# Beijing Climate Change Research Centre Institute of Low Carbon Economy, Tsinghua University Environmental Defense Rocky Mountain Institute Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of addressing Climate Change

In an effort to achieve urban sustainable development and to actively cope with global climate change, Beijing Climate Change Research Centre, Institute of Low Carbon Economy of Tsinghua University and Environmental Defense decided to carry out the cooperation of addressing climate change on the basis of mutual interest and benefit. The reached framework agreement is as follows:

### I Focus of Cooperation

The three parties focus on the cooperation of strategy and technology of the low carbon eco-city on the basis of fundamental theory research and application research responded to climate change, and make full use of the experience of the demonstration project, exploring the "Beijing characteristics" eco city sustainable development model. Relying on the resources and talents of each side, the three parties will constantly enrich and expand the collaborative form and content of innovation to carry out multi-level, multi-field, and interdisciplinary comprehensive research, and promote the integration of personnel training, scientific research, technology applications and other aspects of in-depth cooperation.

#### **II** Fields of Cooperation

The prior cooperative fields of the three parties include:

1. Carbon emissions trading and its construction on system and capacity building;

2. Urban low carbon planning and low-carbon development strategy;

3. Low carbon architecture and related technologies;

4. Low emission and high efficiency transportation and related technologies;

5. Energy economy model and related research or technologies;

6. Public participation in energy conservation and

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environmental protection;

7. Management system innovation.

#### **III** Ways of Cooperation

The three parties can choose the following ways of cooperation:

1. Jointly apply scientific research projects;

2. Exchange or work on mutual interested projects between the three parties;

3. Organize seminars, meetings, and conferences on topics in common interest, and invite relevant experts, scholars and entrepreneurs to attend;

4. Carry out personnel exchanging and training, explore a new mode of joint cultivation of innovative, practical talents.

5. Organize and issue joint publications on low-carbon city and technologies, to be published in both Chinese and English;

6. Other cooperative opportunities.

Except as otherwise agreed, both sides shall undertake jointly the correlated activity costs involving this Agreement. If necessary, further increase in other demonstration projects, shall be decided by mutual agreement. Above cooperative forms shall apply to all cooperative demonstration projects created under this Agreement.

## V. Dispute Settlement

A dispute caused shall be settled by the parties' negotiation in the interpretation and application of this Agreement. This is not a legally binding agreements.

## VI. Signature and Validity

This agreement shall be signed on Sep. 15, 2015 in Los Angeles USA, in duplicate, written respectively in Chinese and English, valid on an equal basis.

This Agreement shall come into force upon both parties' signature date, and be valid for five years. If any party wishes to terminate this Agreement, they shall notify the other party in writing six months in advance, and the solution shall be negotiated jointly by both parties. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect bilateral cooperation projects undertaken and obligations fulfilled by the parties before written notice to terminate the agreement is given.

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