



Project on Resilient, Green and Transformative Development in Asian Belt and Road Countries

Background and Context

Since 2022, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has led a project on *Integrated Policy Strategies and Regional Policy Coordination for Resilient, Green and Transformative Development: Supporting Selected Asian BRI Partner Countries to Achieve 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda*, funded by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Sub-Fund of the UN Peace and Development Trust Fund. The project aimed to support four major developing countries in Asia – Türkiye, Kazakhstan, Malaysia and Pakistan - in their efforts to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to green transformation. Specifically, the project was designed to assist these countries in achieving the 2030 Agenda through: 1) developing effective integrated policy strategies to address key challenges related to green industrial development; 2) improving capacity at the national level to design appropriate policies, including through South-South peer-learning; and 3) strengthening economic cooperation and policy coordination at the regional level.

A first regional meeting held in Changzhou, China, from 12 to 14 December 2023 brought together experts and representatives of local partners from the four project countries, local and national experts and government officials from China as well as international researchers. This meeting on *Policy Experience Sharing for Green Development Among Asian BRI Partners*, co-hosted by UNCTAD and the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), discussed the challenges and binding constraints faced by developing countries in formulating national strategies to achieve both climate and wider economic development goals, as well as specific issues relating to energy and industrial transitioning, green agricultural development and macroeconomic and financing frameworks required to promote green national transformation processes. Policy experience on these topics in China was shared at the meeting and through a core project publication on “[China’s policy strategies for green low-carbon development: Perspective from South-South cooperation](#)”, launched in November 2023 on the occasion of the Hongqiao International Economic Forum.

Between 2022 and 2025, eight national consultations took place in the four project countries, the first round of which focused on debates and analysis of binding national constraints on green industrialisation policies in each country, whereas the second round of national consultations centred on policy recommendations to develop and promote integrated national policy strategies for green industrial development. This



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work, carried out in close cooperation with local partner institutions, resulted in well over 20 research and policy papers, available on the [project website](#).

Purpose and key objectives

This second regional meeting, to be held in Shanghai, China, on 9 and 10 July 2025 and co-hosted by UNCTAD and CAITEC, has three main objectives:

1. For experts and local partners from the four project countries, to share experiences with evolving green transformation policy agendas and integrated policy strategies in their countries
2. For invited experts and officials from other interested countries in the region to provide insights from their national experiences with green development and relevant policy debates and issues
3. The launch of an Asia Green Development Partnership Network (AGDPN) by UNCTAD, together with prospective members. The purpose of the AGDPN is to disseminate policy research products, encourage policy experiences sharing, bridge and incubate concrete cooperation in the policy areas of green development and economic diversification in the Asian region. As a multi-stakeholder partnership network, the AGDPN will be an informal and non-governmental mechanism and will be self-governed by its members through a virtual platform managed by UNCTAD. UNCTAD will introduce the platform and the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the AGDPN during this regional meeting.

The meeting will be conducted in English and Chinese with simultaneous interpretation.



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Programme

9-10 July 2025

Venue: Radisson Collection Lingang, Shanghai

Day I: 09 July 2025, 8.30 a.m. -5.30 p.m.

8.30 – 9.00 a.m. Registration and Coffee

9.00 – 9.20 a.m. Opening Remarks

Dr. Stephanie Blankenburg, Chief of Branch, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland

Mr. WANG Xuekun, President, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), China

9.20 – 10.50 a.m. Session 1: Green transformative development in the Global South: Binding constraints and opportunities

Chair Ms. YAO Ling, Senior Research Fellow, Director of the Institute of European Studies, CAITEC

Presentations Dr. Stephanie Blankenburg, Chief of Branch, UNCTAD
Dr. Jeronim Capaldo, Senior Economic Officer, UNCTAD
Mr. JIN Xiaoming, Director of the China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation
Professor DONG Birong, President of Nanjing Audit University, China

Questions and Answers

10.50–11.00 a.m. Coffee Break

11.00 a.m - 12.45 p.m. Session 2: Green industrial and development policies: Experiences from the project countries

Chair Dr. Stephanie Blankenburg, Chief of Branch, UNCTAD

Presentation(s) Dr. Yin Shao Loong , Deputy Director of Research and Mr. Afzar Hanif Azizi, Research Associate, Khazanah Research Institute, **Malaysia**



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Dr. Safdar Sohail, Director, Social Protection Research Centre, and Dr. Abid Raza Khan, University of Punjab, **Pakistan**

Dr. Özge İzdeş Terkoğlu, Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa, and Dr. Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı, Istanbul Technical University, **Türkiye**

Prof. Rafis Abazov, Director, International Institute for Green and Sustainable Development, **Kazakhstan**

Questions and Answers

12.45 pm–2.15 p.m.

Lunch

2.15– 3.15 p.m

Keynote Addresses

Chair **Mr. WANG Xuekun**, President of CAITEC, China

Mr. Pedro Manual Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD [virtual]

Mr. YANG Zhengwei, Executive Deputy Director, Shanghai Lin-gang Special Area Administration, China.

3.15 – 3.30 p.m.

Coffee Break

3.30– 5.30 p.m.

Session 3: Green industrial and developmental strategies in other parts of the Asia region: Perspectives and priorities

Chair **Mr. Vatacharin Sirimaneetham**, Chief of Section, UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand

Presentation(s)

Ms. YANG Yun, Professor of National Center for Science & Technology Evaluation, **China**

Ms. Mardhiyyah Anggu, Energy Transition Policy & Legal Specialist, Energy Transition Implementation Joint Office, **Indonesia**

Ms. Humkala Pandey, Joint Secretary, Office of the Company Registrar, **Nepal**

Ms. Chamindry Deshnie Samaranayake, Saparamadu, Executive Director DevPro Guarantee Limited, formerly Director General of the Sustainable Development Council, **Sri Lanka**

Mr. Ongart Rukkhawattanakul, Plan and Policy Analyst, Professional Level, National Economic and Social Development Council, **Thailand**



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Questions and Answers

Evening Conference Dinner

For speakers, organisers and invited guests

Day II: 10 July 2025, 9.00 a.m. -5.00 p.m.

9.00 – 9.30 p.m. Registration and Coffee

9.30 – 11.15 a.m. Session 4 : Launching the Asian Green Development Partnership Network (AGDPN)

Chair Mr. Dawei Wang, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD

Presentation Introduction to the Terms of Reference of the AGDPN and the virtual platform
Mr. Dawei Wang, UNCTAD

Discussion 1) Comments and ideas on the ToRs and a virtual platform
2) Possible activities for 2026

11.15-11.30 a.m. Coffee Break

11.30 a.m-12.00 p.m. AGDPN and virtual platform launch with scenarios briefing for next steps
Mr. Dawei Wang, UNCTAD

12.00 -12.30 p.m. Closing Remarks
Dr. Stephanie Blankenburg, UNCTAD
Ms. YAO Ling, Senior Research Fellow, CAITEC

12.30 – 1.30 p.m. Lunch

1.30 – 5.00 p.m.. Field Trip to local green enterprises
Yangshan Deep-Water Port
Contemporary Amperex Intelligent Technology (Shanghai) Limited