



‘China and the New Green Deal’

Seminar

30 June 2009

The Attlee Suite, Portcullis House

China faces tremendous environmental challenges which by its own admission pose a threat to its continued economic development. Moreover, the size of the Chinese economy and its rapid rate of growth, mean these environmental challenges also have a global impact.

The Chinese Government's drive to address these issues will change the operating environment for businesses in China, with environmental considerations likely to play a greater role in future. This will present both new challenges but also significant opportunities for British businesses and for the UK Government, which is collaborating closely with China to promote sustainable development.

This seminar will build on a number of British initiatives, such as the 2008 Chatham House project entitled *Interdependencies on Energy and Climate Security for China and Europe*, and the joint project by UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) and the China-Britain Business Council entitled *Opportunities for UK Businesses in China's Regional Cities*. In addition, the UK and Chinese Governments are collaborating to promote sustainable development under the UK-China Sustainable Development Dialogue, agreed in 2005 following a joint-Prime Ministerial Declaration.



Provisional Programme

- 10.00-10.05 Opening word by **Michael Jack MP, Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee.**
- 10.05-10.30 **Prof. Bao Xinhe, Chinese Academy of Sciences President of the Shenyang Branch of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.** The Chinese Government's management of environmental issues and climate change, and its policy and project plans.
- 10.30-11.00 **Isabel Hilton, Director of China Dialogue:** An overview of China's response to its environmental and climate change challenges, and an analysis of country's political and socio-economic developments.
- 11.00-11.15 **Lord Hunt, Minister for Sustainable Development and Energy Innovation:** The UK-China Sustainable Development Dialogue. Initiatives taken by the UK government in partnership with the Chinese government to encourage sustainable development.
- 11.15-11.30 **Dr Xiangyu Sheng,** Associate Director, Scott Wilson. *China's environmental protection structure and legislation development.*
- 11.30-11.45 **Anthony Hobley,** Partner (Head of Climate Change and Carbon Finance), Norton Rose. *Bridging the gap between policy and investment.*
- 12:00 Networking Lunch
- 13:00 Opening words by **Ben Chapman MP, Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary China Group.**
- 13:05 **Hugo de Burgh, Director of China Media Centre:** Brief overview of the morning's talks and speeches.
- 13:15 PANEL: *Environmental Business Opportunities.* **Peter Budd,** Director, Arup; **Ian Irvine,** Technical Director, SgurrEnergy; and **Vince Cunningham,** China Business Adviser at the China-Britain Business Council.
- 14.15 PANEL: *The implications of China's response to Climate Change for British business* **James Cameron,** Vice Chairman, Executive Director of Climate Change Capital; **Pan Jiahua,** Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, Research Centre for Sustainable Development Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (TBC); **Tom Burke,** Environmental Policy Advisor to Rio Tinto plc.
- 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:55 PANEL: *China and the challenges presented by water pollution and water shortage. How does this impact on doing business in China?* Three speakers (TBC).
- 16:55 Closing words by **Geoffrey Petts, Vice-Chancellor University of Westminster.**
- 17:00 Close, and drinks in the Attlee Suite.