

Concept Paper on implementation of CICA Confident Building Measures (CBMs) in the priority area of Environment Protection

1. Background

The importance of the principles of multilateralism in the context of the world's evolving geopolitical and environmental situations emphasized the role of CICA as an effective mechanism for multilateral cooperation on the Asian continent.

Mongolia, in the CICA Environmental Dimension as the coordinator country of the environment protection priority area, closely follows the environmental events in Asia and Mongolia continues to support CICA for a sustainable life.

Developing countries continue to face environmental issues along with challenges to economic and social development, including in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recalling the collective and united multilateral cooperation to build forward better, it is important to strengthen and speed up mechanisms those contribute to the environmental dimension of the sustainable development is achievable for countries.

2. Environmental Protection priority area under the CICA Environmental Dimension.

For implementing Confidence Building Measures in environmental protection, Mongolia proposes following activities to explore and further cooperate within the updated priorities:

- Reduce deforestation and promote sustainable forest management including agroforestry and its associated value chain recognizing that forests are crucial for biodiversity.
- Organize joint research and implement cooperation projects, share technology and experience in environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, the integration of biodiversity into forest management plans, management of biogenetic resources and efficient, sustainable management of protected areas.

- Establish knowledge sharing mechanism for best environmental practices among the member states regarding land-based solutions (LBS), and nature-based solutions (NBS).
- Promote integrated water resource management and prioritize the goal to provide safe and clean water for all. Strengthen water conservancy technology exchange and cooperation, which can include efficient water conservation and water resources protection maintenance of the biodiversity of aquatic ecosystems and relevant technology transfer and best practices on waste /recycled water.
- Recommend policies, planning schemes, technological innovations and practical experiences sharing in the field of environmental pollution prevention to reduce all types of waste and pollution thereby conserving ecosystems.
- Strengthen technical capacity to conduct research for improving environmental quality, promote environmental education & awareness, ensure public participation in the environment- related activities.
- Promote enterprises and academic institutions to enhance environmental science and technology cooperation for low-waste and high efficiency technologies and to support activities aimed at reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Exchange policy, regulation and practical experience on financing, taxation, loans and incentive measures related to the green economy.
- Insist on harmony between human activities and nature. Strengthen green and low-carbon cooperation among cities, including establishing a sustainable city-partnership network, focusing on issues such as addressing climate change, biodiversity conservation and environment pollution control as well as the responsible management of protected areas, sharing experience in low-carbon city construction, implementing environmentally-sound urban development cooperation projects, and accelerating the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.