**COP29 UN Side Event**

**Engaging New Players in Climate Action to Make Collective Impact**

Date: November 21, 2024

Time: 11:30 – 13:00

Venue: Side event 4, Blue Zone, Baku Olympic Stadium, Azerbaijan

Hosted by:

* China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO)
* China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE)
* Shan Shui Conservation Center (Shan Shui)

**Abstract**

The growing impact of climate change is drawing attention from a wide range of organizations beyond traditional environmental NGOs, including those focused on disaster relief, rural development, green finance and corporate social responsibility. As these organizations expand their roles in global climate efforts, they face the challenge of aligning their strategies with evolving international frameworks and deepening their engagement with the global community.

To effectively contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation, these emerging actors must enhance their capacity, adopt innovative approaches, and foster cross-sector collaborations. This session will bring together experts from established climate organizations, research institutions, civil society organizations, and industry associations. Participants will discuss strategies for integrating new actors into the climate governance landscape, explore challenges, and share best practices for achieving collective impact through coordinated efforts across sectors.

**Agenda**

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| **Time** | **Details** |
| 11:30 – 11:40 | **Welcome Remarks**  **Moderator:**   * **Yanhui WANG,** Deputy Executive Director, Operation and Organization Development, Institute for Global Decarbonization Progress (iGDP)   **Guests Remarks**   * **Yong LIU**, Research Fellow, CNIE * **Xiangyi WANG**, Vice Chair & Secretary General, CANGO * **Umud Mirzayev**, Chairman of the International Press Institute National Committee & Deputy Chairman of National NGO Forum, Azerbaijan |
| 11:40 – 12:20 | **Thematic Discussion I** *- Unlocking Potential: Empowering Emerging Voices in Climate Action*  **Moderator:**   * **Yanhui WANG**, Deputy Executive Director, Operation and Organization Development, Institute for Global Decarbonization Progress (iGDP)   **Panelists:**   * **Nithi Nesadurai**, Regional Coordinator, Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA) * **Karen Oliveira**, Director of Brazil External Affairs, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) * **Sukhmeet Singh Berk**,Senior Advisor, Electricity Exchange Limited (ELEXON) * **Dr. Revati Phalkey**, Global Director Health, Save the Children International |
| 12:20 – 12:55 | **Thematic Discussion II** - *Bridging Sectors: Expanding the Role of New Participants in Climate Action*  **Moderator:**   * **Hua LANG**, Deputy Director, CSR Promotion Center, Shanghai   **Panelists:**   * **Xiaofeng XU**, Chair, China Meteorological Service Association (CMSA) * **Xinyu LIANG**, Researcher, Green Finance Forum of 60 (GF60) * **Hao CHENG**, Chairman, Canal Walk Organizing Committee for World Canal Cities, World Historic and Cultural Canal Cities Cooperation Organization (WCCO) * **Xier CHEN**, Project Officer, ShanShui Conservation Center |
| 12:55 – 13:00 | **Group photo** |

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