

Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones

【Basic Information】

Host:

Addresses, keynote speeches,

and achievement release:

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Interactive discussion on topic 1:

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Interactive discussion on topic 2:

Zhang Yi

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Addresses:

Li Fei

Assistant Minister, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China

Gerd Müller

Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Xin Guobin

Vice Minister, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China

Keynote Speeches:

Siddharth Chatterjee

United Nations Resident Coordinator in China

Ciyong Zou

Managing Director, Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development, UNIDO

Xiaojun Grace Wang

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Justin Yifu Lin

Dean, Institute of New Structural Economics of Peking University; Professor at
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Director General, Department of Foreign Investment Administration,
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Achievement Release:

Dejene Tezera	Director, Division of Agri business and Infrastructure Development, UNIDO
Zhang Yi	Deputy Director General, China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchanges

Interactive Discussion:

Topic 1: Industrial parks/special economic zones promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization

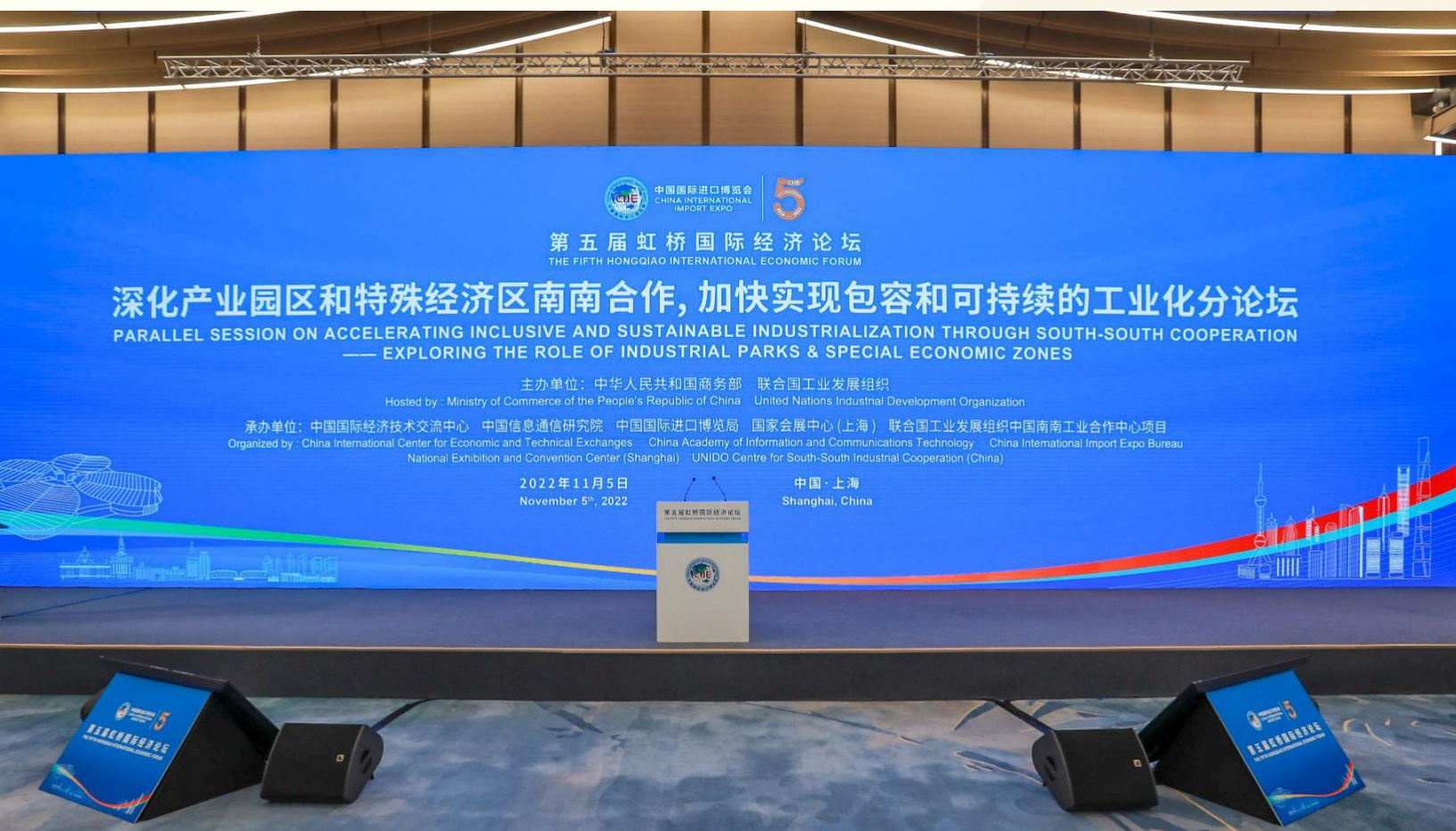
Atsuko Toda	Director for Agriculture, Finance and Rural Infrastructure Development, African Development Bank
Justin Yifu Lin	Dean, Institute of New Structural Economics of Peking University; Professor at Institute for South-South Cooperation and Development of Peking University
Xiong Meng	Executive Vice-President and Secretary-General of the China Federation of Industrial Economics
Qiao Qi	Deputy Chief Engineer, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences

Topic 2: South-South cooperation for knowledge and technology transfer in the field of industrial parks/SEZs

Lelise Neme	Commissioner, Ethiopian Investment Commission
Adel Zahran	Commercial Counselor, the Consulate General of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Shanghai
Song Yuyan	Secretary-General, Green Partnership for Industrial Parks in China
Zhang Rui	Dean, TEDA Overseas Inst. China-Africa TEDA Investment Co., Ltd
Zhang Weimin	President, Jiangsu China-U.S. Environmental Monitoring Co., Ltd

【Brief Introduction】

On the afternoon of November 5, 2022, the parallel session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones under the 5th Hongqiao International Economic Forum co-sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) was held in the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai). This forum focuses on the two themes of South-South cooperation and industrial parks (special economic zones), with best actions and practices shared in related fields, and suggestions made for promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization in developing countries and implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Li Fei, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, attended the parallel session and delivered a speech, while Gerd Müller, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Xin Guobin, Vice Minister, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China, delivered video messages. Siddharth Chatterjee, United Nations Resident Coordinator in China, and Justin Yifu Lin, Dean, Institute of New Structural Economics of Peking University; Professor at Institute for South-South Cooperation and Development of Peking University, delivered video and online keynote speeches, respectively. ThePaper.cn broadcast the event live.



【Addresses】



Li Fei, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones in Shanghai and delivered a speech.

Li Fei, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, said that the Ministry of Commerce would thoroughly implement the guiding principles of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, continue to support national-level economic development zones to uphold openness as a guidance and innovation for improvement, play an active role in the new journey of promoting modernization with Chinese characteristics, strengthen exchanges and cooperation with international organizations, including UNIDO, facilitate cooperation with parks in developing countries and make greater contributions to South-South cooperation.



Gerd Müller, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones online and delivered a speech.

Gerd Müller, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), pointed out that China's rich experience in the construction and development of industrial parks at present has positive reference significance for other developing countries. Under the current situation, it is necessary to promote investment in infrastructure and innovation and accelerate industrialization, digitalization, and green transformation. UNIDO regards industrial parks as a "comprehensive tool to support sustainable industrialization", and provides a series of services, including technical support, policy consultation, knowledge and technology transfer, and development normative tools to member countries through various channels such as South-South and tripartite cooperation, supporting the standardization of industrial parks and continuously promoting industrial parks to become the source of industrial and technological innovation.



Xin Guobin, Vice Minister, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones online and delivered a speech.

Xin Guobin, Vice Minister, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China, said that the industrial park is an essential carrier of high-quality economic development and an important support for international economic and trade cooperation. As the department in charge of the industry, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology has achieved positive results in promoting the high-quality development of industrial parks, including guiding industrial specialization, promoting the digital transformation of the parks, driving the green development of the parks, and deepening the international cooperation of the parks. The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology will thoroughly implement the Global Development Initiative, promote South-South cooperation in industrial parks through policy coordination, project cooperation, talent exchange, and other ways, jointly improve the level of industrialization, and contribute to building a global community of development with a shared future.

【Keynote Speeches】



Siddharth Chatterjee, United Nations Resident Coordinator in China, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones online and delivered a keynote speech.

Siddharth Chatterjee, United Nations Resident Coordinator in China, said that South-South cooperation could be achieved through capacity building, technology transfer, knowledge and experience sharing, etc. Last year, the United Nations designed a set of localization index systems, incorporated the guide to sustainable park construction, and provided specific decarbonization initiatives for various industries. Over the past 40 years, the United Nations has been a trusted development partner of China. The bilateral cooperation has been further extended to South-South and tripartite cooperation. For example, UNIDO has established cooperation with China on industrial parks and special economic zones, which was practiced in Guangdong Province and Fujian Province as early as the period of reform and opening-up. The South-South Industrial Cooperation Center of UNIDO is an institution jointly established by the government of China and UNIDO. Now, we should make use of these experiences to further drive South-South cooperation, especially in traditional fields and capacity building, and promote the development of the public-private partnership.



Ciyong Zou, Managing Director, Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development, UNIDO, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones online and delivered a keynote speech.

Ciyong Zou, Managing Director, Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development, UNIDO, believes that inclusive and sustainable industrialization, innovative practices, and resilient infrastructure are essential for accelerating economic development and eradicating poverty. The important role of industrial parks in economic development is reflected in innovating global supply chain integration and sustainable development, sharpening the competitiveness and becoming a bridge between small producers and global regional supply chains, and also helping to promote environmental sustainability. Industrial parks and South-South cooperation are key means to support sustainable industrial development and the key tools to implement the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieve sustainable development goals. For more than 40 years, UNIDO has been providing support in the field of industrial parks, helping many countries, including China, to plan, develop and operate industrial parks. Besides, UNIDO has provided normative tools and standards. South-South cooperation is also a tool to support industrial parks and an essential area for close cooperation between UNIDO and the government of China.



Xiaojun Grace Wang, Trust Fund Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones via video links and delivered a keynote speech.

Xiaojun Grace Wang, Trust Fund Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, mentioned that the special economic zones is a policy tool, which is conducive to promoting industrialization, economic transformation, and integration of developing countries into global value chains. First, the South-South cooperation strategy and policy coordination among developing countries have created a favorable environment for special economic zones. Initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative, the Global Development Initiative, the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, and regional integration mechanisms such as the African Continental Free Trade Area can provide an important platform for South-South policy coordination. Second, special economic zones facilitate the two-way flow of knowledge through South-South learning and capacity development. Abundant evidence shows that special economic zones play an essential catalytic role in knowledge updating, labor skills elevation, and technology transfer. Third, special economic zones can benefit from the opportunities of tripartite cooperation, and the industrial transfer from China to underdeveloped countries offers inspiration for achieving a win-win result through tripartite cooperation.



Justin Yifu Lin, Dean, Institute of New Structural Economics of Peking University; Professor at Institute for South-South Cooperation and Development of Peking University, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones online, gave a keynote speech at the parallel session, and participated in interactive discussions.

Justin Yifu Lin, Dean, Institute of New Structural Economics of Peking University; Professor at Institute for South-South Cooperation and Development of Peking University, believes that to achieve the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 sustainable development goals, we need to get employment opportunities and income for all competent laborers, and industrialization is crucial for developing countries to solve poverty problems and increase people's income level. After World War II, few developing countries succeeded in industrialization, and some countries still face the problem of "de-industrialization". According to new structural economics, in the process of industrialization, it is necessary to promote industrialization according to the comparative advantages of various countries. Meanwhile, it is crucial to solve the problems of infrastructure and the business environment. From the experience of China and some successful industrialized countries in East Asia, the establishment of industrial parks can facilitate one-stop service and improve the business environment, and its green, sustainable and inclusive development can create more employment opportunities.



Chen Chunjiang, Director General, Department of Foreign Investment Administration, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones in Shanghai and delivered a keynote speech.

Chen Chunjiang, Director General, Department of Foreign Investment Administration, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, believes that the development of industrial parks and special economic zones is an important achievement made by China since the reform and opening-up, and the state-level economic development zones are the most representative ones. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, national-level economic development zones have played an important role in promoting industrialization in China. The opening-up has played a prominent role; the strength of scientific and technological innovation has been enhanced; the green development has achieved remarkable results; the overall coordination has been continuously promoted; and the development scale and quality have been enhanced. State-level economic development zones have also accumulated some experience in promoting industrialization through the construction of industrial parks: they pay more attention to promoting high-quality development, improving the level of opening to the outside world, and optimizing the business environment. In the future, it is necessary to further promote the high-quality development of national-level economic development zones, speed up the construction of a modern industrial system, better participate in the global industrial division of labor and cooperation, and make contributions to the promotion of new industrialization and modernization with Chinese characteristics.

【Achievement Release】



Dejene Tezera, Director, Division of Agri business and Infrastructure Development, UNIDO, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones via video links and participated in the achievement release activity.



Zhang Yi, Deputy Director General, China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchanges, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones in Shanghai, participated in the achievement release activity and hosted the interactive discussion.

In the achievement release session, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization released the "Global Industrial Park Platform for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization" in the form of publicity video clips; On behalf of UNIDO, Dejene Tezera, Director, Division of Agri business and Infrastructure Development, UNIDO, pre-released the park guidance tool Guidelines for Sustainable Design, Development, and Management of Integrated Agri-Food Parks. Zhang Yi, Deputy Director General, China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchanges, released the video of South-South technical cooperation on the spot. The Comparative Study on Localization Index Systems of International Guide to Industrial Parks was distributed at the parallel session.



Comparative Study on Localization Index Systems of International Guide to Industrial Parks

According to the international standards in the International Guide to Industrial Parks, this report compares the index system in the Guide with the existing index systems of industrial parks in China from three dimensions of economy, environment and society, integrates and puts forward a set of index systems and related suggestions for the sustainable development of industrial parks in China.

Guidelines for Sustainable Design, Development, and Management of Integrated Agri-Food Parks

The Guide provides professional guidance to stakeholders on best international practices in planning, development, operation, promotion, and supervision of sustainable agri-food parks. The Guide also contains practical tools to improve efficiency and control risks, and helps park stakeholders achieve the goals of improving production efficiency, stimulating innovation, attracting investment, advancing social inclusion, and environment protection.



Xia Cheng, CGTN host, hosted the addresses, keynote speeches and achievement release activity of the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation--Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones.

【Interactive Discussion】

Topic 1: Industrial parks/special economic zones promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization



Atsuko Toda, Director for Agriculture, Finance and Rural Infrastructure Development, African Development Bank, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation-- Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones online and participated in interactive discussions.

Atsuko Toda, Director for Agriculture, Finance and Rural Infrastructure Development, African Development Bank, pointed out that African countries have high operating costs, backward transportation infrastructure, and there are debt and unsustainable problems in rural development. Against this background, industrial financing faces great challenges. As a transformation tool, agricultural industrial parks can benefit African countries and drive agricultural development. Industrial parks can accelerate the agricultural transformation and contractor procurement, so that developers can get commercial returns. It is necessary to speed up the separation of public and private infrastructure, strengthen the cooperation between the government, developers or operators, and ensure that investment is in place. Meanwhile, it is necessary to establish the highest level of government commitment to promoting the development of agricultural industrial parks, establish partnerships with UNIDO, strengthen high-level policy dialogue, and involve all stakeholders. The African Development Bank will strengthen cooperation with all parties to improve the resilience of the supply chain to cope with various crises.



Xiong Meng, Executive Vice-President and Secretary-General of the China Federation of Industrial Economics, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation-- Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones and participated in interactive discussions.

Xiong Meng, Executive Vice-President and Secretary-General of the China Federation of Industrial Economics, mentioned that China Federation of Industrial Economics is a joint organization of national industrial associations, and together with many industrial associations, it can serve as an important bridge for communication and cooperation between governments and enterprises and between industries in China and South-South countries. It is necessary to learn from the development experience of China's industrial parks and steadily promote planning in the first place, policy guidance, and talent preparation based on the natural and geographical conditions and regional carrying capacity, so as to promote the long-term sustainable development of regional industries. It is necessary to give full play to the role of foreign-invested institutions, promote industrial innovation, technology transfer, talent services and financial services in South-South countries, provide policy and governance support for industrial development in South-South countries, and jointly advance industry research, park planning, and industrial planning in South-South countries.



Qiao Qi, Deputy Chief Engineer, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation-- Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones online and participated in interactive discussions.

Qiao Qi, Deputy Chief Engineer, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, believes that the industrial park is the epitome of China's development, and its green development has a significant impact on the regional development model. In recent years, the government of China has issued a series of policies to support the sustainable development of industrial parks and special economic zones. First of all, the direction of pollution and carbon reduction in industrial parks has been specified, and the specific implementation path of sustainable development of pollution reduction and carbon reduction in industrial parks has been clarified. Secondly, through the pilot practices, the industrial park and environmental management mechanism will be made more accurate and scientific, and the environmental management ability of industrial parks will be enhanced. Thirdly, China encourages innovations in the parks, including scientific and technological innovations and innovation in management means, models, and mechanisms.

Topic 2: South-South cooperation for knowledge and technology transfer in the field of industrial parks/SEZs



Lelise Neme, Commissioner, Ethiopian Investment Commission, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation-- Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones and participated in interactive discussions.

Lelise Neme, Commissioner, Ethiopian Investment Commission, said that in the past few years, Ethiopia has established a series of cooperation in parks in special economic zones, which has improved the level of infrastructure construction. Meanwhile, industrial parks have strengthened their specialized fields, such as textile, agricultural products, and light industry. Ethiopia has made some achievements in special economic zones, creating 100,000 employment opportunities, and the park has also played a positive role in technology transfer, including knowledge sharing.



Adel Zahran, Commercial Counselor, the Consulate General of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Shanghai, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation-- Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones in Shanghai and participated in the interactive discussion.

Adel Zahran, Commercial Counselor, the Consulate General of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Shanghai, introduced the situation of the Suez Canal Economic Zone. Suez Economic Zone, established by the Egyptian government, covers an area of 460 square kilometers and consists of four industrial zones and 14 industrial parks. It is positioned as an international shipping and logistics hub, an industrial hub, and a service center. It is the gateway of east-west trade activities, establishes Egypt's sustainable development plan, and promotes Egypt's industrial development and economic diversification. The key experience of regional economic development includes seizing opportunities and emerging opportunities. For example, during the transition from fossil energy to green energy, 20 million cubic meters of green hydrogen projects have been successfully established in the economic zone, attracting many international participants. It is estimated that USD 100 billion will flow to the Zone in the next few years, and Egypt is expected to become a green hydrogen hub.



Song Yuyan, Secretary-General, Green Partnership for Industrial Parks in China, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation-- Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones in Shanghai and participated in interactive discussions.

Song Yuyan, Secretary-General, Green Partnership for Industrial Parks in China, shared some practices of national economic development zones in the process of green development. First of all, China's industrial parks have performed well in low-carbon and green infrastructure construction, green industrial transformation and green ecological innovation in management, and are the vanguard of China's green development. Second, the Green Partnership has played an important role in the development of national economic development zones. In 2016, under the guidance of the Foreign Investment Department of the Ministry of Commerce, 36 national-level economic development zones launched the Green Partnership, whose main task is to build a platform to exchange experiences, learn from excellent international practices and tell the story of China's industrial parks, especially the story of green development.



Zhang Rui, Dean, TEDA Overseas Inst. China-Africa TEDA Investment Co., Ltd, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation-- Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones online and participated in interactive discussions.

Zhang Rui, Dean, TEDA Overseas Inst. China-Africa TEDA Investment Co., Ltd, said that it is necessary to continue to optimize, upgrade and improve TEDA overseas model, seek to expand and replicate TEDA overseas model in BRI countries, and take the park as the breakthrough point to promote countries' economic and trade cooperation. As an open operator of overseas parks, it hopes that the governments of developing countries will provide practical support and incentive measures, establish a multi-level consultation mechanism with investors, offer and guarantee infrastructure facilities and development conditions, realize smooth trade based on industrial parks, optimize the local financial environment, and drive international cultural exchange and integration through industrial park platforms.



Zhang Weimin, President, Jiangsu China-U.S. Environmental Monitoring Co., Ltd, attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation-- Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones and participated in the interactive discussion.

Zhang Weimin, President, Jiangsu China-U.S. Environmental Monitoring Co., Ltd, summed up China's experience in grasping the synchronous progress of construction and environment protection in industrial parks. First, the central government and environmental departments at all levels attach importance to environmental issues. Second, China does an addition and a subtraction in the environment-addition means heavy investment in environmental air pollution, water and river regulation, and soil improvement, while subtraction means the elimination of polluted industrial parks. He suggested that a cooperation mechanism between countries should be established, talents in related fields should be trained, and supporting investment in environmental protection should be strengthened.



Stephen Bainous Kargbo, Representative and Head of UNIDO Regional Office (China, DPR Korea, Mongolia), attended the Parallel Session on Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization through South-South Cooperation-- Exploring the Role of Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones in Shanghai and hosted the interactive discussion.