

The Agenda of the 9th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum (2018.04.02)

Day 1 June 6

- ✓ 09:30-21:30, Registration

Day 2 June 7

- ✓ **08:30-09:30, Breakfast Buffet**
- ✓ **10:00-11:00, Opening Ceremony** (Incl. Opening Welcome and Keynote Speeches)
- ✓ **11:00-11:10, Launching Ceremony of The Belt and Road Infrastructure Development Index (2018) and The Report on the Belt and Road Infrastructure Development Index (2018)**
- ✓ **11:10-12:30, Dialogue with Senior Management from MDBs: Mobilizing More Private Capital to Invest in Infrastructure**

Attracting private capital investment is one of the major ways to close the huge funding gap in international infrastructure construction. However, due to a variety of factors, private capital investment in infrastructure still faces many problems and obstacles, and some people are holding a wait-and-see attitude. What are the factors that affect the private capital investment in infrastructure? How can we dispel the concerns and worries of private capital? What obstacles and barriers are there in institutional mechanisms that prevent the extensive participation of private capital in infrastructure construction? How do parties concerned work together to build a sounder private capital investment and financing mechanism to mobilize more private capital to invest in infrastructure?

- ✓ **12:30-13:30, Buffet Luncheon**
- ✓ **13:50-15:10, Keynote Forum 1-1: Fostering New Drivers of International Infrastructure Development and Cooperation - New Era of China, New Opportunities for the World**

With Chinese companies becoming stronger and overseas investments growing, China has gradually developed into an important player active in the international infrastructure market. This is not only one of the important signs that China has entered

a new era, but also a key opportunity for China to integrate deeper into the global infrastructure development pattern. With China in a new era, for the global infrastructure development and international cooperation, what new drivers will it provide? What new opportunities will it create? These questions are drawing attention from the global infrastructure industry.

✓ **15:10-16:30, Keynote Forum 1-2: Fostering New Drivers of International Infrastructure Development and Cooperation - Power of Innovation**

Innovation is an important way and means to improve the function and efficiency of infrastructure and promote the coordinated development of economy and society. Insisting on innovation is the only for us to further tap and nurture new drivers in infrastructure development and international cooperation. In recent years, the international infrastructure industry has conducted many effective innovation explorations and practices in development concepts, institutional mechanisms, business modes, and science and technology, which have enabled us to feel the tremendous changes, vitality, and progress of the entire industry. Driven by innovation, the future development of infrastructure will face more promising prospects and opportunities.

✓ **16:30-16:40, Tea Break and Networking**

✓ **16:40-18:00 Keynote Forum 2: The 4th China-LAC Infrastructure Forum - Fostering New Drivers of Upgraded Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative**

In recent years, with the continuous deepening of China-LAC economic and trade cooperation, the collaborative sectors, size and methods of Chinese companies' engagement on infrastructure in Latin American and Caribbean countries have all changed significantly. China-LAC infrastructure cooperation has entered a brand new phase of higher quality and upgrading. In particularly, the Belt and Road Initiative put forwarded by China provides an innovative philosophy and establish a brand-new platform for mutual cooperation to make win-win scenarios between China and CELEC countries. In this context, the Forum will have in-depth discussions on how to strengthen policy and strategy coordination, innovate business models, deepen pragmatic cooperation as well as other hot topics under the he Belt and Road Initiative.

✓ **18:30-20:00, Reception Dinner**

Day 3 June 8

✓ **09:30-12:00, Parallel Forums**

1. Digital Transformation: How Technologies Innovate the Infrastructure Industry

In today's world, a new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation is on the rise. The leading role of innovation and application of engineering technologies in the development of the infrastructure industry has become more prominent. What future will the digitalization of the infrastructure industry face? How do we integrate high technologies such as building information modeling (BIM), artificial intelligence, 3D printing, big data, and the Internet of Things into the development, construction, financing, and operations of infrastructure projects, increasing the efficiency of infrastructure operations while realizing automated construction? How do we design more flexible digital solutions to support business integration and increase return on investment?

2. Innovating Multilateral and Bilateral Financial Cooperation to Boost New Momentums of International Infrastructure

Financial support plays a big part in international infrastructure investment and construction. However, we still see plenty of challenges in the financing process including the relatively less channels and models, partially full-fledged financial markets in some regions as well as deficiency in investment experience, etc. At present, the funding gap in the global infrastructure market is still large, and the problem of unbalanced development in various regions is highlighted. Commercial banks still need to strengthen cooperation with the international financial sector, further expand financing channels and continue to propel innovation in financing models and financial instruments, build financial cooperative mechanism coupled with all stakeholders' interests and concerns in accordance with market rules and global practices, so as to provide a multi-level and comprehensive financial services for the infrastructure development and international cooperation.

3. The Belt and Road Initiative: International Infrastructure Connectivity and Aviation Facilities Cooperation

Most of the countries along the Belt and Road are developing countries and emerging economies. Building an integrated transportation network centered on aviation infrastructure can greatly stimulate the development of local economy and related industries and promote inter-nation cultural, economic and trade exchanges. With a view to the investment and construction needs of aviation infrastructure in countries along the Belt and Road, the forum will involve discussion and exchanges on policy support and construction opportunities for airport industry development, construction opportunities, external investment strategies, risk prevention and control for international airports, experience in operational model of airport economic zones, and innovative ideas in the design and construction of international airports. These topics will lead the trends of airport construction and aviation economic development.

4. Developing and Financing African Infrastructure under the Belt and Road Initiative

Africa continues to be a key market for international contractors with new challenges in 2018 arising as the market develops and adapts to changing global trade and geopolitical patterns. Increasingly, as international banks demonstrate less appetite for lending to Africa infrastructure projects the Development Finance Institutions have taken a more central and important role and are offering a wide range of equity, debt and insurance products across a wide range of infrastructure projects. With national budgets under pressure, and external influences from other banks to reduce external borrowing, what role is there for a greater use of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) as a way of sharing project risks with international contractors and attracting financing? In the Power Sector there is huge interest in smaller and more numerous renewable projects that are attracting significant interest from developers and Development Finance Institutions alike. What are the key challenges for this new wave of power projects? Private Equity and infrastructure funds are also becoming important sources of capital for companies in Africa. What type of projects are they investing in, how do they invest and what is their risk appetite?

5. Risks Control and Transfer of International Infrastructure

Investment and construction is an important choice for international contractors to change their development modes and seek paths for sustainable development. It has attracted increased attention from participants of international infrastructure construction. However, this mode of development, which integrates investment, financing, construction, and even operation and management, also poses higher challenges to many international infrastructure participants. How to select and use appropriate letter of guarantee, insurance, and other financial instruments to resist and transfer risks and effectively avoid or reduce losses that may be caused by risks is also the focus of all parties concerned. Guests from domestic and foreign government authorities, financial institutions and companies will be invited to the forum to share their experiences and lessons in risk prevention and control in project investment and construction through actual cases.

6. UK-China Infratech - Driving Our Future Cities

Technology has changed our lives and its paradigm-shifting influence has penetrated into all areas including infrastructure construction. This year, the UK Department for International Trade, together with top industry experts and scholars from both China and UK, will share the most successful cases in infrastructure technology with you, discuss opportunities for cooperation between Chinese and British companies, and talk about how they work together to address future challenges.

✓ **12:00-13:30, Buffet Luncheon**

✓ **14:00-16:30, Parallel Forums**

7. Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the Development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

After seven years of construction, the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge will soon open to traffic. As the longest cross-sea bridge in the world, it has attracted worldwide attention with a great number of breakthroughs in the areas of scientific and technological innovation, equipment manufacturing and cross-border project management and coordination. With the construction of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area being a national strategy, the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge will further push the integration, development and economic growth of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as a cross-border channel linking

Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau. Representatives from relevant governmental authorities, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge technical engineers, experts who lead in the development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao and guests from other related institutions will be invited to discuss the above hot topic and share frontier views.

8. Integrated Infrastructure Construction and Connectivity in CELAC Countries

As the Latin American region accelerates infrastructure integration, the cooperation mechanism for integration of infrastructures in Latin America is maturing, and an infrastructure connectivity construction and planning pattern with the focus on transportation, power, and telecommunications is taking shape. What are the latest integrated construction projects and development plans in Latin America? What are the new opportunities for China-LAC cooperation? What are the difficulties and challenges in the construction of connected infrastructure in Latin America and how will China and Latin America work together to resolve them? How do all parties concerned innovate their financing and business modes to further meet the demand for infrastructure integration in Latin America?

9. Seminar on Infrastructure Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries

In recent years, the Portuguese-speaking countries have experienced rapid economic growth and their demand for infrastructure construction is stronger. At the same time, cooperation on production capacity between China and these countries in energy and power has also led to the rapid development of infrastructure cooperation. In 2016, the Memorandum of Understanding on Promoting Production Capacity Cooperation signed at the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries launched a new mode of economic and trade cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. How do companies from Mainland China and Macao seize the opportunity to participate in infrastructure projects in Portuguese-speaking countries? How do companies take advantage of support from the China-Portuguese Speaking Countries Cooperation and Development Fund in participating in infrastructure projects in Portuguese-speaking countries? Representatives, companies, and experts from

government departments in China and Portuguese-speaking countries will have in-depth discussions on these topics.

10. The 3rd Roundtable on Cooperation between Chinese and Korean International Contractors - Investment Strategies and International Infrastructure Cooperation in the Middle East's Market

The infrastructure construction market in the Middle East is influenced by its unique political and religious environment, characterized by high threshold, strict standards, and numerous barriers. South Korean contractors have rich experience in the Middle East market for many years and have found a successful road to transformation and upgrading. As Chinese companies have increased their market share in the Middle East in recent years, they have also accumulated rich experience in investment and construction. Representatives of well-known international contractors from China and South Korea will be invited to the forum to share their investment strategy, engineering technological innovation and project management experience in the Middle East's infrastructure market, and explore modes and opportunities for future cooperation in the market.

11. Roundtable for Chairmen of International Associations

In line with the trend in international infrastructure cooperation, the Roundtable shall probe into, among others, the improvement of the Joint Action Plan for International Infrastructure Cooperation, the enhancement of relationship among international industry associations, and the promotion of mutually beneficial cooperation among their member companies.

- ✓ **14:00–16:30 Private Business Meeting** (by request or self-arrangement)
- ✓ **16:30-17:00, Signing Ceremonies for Infrastructure Cooperation Projects**
- ✓ **17:00-17:45, Press Conference**

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