

Seminar on China-Africa Cooperation in Ecosystem Management

Agenda and Speaker profiles

Draft Agenda

Day 1: Oct 10th Monday

Facilitator: Dr. Jian Liu

09:00-09:10 am	Opening ceremony
9:10am - 10:20am	Africa Geography by Prof. Odingo <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land use change• Desertification• Integrated river basin management
10:20 - 10:40am	Tea Break
10:40 - 12:00pm	Agro-Environmental monitoring and planning in Egypt, by IRSA, (zhao zhongming?) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project introduction and progress• Challenges• Future cooperation opportunities• Discussion on tips for Sino-Africa project
12:00-2:00pm	Lunch
2:00- 3:20pm	Disasters and their Management in Africa, by Prof. Odingo
3:20- 3:40pm	Tea Break
3:40-5:00pm	Discussion on what China can learn and share Brainstorming to develop a priority list of Sino-Africa project on remote sensing application etc

Day 2: Oct 11th, Tuesday

Facilitator: Dr. Xiubo Yu

9:00 - 10:20am	East Africa Ecosystems and their management status, by Prof. Odingo
10:20 -10:40am	Tea Break
10:40 - 12:00pm	East Africa Ecosystem research and monitoring gaps, capacity, by Prof. Odingo
12:00 -2:00pm	Lunch
2:00 - 3:20pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of CERN and ChinaFLUX experiences, by Dr Xiubo Yu(40`)• China-Kenya cooperation on biodiversity conservation, progress and future, by Prof. Qingfeng Wang. (40`) --Discussion on tips for successful Sino-Africa project
3:20- 3:40pm	Tea Break
3:40- 5:00pm	Discussion on what China can learn and share Brainstorming to develop a priority list of Sino-Africa project on ecosystem management etc

Day 3: Oct 12th, Wednesday

Facilitator: Dr Linxiu Zhang

9:00- 10:20am	Rural and agriculture development in Africa by Prof. Odingo <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture• Food security• Rural development
10:20 – 10:40am	Tea Break
10:40 - 12:00pm	Rural and agriculture development and its policy in China by Prof. Linxiu Zhang
12:00 -2:00pm	Lunch
2:00 - 3:20pm	Climate Change Adaptation in Africa, by Prof. Odingo
3:20 – 3:40pm	Tea Break
3:40 - 5:00pm	Discussion on what China can learn and share Brainstorming to develop a priority list of Sino-Africa project on agriculture and adaptation etc

Speaker profiles



Prof (Dr.) Richard Samson Odingo (main speaker)
University of Nairobi

Prof Odingo was one of the first Kenyans to obtain a PhD when he was awarded the PhD Degree from Liverpool University 1963. In a career spanning five decades, Prof Odingo has achieved many laurels including being the Vice Chairperson of the Nobel Peace Prize winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Currently Prof Odingo is Chairman of Kenya's National Climate Change Activities Coordination Committee, a body that oversees the Kenyan Government's activities on Climate Change.

Prof Odingo's research interest in environmental issues has seen him specialize in Agricultural Geography, Climatology, Environmental Remote Sensing, the Geography of Natural Resources, Studies of Drought and Desertification, Studies involving Agriculture and Rural Development, Multipurpose River Basin Development and Studies on Climate Change. He has participated in various capacities in local and international organizations (UNDP/FAO/UNEP/WMO/IPCC) dealing with environmental issues, and was a pioneer in the establishment of the "Institute of Natural Resources in Africa" (INRA).



Prof (Dr) Jian Liu
Director, International Ecosystem Management
Partnership

Dr. Jian Liu is the Director of UNEP International Ecosystem Management Partnership (IEMP). Prior to this appointment, he served as the Chief of UNEP Climate Change Adaptation Unit since January 2008 and the Deputy Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) since June 2005. His earlier posts include Deputy Director General of the Bureau of Resources and Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Director of the Chinese Ecosystem Research Network (CERN), and Manager of Environment Program of the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).



Dr. Xiubo Yu
Secretary General, Scientific Committee
Chinese Ecosystem Research Network (CERN)

Dr. Yu is the Secretary General of the Scientific Committee of Chinese Ecosystem Research Network (CERN), and Associate Professor in Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences. He has 20 years' experience in integrated river basin management (IRBM), and eco-environment economics and policies, as well as long term ecological monitoring & research and capacity development including serving as Director of Freshwater and Marine Programme of WWF China.

Prof. Zhongming Zhao
Institute of Remote Sense Application



Prof (Dr) Qingfeng Wang
Wuhan Botanical Garden, CAS

Prof Wang is a PI of Lab of the adaptive evolution of aquatic plants in Wuhan Botanical Garden, CAS. His research interests covers evolution of aquatic plants, Conservation Biology of Endangered Species, Plant Reproductive Ecology etc. He is involved in Sino-African Joint Studies on Biodiversity, especially in Kenya. He was a Visiting Scholar in Duke University, Research Associate in Old Dominion University, Visiting Scholar of University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.



Prof (Dr) Linxiu Zhang
Deputy Director
Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy (CCAP), CAS

Prof Zhang is the deputy director of CCAP She obtained her PhD from University of Reading in England. For the last 26 years, most of her research concentrates on policy relevant studies on agricultural and rural development in China, including public investment in agriculture and its impact on growth, poverty and inequality, poverty and environmental dynamics, and integrated resource management at community level, community governance and public goods investments, the New Cooperative Medical System, the economics of education.