

## PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON **MAINSTREAMING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC)**

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 a one-day International Workshop on the issue of **Mainstreaming Public Participation in International Cooperation with the People's Republic of China (PRC)** will be held in Beijing at the Sino-Swiss Hotel, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the workshop will be carried out by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH in cooperation with the Center for International Migration and Development (CIM) and the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO).

The Development Assistance Council of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD/DAC) calls for greater cooperation and information exchange among bi- and multilateral development organizations. Enhanced cooperation is important to create synergies among external actors that aim to foster public participation and civil society inclusion in their development work. The latter aim has long been a cornerstone of German development policy.

Commissioned by the BMZ, the GTZ has carried out the project "Mainstreaming Participation", which evaluated technical cooperation projects in the People's Republic of China and other countries. The project's aims will be introduced, findings for the Chinese case presented and the German approach to participatory development discussed. The workshop is also a unique opportunity to learn about different organizations' approaches and experiences with participation in China. Experts on participatory development from international funding bodies as well as from Chinese recipient organisations are invited to **share their experiences regarding public participation and civil society inclusion in international cooperation projects with the People's Republic of China (PRC)**.

Confirmed workshop participants on the Chinese side include representatives from the state sector such as the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), Ministry of Civil Affairs (MOCA) as





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well as numerous representatives from the civil society organisations dealing with gender issues (Chifeng Zhaowuda Women's Sustainable Association), integrated rural development (Xishuangbanna Minority-Inhabited Area Traditional Knowledge Promotion Association), poverty alleviation (Ningxia Poverty Alleviation and Environment Improvement Center), social services (Beijing Hui Ling, Beijing Aizhixing Institute of Health Education), public participation (Shine Stone Community Action), third sector development (China Association for NGO Cooperation, NPO Network) and legal aid (Center for Legal Aid to Pollution Victims, China Legal Aid Foundation).

Attending representatives from bi- and multilateral donor organisations, foundations and International NGO include: Asian Development Bank (ADB), Delegation of the European Commission (EC), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH, Center for International Migration and Development (CIM), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), AusAid, Department for International Development (DFID), Friedrich-Ebert Foundation (FES), Ford Foundation (ff), American Bar Association (ABA), China Development Brief (CDB), and ActionAid International.

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