 August 2012 – 09.00 – 12.00**

**World Water Week – Stockholm Room M12**

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## Welcome:

Chair: Jin Hai, Vice President, Development Research Centre, Ministry of Water Resources, China

09:00- CEWP Introduction – a new modality for cooperation with China, secretariat and responsibilities  
09:20 on the European side by Henrik Dissing, EU CEWP Secretariat

## Policy Dialogue:

Information on the CEWP Organisation and working modality

Chair: Henrik Dissing, EU CEWP Secretariat

09:20- Jin Hai, EU PDSF 2: CEWP secretariat, China: organisation of secretariat and responsibilities on  
09:35 the Chinese side, priorities for China

09:35- Robert Burtscher, Austrian Development Agency: Opportunities and Obligations for European Co-  
09:50 lead partners and European priorities

09:50- 10:15 Questions and comments

## Break

## Future Activities:

Sharing the Work Plan and Identifying Topics of Mutual Interest for Cooperation under the CEWP

Chair: Robert Burtscher, ADA:

10:30– Henrik Dissing, CEWP EU Secretariat: Draft 2012-15 Work Programme and 2012-13 Work Plan  
10:45

10:45- Lars Skov Andersen, EU PDSF 2: Financing Instruments for CEWP Activities  
11:00

11:00- Roundtable Discussion of common challenges and areas for cooperation of mutual interest in  
11:45 Policy Dialogue, Research and Business Development

## Closing:

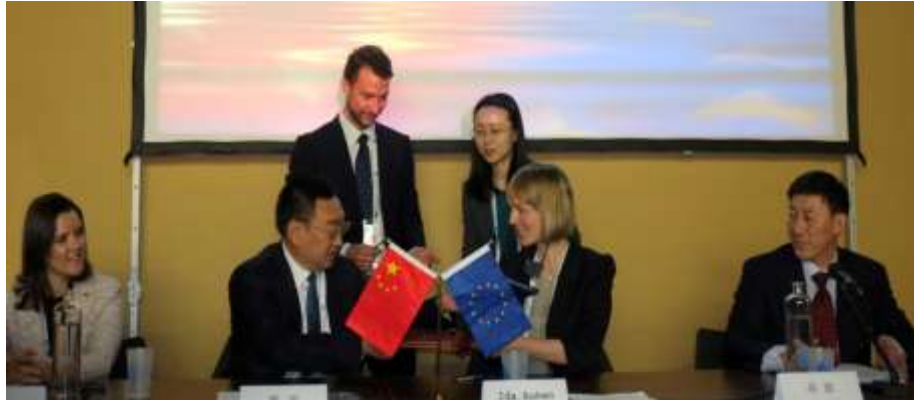
Chair: Palle Lindgaard Jørgensen, EU PDSF 2

11:45- Jin Hai, CEWP secretariat, China: Concluding Remarks and Invitation to International Yellow  
12:00 River Forum

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## **Background**

Cooperation on management of water as a crucial natural resource is of strategic importance to China and Europe to avert a future global water crisis and its potential impacts on social and economic development and stability, especially achieving water supply security, food security and ecological security.

At World Water Forum in Marseille, March the 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 The Ministry of Water Resources of the People's Republic of China and the Presidency of the Council of the European Union held by Denmark agreed to establish a China-Europe Water Platform (CEWP). The CEWP will be implemented within the framework of the EU Water Initiative (EUWI) and China's framework of cooperation with EU in the water sector. It is administered by two secretariats hosted and financed by the Ministry of Water Resources on behalf of China and by the Ministry of the Environment of Denmark on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

## **A new approach to China Europe cooperation**

The aim of CEWP is to promote the policy dialogue and develop joint activities between China and Europe about challenges, possible solutions and activities related to the water, food security and energy nexus.

CEWP intends to promote cooperation related to policy dialogue, joint research and business development in the water sector. It opens a new chapter in the cooperation between China and Europe based on mutual interest, benefit and funding, thus emphasising the cooperation between equal partners.

## **General CEWP Objectives are to:**

- Improve cooperation between China and EU
- Enhance understanding on water resources
- Promote exchange of knowledge and technologies to meet common challenges
- Synergize cooperation, research and private sector involvement
- Improve cooperation within private sector and research communities

Participation in CEWP is open to representatives of the Government of China, EU Member States, and the European Commission, EU Delegation to China and Mongolia and international organisations. NGOs; water utilities and business and research communities are also welcome to join CEWP activities.

Since March 2012 two secretariats for CEWP have been established in China and in Denmark on behalf of the European Union and the first major event of CEWP is planned: the 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting and Thematic Session to be held at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Yellow River Forum 24-28 September 2012 in Zhengzhou, China.

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***More information about the CEWP, the meeting in Stockholm and our participation at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Yellow River Forum, September 2012:***