

Invitation to China - The Netherlands Biodiversity Seminar -Conservation Practice and Action Outlook after COP16

Time: Friday, May 16, 2025 | Location: Beijing, China

Organizer: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Chinese Academy of Environmental Sciences

Event Format: Hybrid (Online & Offline)

Offline venue: Beijing Room, Kempinski Hotel Beijing Yansha Center, Chaoyang district, Beijing, China

Online link: ZOOM meeting room

Simultaneous interpretation will be available

Background Introduction

Biodiversity lies at the heart of healthy ecosystems, sustainable development, and long-term human well-being. As the world confronts accelerating climate change, land degradation, and the loss of natural habitats, the conservation and restoration of biodiversity have become urgent global priorities.

Building on the historic adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at COP15, the 16th Conference of the Parties (COP16), held in Colombia in 2024, marked a critical transition from ambition to action. The focus shifted to concrete implementation—highlighting the need for financial resource mobilization, capacity-building, strengthened biodiversity monitoring systems, and the development of national-level action plans. COP16 also reinforced the importance of international collaboration, science-policy integration, and cross-sectoral partnerships in driving meaningful, on-the-ground results.

In this context, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Chinese Academy of Environmental Sciences, are jointly organizing a seminar aimed at fostering dialogue and strengthening cooperation between China and the Netherlands. The seminar will bring together policymakers, researchers, private sector representatives, and international organizations to explore opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange in the field of biodiversity.

The seminar will facilitate policy and research exchanges, enhance awareness of biodiversity challenges and solutions, and explore practical opportunities for collaboration. The seminar will focus on sustainable agriculture, urban and rural greening and corporate biodiversity strategies. The event seeks to showcase how Sino-Dutch partnerships can contribute to global biodiversity goals through joint innovation, shared knowledge, and coordinated action.

Registration

We kindly invite you to complete your registration by filling out the table below and sending it to pek-lvvn@minbuza.nl no later than **May 09**.

Organization	Participant name	Job title	Email

A Zoom link for online participation will be shared with registered participants closer to the event date.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Ms. Lily Zhang, Agricultural Advisor, Agriculture Department of Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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We look forward to your participation and to welcoming you to this engaging event!

Time 时间	Agenda (Tentative)
Opening Speech Session	
Moderator	Mr. ZHANG Yujun Director-general of the Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China
14:00-14:05	Opening speech by Mr. Marten van den Berg Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature of the Netherlands
14:05-14:10	Opening speech by Vice minister, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China
National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	
Moderator	Mr. QUAN Zhanjun, Vice President of Chinese Academy of Environmental Sciences
14:10-14:30	Topic: Policy implementation from the Netherlands on the Convention of Biological Diversity Speaker: Mr. Lucas du Pré, Coordinator on COP Climate change and Biodiversity Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature of the Netherlands
14:30-14:50	Topic: Policy implementation from China on the Convention of Biological Diversity Speaker: LIU Ning, First-level Counsel of the Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China
14:50-15:10	Tea break & Group photo
Research Progress on Biodiversity Focus Areas Discussion	
Moderator	Mr. QUAN Zhanjun, Vice President of Chinese Academy of Environmental Sciences
15:10-15:30	Topic: Biodiversity research hotspot in the Netherlands Speaker: Dr. Lawrence Jones-Walters Head of Programme: Nature Inclusive Transitions Wageningen University and Research
15:30-15:50	Topic: Biodiversity research hotspot in China Speaker: XIAO Nengwen, Deputy director of the Institute of Ecology, Chinese Academy of Environmental Sciences
15:50-16:10	Topic: DSI researches in the Netherlands Speaker: Mr. Arthur van Buitenen, Biodiversity and Climate Governance Researcher, Leiden University
16:10-16:30	Topic: Research hotspot of agricultural biodiversity in China Speaker: Mr. HAO Weiping, Deputy Director of Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development in Agriculture, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
Private Sector Involvement on Biodiversity	
Moderator	Mr. Erik Smidt, Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
16:30-16:45	Topic: Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives at Dutch Dairy Farm and Innovative Practices in China Speaker: Ms. Joanna Huang, Senior Director of Corporate Communication & CSR, FrieslandCampina
16:45-17:00	Topic: The practice of agricultural and food enterprises participating in biodiversity conservation Speaker: Mengniu Dairy Group (tbd))
17:00-17:10	Tea break

International Exchange of Experiences in Biodiversity Conservation	
Moderator	Mr. Erik Smidt, Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
17:10-17:15	Representatives of the secretariat of CBD (tbd)
17:15-17:20	Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO
17:20-17:25	Speaker: Ms. ZHANG Linxiu Director of United Nations Environment Programme-International Ecosystem Management Partnership (UNEP-IEMP)
17:25-17:30	Speaker: Mr. ZHAO Liang Director of World Wildlife Fund
17:30-17:35	Speaker: Ms. FANG Li Chief delegate World Resources Institute (WRI)
17:35-17:40	Speaker: Ms. ZHOU Yun Senior Environmental Specialist Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Closing Speech Session	
Moderator	Mr. QUAN Zhanjun, Vice President of Chinese Academy of Environmental Sciences
17:40-17:45	Closing remarks by Mr. LIU Ning, First-level Counsel of the Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China
17:45-17:50	Closing remarks by Mr. Erik Smidt, Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Networking Reception	
18:00-18:02	Opening by Mr. Erik Smidt, Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
18:02-18:04	Opening by Mr. LIU Ning, First-level Counsel of the Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China
18:04-20:00	Networking Reception