

SUSTAINABLE CITY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR COOPERATION BETWEEN BEIJING & COPENHAGEN

Annual report for 2018

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AND SANITATION



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AND COMMUNITIES



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Workshop at Sustainable City Conference as a part of Beijing Design Week 2018

Project description

Since 2012, Copenhagen and Beijing have entered several sub-agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on sustainable urban planning & construction, water management, tourism, creative & cultural industries and health. The Strategic Sector Cooperation (SSC) Inception Project between Copenhagen and Beijing has extended and consolidated the well-established existing cooperation. Expert visits from the City of Copenhagen (including HOFOR and BIOFOS), the Beijing Water Authority (BWA), and the Beijing Municipal Commission of Planning and Natural Resources (BJMCPNR) involving private sector actors have identified areas of mutual interest with potential for fruitful knowledge exchange. Four key areas of cooperation have been agreed upon under the full SSC (Phase 1 2018-2021):

1. Climate adaptation/sponge city with focus on Tongzhou district
2. General capacity building on sustainable urban planning
3. Waste water management and energy production
4. Energy efficiency management in buildings

The City of Copenhagen has signed work plans (2018-2020) with BWA and BJMCPNR respectively. A cooperation on building energy efficiency facilitated by C40 and involving both national authorities and Beijing and Shanghai Municipal authorities will be implemented from 2019 to 2021.

Copenhagen's guest city participation at Beijing Design Week 2018 was a milestone between the two capitals' cooperation and the Sustainable City Conference, part

of the guest city program, was an important kick-off for the Strategic Sector Cooperation.

Key activities in 2018

- Involving C40 and private sector actors, two fact-finding missions including workshops and site visits were conducted in Beijing to identify the concrete cooperation areas.
- Capacity building of lectures about Copenhagen's architectural policy to more than 100 middle managers and urban planners from BJMCPNR.
- Hosting a delegation led by Beijing Vice Mayor who is responsible for urban planning to showcase Copenhagen's sustainable city development solutions within the key cooperation areas.
- Sustainable urban renovation project implemented in Qinglong Hutong as part of the Beijing Design Week participation.
- Execution of Sustainable City Conference at Beijing Design Week 2018 in cooperation with C40 (6 Workshops, 324 Participants, 5 Danish Companies represented in China, 12 Danish organizations & companies, 24 Chinese/Beijing organizations & companies).
- As a guideline for present and future SSC engagements, SSC Phase 1 application produced in close cooperation between core partners in Beijing and Copenhagen.

Main achievements and lessons learned in 2018

The full SSC project has created a strong platform for the two capitals' concrete cooperation in the coming years. It is developing from knowledge-sharing to pilot projects identifying. Two pilot projects on climate adaptation/sponge city in Tongzhou are under discussion.

The SSC project has strengthened awareness and knowledge of politicians and staff at Beijing city level on sustainable development, especially within regeneration of residential buildings and hutong areas. "The Qinglong Hutong renovation project has created a fresh model of a modern liveable community in the core area of the Chinese capital," said by Beijing Vice Mayor Wang Ning (resource: [Chinadaily](#)).

Status: Full SSC project under implementation

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