

The commitment of the China Europa Forum to the global dialog in Rio+20 conference

Dear friends and prime movers of the CEF

You might remember that the historical speech of Michel Rocard, former French Prime Minister and member of the committee of founders of the China Europa Forum, at the opening of our plenary in Hong Kong, July 2010, concluded with a call for the Forum to participate to the preparation of the Rio+20 conference.

As you probably know, the Rio+20 world conference will take place in Rio in June 2012 for the twentieth anniversary of the first Earth Summit. It is supposed to draw a road map in the transition to sustainable society. After fifteen years of failures in international negotiations, this conference will be difficult but however it is the only opportunity at hand and if the China Europa Forum could show its ability to have joined contributions of the Chinese and European societies it would be an outstanding value added.

In fact there are many converging processes contributing to the preparation of the conference, the intergovernmental presently going on being only one of those. An other one deserves attention: the Brazilian government has decided recently to launch a "global dialog" to take place just before the official conference. It focuses on eight themes: food security; poverty ; océans ; water ; economy and sustainable development ; energy ; sustainable cities ; employment and migrations.

We are in touch altogether with the coordinating team in New York and with the Brazilian institutions in charge. Our Forum could make three very useful contributions to this global dialog:

-In the very short term, *to propose names of outstanding experts* both Chinese and Europeans on the themes which have been dealt with in our CEF workshops. A first list will be discussed in New York on the 16th of February. If the prime movers of the CEF workshops could make proposals, it would be a very good demonstration of our ability to identify key people which are legitimate in terms of expertise. I will convey these names to the organizers. I don't mean they will endorse them but at least it would be the illustration of the quality of our network;

-I hope there will be some web site to post relevant documents about the different themes; let us think whether it would be possible to take stock of the dialog which started (and in most of them only started!) during the workshops to *post common documents*. You could not imagine the message conveyed by our Forum if we could show our capacity to present such joined documents!

-On each theme, the dialog should make three proposals to the official conference. We shall try to propose the organizers to create a space on the web

site where different networks could post their own breakthrough proposals (actually the risk is that there be a lot of proposals which do not address the globality of the challenge). Why should not we imagine that *the Forum try and make such proposals?* If we would be able to do it, it would really have an impact.

I hope you will accept to seize this opportunity to push our dialog forward.

Yours

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