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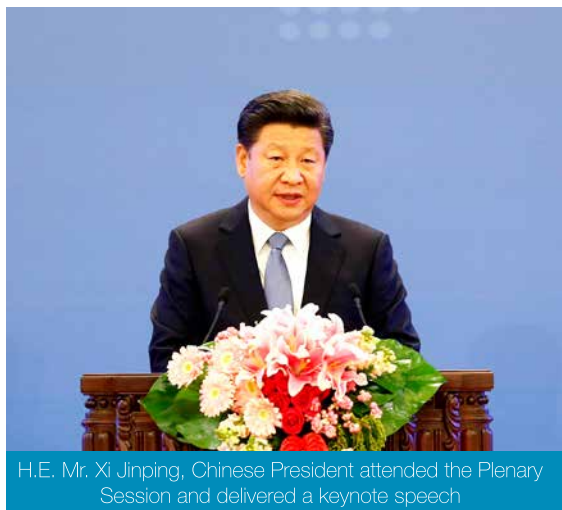




Venue for Plenary Session of the Forum

## 01 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum was Held in Beijing

October 17, 2015 marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> China's Poverty Alleviation Day, as well as the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. On October 16, the State Council Leading Group of Poverty Alleviation and Development of China hosted in Beijing the 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum (hereinafter referred to as "the Forum"). Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the plenary session held at the Great Hall of the People on that morning, and delivered a keynote speech with the theme of "Common Development through Joint Efforts on Poverty Eradication". Head of the State Council Leading Group of Poverty Alleviation and Development, Mr. Wang Yang, also member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council, presided over the session. Over 350 delegates from both Chinese and foreign government bodies, international organizations, academic institutions, foreign embassies in China, social groups and business community, including Mr. Wang Huning, Mr. Li Zhanshu and Mr. Yang Jiechi, also attended the Forum. Among them there were five foreign leaders, four heads of international organizations and more than one hundred Chinese and foreign delegates at the ministerial level.



H.E. Mr. Xi Jinping, Chinese President attended the Plenary Session and delivered a keynote speech

In his keynote speech, President Xi Jinping had a comprehensive overview of China's poverty reduction and development history, spoke glowingly of his "poverty reduction complex", solemnly declared China's goal of helping more than 70 million people under the current standard escape poverty by 2020, and elaborated on the strategy of targeted poverty reduction and targeted poverty eradication. President Xi Jinping also called for the creation of a community with common destiny and without poverty for all mankind. He also pointed out that, "China will give full play to the role of the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) and other international poverty reduction exchange platforms, put forward Chinese plans and contribute Chinese wisdom so as to promote the sharing of poverty reduction experience among the developing countries more effectively."

Chadian President Idriss Deby Itno, Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Lao National Assembly President Pany Yathotu, Bolivian Vice President Alvaro Marcelo Garcia Linera, the Special Representative of UN Secretary General and UNDP Administrator Helen Clark, and World Health Organization Director-General Margaret Chan attended the plenary session and delivered speeches. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon also sent a video message to the Forum.

Speech by Chadian President  
Idriss Deby Itno ▶



Speech by Croatian President  
Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic ▶



Speech by Cambodian Prime  
Minister Hun Sen ▶



Speech by Lao National  
Assembly President  
Pany Yathotu ▶



Speech by Bolivian Vice President  
Alvaro Marcelo Garcia Linera ▶



Video message from UN  
Secretary General Ban Ki-moon ▶



Speech by the Special  
Representative of UN Secretary  
General and UNDP Administrator  
Helen Clark ▶



Speech by World Health  
Organization Director-General  
Margaret Chan ▶



## ✦ High-level Conference on International Development Agenda and Targeted Poverty Reduction



On the afternoon of October 16, 2015, the High-level Conference on International Development Agenda and Targeted Poverty Reduction - a key part of the 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum - and seven parallel forums were held at the Conference Center of Beijing International Hotel. The Conference covered a range of topics, including post-2015 development agenda and targeted poverty reduction, social poverty alleviation, e-commerce-based poverty alleviation, finance-driven poverty alleviation, industry-led poverty alleviation, youth-led poverty alleviation, rural development, and poverty alleviation for the disabled.

Mr. Liu Yongfu,  
Minister of China's State  
Council Leading Group  
Office of Poverty Alleviation  
and Development, delivered  
a keynote speech at the  
Conference ▶



Mr. Hong Tianyun,  
Vice Minister of the State  
Council Leading Group  
Office of Poverty Alleviation  
and Development presided over  
the wrap-up session and delivered  
closing remarks ▶



This Conference was co-hosted by China's State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP) and the UN System in China. It was jointly organized by Peking University; Tsinghua University; Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Department of Rural Economy, Development Research Center of the State Council; China Poverty Alleviation and Development Center; and International Poverty Reduction Center in China. More than 200 delegates from 40 domestic organizations, 14 national embassies, 15 international organizations and 4 foreign delegations joined the discussions. They shared their own development strategies, work concepts, policy suggestions, etc.



## Speeches at the first session of the High-level Conference on International Development Agenda and Targeted Poverty Reduction



Mr. He Lifeng, Vice Chairman of China's National Development and Reform Commission



Mr. Jin Liqun, President-designate of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank



Mr. Vaman Kundapur Kamath, President of New Development Bank



Ms. Cui Yu, Vice Chairwoman of the All-China Women's Federation



Mr. Janvier Litse, Vice President of the African Development Bank



Prof. Li Qiang, Vice Chairman of the University Council at Peking University



Ms. Sabina Alkire, Professor and Director of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the University of Oxford



Mr. Hu Angang, Professor and Dean of the Institute of Contemporary China Studies, Tsinghua University



Mr. Paavo Eliste, Lead Rural Development Specialist, World Bank Country Office for China, Mongolia and Korea



Ms. Hannah Ryder, Head of Policy and Partnerships of UNDP China

## Speeches at the second session of the High-level Conference on International Development Agenda and Targeted Poverty Reduction



Mr. Gugile Ernest Nkwinti, Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform of South Africa



Mr. Li Peilin, Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences



Ms. Delma Thomas, Minister for Housing and Community Development of Grenada



Mr. Ye Xingqing, Head of Research Department of Rural Economy of the Development Research Center of the State Council



Ms. Elsa Roia Alfai, National Director of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Action, Mozambique



Mr. Liu Yansui, Fellow of the Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources, CAS, and Chair Professor of Cheung Kong Scholars



Mr. Ariza Manuel Fernandez, Adviser and Coordinator of Public Policy of Department for Social Prosperity, Colombia



Mr. Liu Junwen, Director of the Information Center of the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development

## ✦ Parallel Forums of the 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum

During the 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum, seven parallel forums were held, including Social Poverty Alleviation Forum, E-commerce Poverty Alleviation Forum, Forum on Poverty Alleviation through Industrial Development, Youth Poverty Alleviation Forum, Forum on Targeted Poverty Alleviation for the Disabled, Rural Development Forum and Forum on Financial Services for Poverty Alleviation and Development. This event attracted nearly 500 people, including representatives from government departments, the army, academic and business circles and social groups, winners of "2015 China Poverty Eradication Awards", grassroots poverty alleviation workers, leaders for becoming rich, poverty alleviation volunteers, university students and international organization members who conducted extensive and in-depth discussions and exchanges. In addition, some parallel forums also carried out several activities, such as poverty alleviation donations, the promotion of poverty alleviation achievements and related projects, visits to a store for e-commerce poverty alleviation, on-site product demonstrations, and the signing ceremony of the joint poverty alleviation campaign, as well as the release of poverty alleviation research results and publicity materials.



Social Poverty Alleviation Forum



E-commerce Poverty Alleviation Forum





Forum on Poverty Alleviation through Industrial Development



Youth Poverty Alleviation Forum



Forum on Targeted Poverty Alleviation for the Disabled



Forum on Financial Services for Poverty Alleviation and Development



Rural Development Forum



Joint Poverty Alleviation Campaign of Rural Development Forum

## 02 FOCAC Sub-Forum - The Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference Opened in Johannesburg



From December 8 to 9, 2015, the Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, a new sub-forum of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) successfully opened in Johannesburg, South Africa. The sub-forum was jointly hosted by the Chinese State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP) and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform of South Africa (DRDLR), and co-organized by the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) and the Finance Center for South-South Cooperation (FCSSC). The conference also received strong support from the African Union (AU), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and other international organizations.



Group photo of dignitaries attending the sub-forum



The conference was attended by over 200 participants, including government officials, experts and scholars from China and African countries including South Africa, Nigeria, Djibouti and Senegal, as well as representatives from international organizations, NGOs, the business community and the media. It was themed on "Towards Post-2015 Africa-China Sustainable Cooperation on Poverty Reduction and Development". Conference participants, through vibrant discussions, shared experience and challenges in poverty reduction of different countries, and explored measures to implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and innovative ways for more effective China-Africa cooperation on poverty reduction. H.E. Mr. Gugile Nkwinti, Minister of DRDLR of South Africa, Mr. Hong Tianyun, Vice Minister of LGOP of China, Mr. Yang Peidong, Acting Counsel-General of China to Johannesburg, South Africa, Mr. Wu Zhong, Deputy President and Secretary-General of the FCSSC and Mr. Gana Fofang, United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in South Africa addressed the opening ceremony of the conference.

Participants had discussions on issues including "China's impacts on poverty reduction in Africa", "Experience-sharing of China-Africa cooperation in poverty reduction", "Prospects and key issues of China-Africa cooperation on poverty reduction" and "Exploring mechanisms and pathways for China-Africa cooperation on sustainable development". On the afternoon of December 9, the conference participants visited villages neighboring Pretoria for South Africa's rural poverty reduction and development programs.



China's LGOP Vice Minister Hong Tianyun delivers opening remarks



South Africa's DRDLR Minister Gugile Nkwinti delivers opening remarks

The Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, the predecessor of this sub-forum, had been successfully held for 5 consecutive years since 2010, covering issues like poverty reduction experience of China and Africa, poverty reduction and agricultural development, poverty reduction and infrastructure as well as poverty reduction and Special Economic Zones. After 5 years' hard work of all parties, the conference has become a core platform for poverty reduction exchanges between China and Africa. In 2015, the Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference was incorporated in the framework of FOCAC. All this has provided further and effective support to the wide-ranging and practical cooperation on poverty reduction between China and Africa and demonstrated that both parties attach great importance to this cooperation. The FOCAC Sub-Forum - Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, an important step in implementing the Program for Strengthening Cooperation on China-Africa Poverty Reduction between the People's Republic of China and the African Union, receives staunch support from China, Africa as well as international organizations including the African Union and UNDP. The conference will continue to contribute to the exchanges and cooperations on poverty reduction and development between China and Africa.



## 03 The 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction was Launched in Vientiane



From July 28 to 29, 2015, the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction was launched in Vientiane, Laos. The forum was cosponsored by the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development of China (LGOP) and the Laotian National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, and co-organized by the International Poverty Reduction Center of China (IPRCC), the Planning and International Cooperation Department of the Laotian National Leading Committee, and the Finance Center for South-South Cooperation. This event also obtained vigorous support from the ASEAN Secretariat, Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and World Bank (WB). More than 150 people from China and ASEAN countries attended the forum, including government officials, experts and scholars as well as delegates from international organizations, NGOs, enterprises, and media outlets.



Mr. Bounheuang DOUANGPHACHAN, Chairman of the Laotian National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (first from the left), Mr. Hong Tianyun, Vice Minister of LGOP (second from the left), Mr. Guan Huabing (third from the left), Chinese Ambassador to Laos, and Ms. Alicia Dela Rosa Bala (fourth from the left), Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks.



The participants had discussions over a range of topics, including the financial policies of China and ASEAN countries, the role of government, private sectors and civil societies in improving financial services, and the new way of poverty reduction through financial innovation. On July 30, they also visited villages surrounding Vientiane to inspect Laos' rural financial programs.

The ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction is an established initiative between China and ASEAN countries, focusing exclusively on poverty reduction. It intends to provide a platform for policy makers, scholars, researchers and development practitioners to share information and exchange experiences. The first session was hosted in Nanning, China in late October 2007. As a key step in implementing the Action Plan of China-ASEAN Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership Geared to Peace and Prosperity (2011-2015), the forum has been supported by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance and international organizations such as the ASEAN Secretariat, ADB, UNDP and WB over the years.





## 04 “Eco-civilization and Open-ended Poverty Reduction” Sub-forum was Held in Guiyang



On June 27, 2015, the Sub-forum on “Eco-civilization and Open-ended Poverty Reduction” of the Eco Forum Global Annual Conference Guiyang 2015 was held in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. LGOP Minister Mr. Liu Yongfu and Secretary of Peking University Party Committee Mr. Zhu Shanlu attended the sub-forum and made important remarks. Deputy Secretary-general of Guizhou Provincial Party Committee Ms. Chen Yiqin addressed the sub-forum, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in China Mr. Alain Noudéhou read out the congratulatory message from UNDP Administrator Ms. Helen Clark and delivered a speech. Mr. Liu Yuankun, Deputy Governor of Guizhou Province, presided over the opening ceremony.



More than 200 guests were present at the opening ceremony of the sub-forum, including 46 mid- and high-level officials from South Sudan, Cameroon and Uganda, representatives from the Chinese government, institutions of higher education, scientific research institutes and social organizations, representatives of grassroots cadres from some cities and counties in Guizhou, as well as staff from several media outlets.

As one of the 31 sub-forums of the Eco Forum Global Annual Conference Guiyang 2015, the Sub-forum on Eco-civilization and Open-ended Poverty Reduction was also one of the three key sub-forums. It was hosted by LGOP, Peking University, and the People's Government of Guizhou Province, and organized by IPRCC, Institute on Poverty Research at Peking University, Institute of Sociology of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Guizhou Provincial Academy of



Social Sciences, Guizhou Provincial Poverty Alleviation Office, Guizhou Minzu University, China Merchants Charitable Foundation, People's Government of Qianxi'nan Prefecture, China News Service Guizhou Branch and People's Government of Puding County.

## 05 The 7<sup>th</sup> China-Africa High Level Experience Sharing Program Opened in Changsha

From November 11 to 17, 2015, the 7<sup>th</sup> China-Africa High Level Experience Sharing Program opened in Changsha, Hunan Province. The program was co-hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), LGOP, World Bank and China Development Bank (CDB), and co-organized by IPRCC, Department of Finance of Hunan Province, Department of Commerce of Hunan Province, and Department of Finance of Guangdong Province. Deputy Finance Minister of China Mr. Shi Yaowu, Deputy Governor of Hunan Province Mr. Zhang Jianfei, Vice President of World Bank Mr. Jan Walliser, LGOP Vice Minister Mr. Zheng Wenkai, Vice President of the Academy for International Business Officials under MOFCOM Mr. Zhu Liugui, CDB Executive Vice President Mr. Li Jiping, and Ms. Auxilliah Mnangagwa, a participant representative and Deputy Secretary General of Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) attended and addressed the opening ceremony.



The China-Africa High Level Experience Sharing Program has been successfully held for seven consecutive years since 2008, and it has become an important platform for exchanging ideas on development issues between China and Africa and for promoting South-South cooperation. Under the theme "On the Leading Role of Think Tanks in Sustainable Development", this year's program witnessed the participation of more than 100 people from various sides, including the high-level government officials and think tank experts from Egypt, Madagascar, Cameroon, Malawi, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tunisia and Zimbabwe, as well as representatives from the relevant Chinese state ministries, research institutes, and international organizations. The participants shared their thoughts on issues such as how to promote development-oriented financial knowledge leveraging, how to advance the sustained multi-lateral think tank cooperation platform in Africa, and how to strengthen South-South cooperation continuously. They also went on field trips to Beijing, Hunan and Guangdong.



The site of the program workshop



The participants visiting Guangdong Dongsheng Agricultural Group





The 3rd "ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program" was Kicked Off in Nanning

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From November 15 to 22, 2015, the 3<sup>rd</sup> "ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program", sponsored by IPRCC, organized by the Poverty Alleviation Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat, was kicked off in Nanning, Guangxi Province. This program is one of the activities aimed at implementing Prime Minister Li Keqiang's proposal at the 17th China-ASEAN Summit in 2013, and has become an annual mechanism.

Over 60 people attended the opening ceremony, including government officials, grassroots village leaders, scholars and experts from China and ASEAN countries, representatives from such international organizations as the ASEAN Secretariat, such enterprises as CITIC Construction Co., Ltd., China Radio International (CRI), China Poverty Alleviation magazine, and local media in Guangxi. The week-long exchange activity was intended to acquaint representatives from ASEAN countries with China's rural socioeconomic development status, particularly the useful practical experience of our village leaders in actual work, and to enhance the capacity building of their ASEAN counterparts through discussions, exchanges, and in-depth investigations into rural areas and communities. In addition, by means of interactive discussions and communications, villager leaders in both China and ASEAN countries can effectively share knowledge and make concerted efforts to poverty reduction cause.



Group photo of the participants



Group discussions by the participants



Presentation of discussion results

Mr. Jiang Jiabo (left), Head of the Poverty Alleviation Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Huang Chengwei (middle), IPRCC Deputy Director General, and Mr. Pheak Sotheam (right), Head of the Rural Economic Development Department of the Cambodian Ministry of Rural Development attended and addressed the opening ceremony.



An inspection visit to the Cultural Memorial Hall in Dingdian Tun, Dingjiang Village, Natong Town, Long'an County

During the event, the participants also made a field trip to Dingdian Tun, Dingjiang Village, Natong Town, Long'an County of Nanning to inspect the eco-agriculture and village tourism project sites, and lived and held talks with local farmers.





## 07 LGOP Minister Liu Yongfu Signed an MOU with DRDLR Minister Gugile Nkwinti



On October 17, 2015, Mr. Liu Yongfu, Minister of China's State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation

and Development (LGOP) met with a delegation headed by Mr. Gugile Nkwinti, Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) of South Africa. The two sides signed a MOU on poverty reduction exchange and cooperation. The main contents include conducting high-level reciprocal visits and policy dialogues in the field of poverty reduction, promoting poverty reduction knowledge sharing and staff exchange, enhancing poverty reduction capacity building, etc. Within the MOU framework, IPRCC Director General Mr. Zuo Changsheng and Mr. Gugile Nkwinti, on behalf of their respective organizations, inked a cooperation agreement on launching youth training programs and China-South Africa poverty reduction studies, and providing technical support to the National Rural Youth Service Corps (NARYSEC).



## Seminar on China-Tanzania Industrial Development and Poverty Reduction Cooperation Held in Dar-es-Salaam



From August 26 to 27, 2015, the Seminar on China-Tanzania Industrial Development and Poverty Reduction Cooperation was held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. Co-sponsored by IPRCC, China-Africa Development Fund (CAD Fund), the Planning Committee of Tanzanian President's Office, and Tanzania Investment Centre, this event was not only a trial to combine industrial cooperation with poverty reduction, but also a key move to implement the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the CAD Fund.

Under the theme of "Poverty Reduction through Industrial Development: Africa-China Cooperation", this seminar was addressed by Mr. Tang Yuan, Inspector of the Department of Industry & Transport, Research Office of the State Council, Mr. Tan Weiping, IPRCC Deputy Director General, Mr. Yang Aiwu, Vice President of the CAD Fund, Mr. Yao Hai, Director of the Cooperation and Communication Office of Shanghai Municipal People's Government, Mr. Zhang Biao, Charged official of the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania, Chairman of the China-Tanzania Business Council Mr. Ding Xian and Chairman of the Confederation of Tanzania Industries. More than 100 representatives from Chinese enterprises in Tanzania, Tanzania Investment Centre, Tanzania's Export Processing Zones Authority, Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority and domestic enterprises were present at the seminar.



## 09 Project Acceptance Meeting of the “Key Technology and Its Application in the Poverty Reduction Spatial Information System” was Held in Beijing



On November 19, 2015, the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP) organized the acceptance meeting of the project “Key Technology and Its Application in Poverty Reduction Spatial Information System” under the National Key Technology Support Program, and invited relevant experts to conduct financial and technical acceptance of five topics under this project. Over 50 leaders, experts and scholars from the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) as well as the member units of the various research groups. Mr. Hong Tianyun, Vice Minister of LGOP addressed the meeting. Mr. Li Chunguang, Director of LGOP’s International Cooperation and Social Mobilization Department presided over the event with the presence of Ms. Huang Yan, Deputy Head of LGOP’s Planning and Finance Department and IPRCC Deputy Director General Mr. Huang Chengwei.

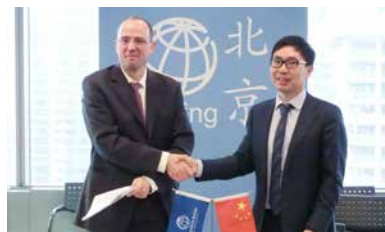




## The Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project under World Bank Loan Launched



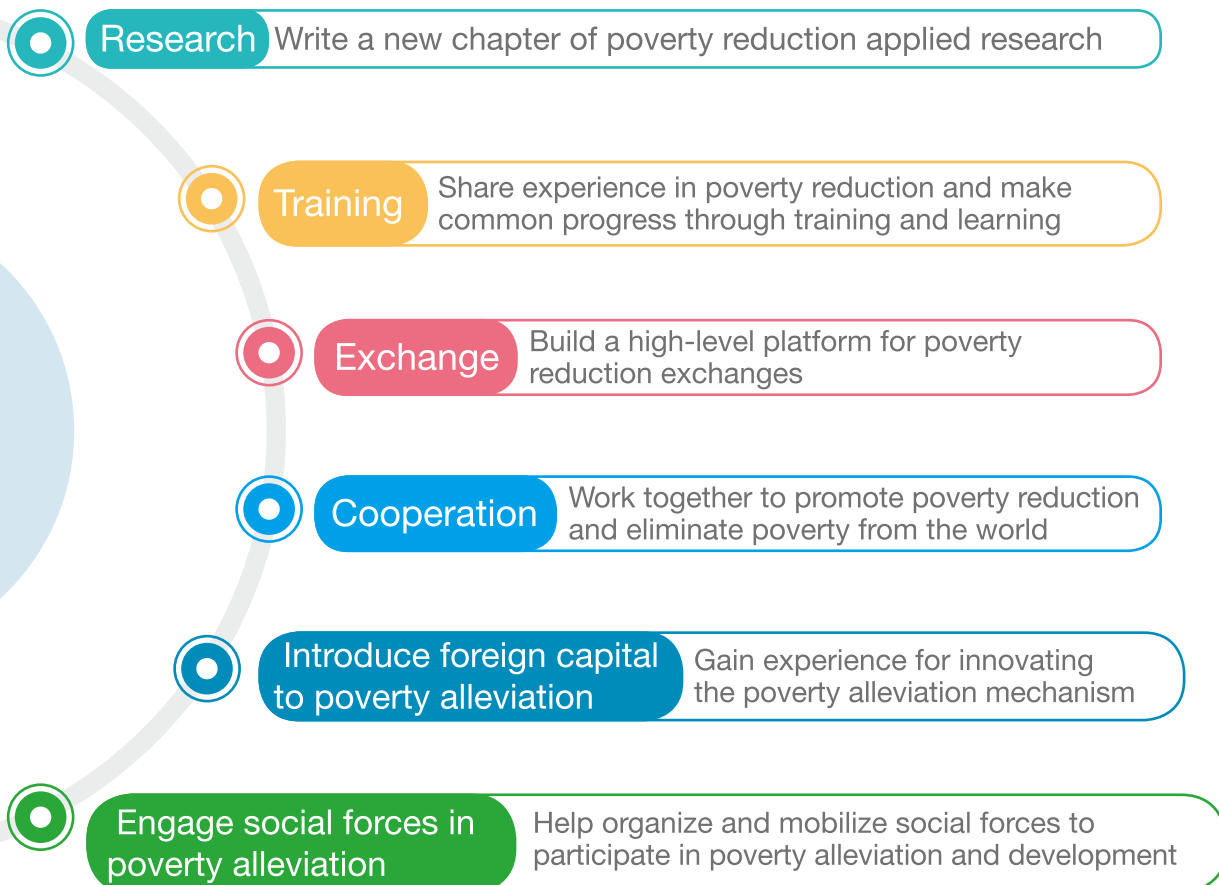
On May 13, 2015, the negotiations over the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project by World Bank Loan were successfully concluded at the World Bank's Beijing office. Those who joined the negotiations included representatives from the World Bank, Ministry of Finance, IPRCC, Development and Reform Commissions, Finance Departments and Project Offices in the three project provinces Sichuan, Guizhou and Gansu.



On September 28, 2015, the launching ceremony of the Industrial Poverty Alleviation Pilot Demonstration Project for Contiguous Poor Areas in China (i.e., the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank) was kicked off in Beijing. Mr. Hong Tianyun, Member of the Party Leadership Group and Vice Minister of LGOP gave a speech at the ceremony.



## Expansion of Activities



## 01 Research: Write a new chapter of poverty reduction applied research

IPRCC advanced the progress of various research projects (e.g., summarization of poverty reduction experience, analysis of poverty reduction strategies, comparison of poverty reduction modes), continuously refined the development and poverty reduction strategies, modes, results and experience of China and other countries, sorted out the findings of international poverty reduction theory research and policy analysis, and conducted comparative studies on the poverty reduction modes adopted by China and other major developing countries and regions. The main research projects in 2015 include: Study on China's Poverty Alleviation and Development Policies in the New Century, Study on the Withdrawal Mechanism of Poor Counties, Study on China's Foreign Exchange and Cooperation on Poverty Reduction under the Background of the Belt & Road Initiative, etc. In 2015, we edited and printed 18 issues of Brief on International Poverty Reduction Studies, 5 issues of Reference to Poverty Reduction Research, 36 issues of China and Foreign Poverty Reduction Briefing, 10 issues of Working Paper, and 10 issues of Research Report. Moreover, five books were published, including China Anti-poverty Development Report 2015,

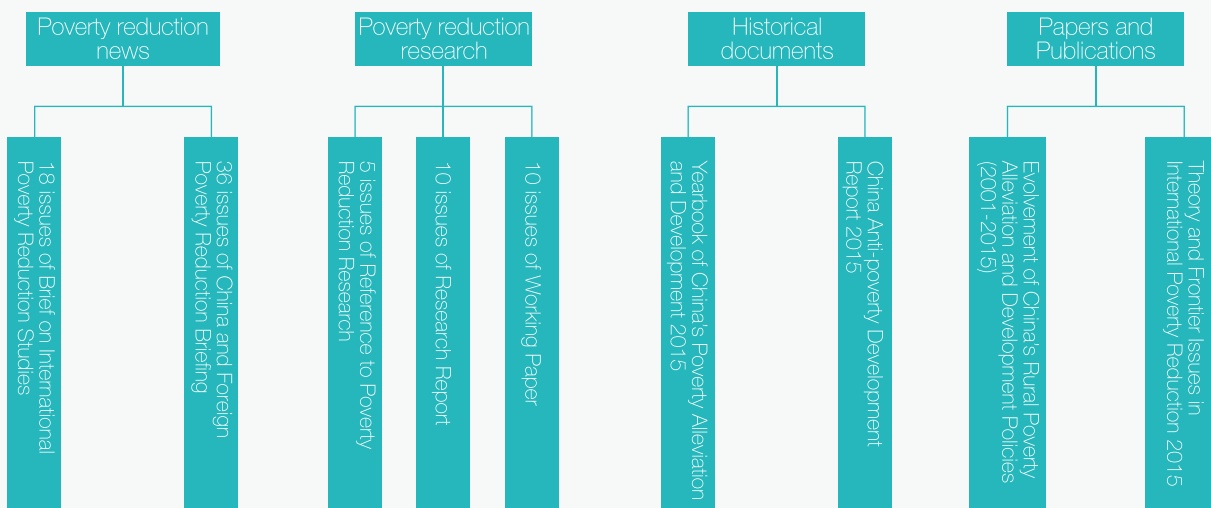


Evolution of China's Rural Poverty Alleviation and Development Policies (2001-2015), Theory and Frontier Issues in International Poverty Reduction 2015, and Yearbook of China's Poverty Alleviation and Development 2015 (Chinese and English versions).

### Research Projects in 2015

- Study on the Poverty Index System for Building a Moderately Prosperous Society in an All-round Way
- Analysis of the Poverty Status in Urban China
- Study on the Elderly Poverty Problem in Rural China
- Impact Assessment of Poverty Alleviation Projects

### Compiled and Printed Materials and Publications in 2015





## The "Key Technology and Its Application in the Poverty Reduction Spatial Information System" Project

The project "Key Technology and Its Application in Poverty Reduction Spatial Information System" under the National Key Technology Support Program completed acceptance, with research results demonstrated at the county, municipal, provincial and regional levels. Remote sensing and GIS technologies were first applied in China's poverty alleviation and development field, providing strong support for the accurate allocation of poverty resources at the macro level and the targeted poverty reduction at the micro level.



Main interface of the Spatial Information System for the Poverty Reduction and Development of Contiguous Poor Areas



The Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Demonstration and Application System of the Spatial Information System for Targeted Poverty Reduction

## Compiled the Yearbook of China's Poverty Alleviation and Development 2015

The Yearbook of China's Poverty Reduction and Development 2015 includes 285 paper contributions, about 800,000 characters and 171 pictures all together. It is a historical document which gives an overall account of China's poverty reduction and development cause, as well as an important platform which records the laws, regulations and vital documents regarding poverty reduction and development issued by the Party and the State and the annual progress in the field of poverty reduction and development, and releases authoritative information of the poverty reduction and development system in China.

## Published China Anti-poverty Development Report 2015

Around the theme of market players' participation in poverty alleviation, the report summarizes the practical experience of market players' engagement in poverty alleviation and development, explores ways for the market-oriented allocation of poverty-relief resources, analyzes the experience, problems, challenges and space for their involvement in poverty alleviation, and proposes channels for their contribution to innovations on the poverty reduction and development mechanism.

## Developed a Mobile Terminal Electronic Library

A mobile electronic information sharing platform was built to share the knowledge products. IPRCC developed a mobile terminal electronic library which contains a great number of achievements, e-book network and mobile phone platform. Previous publications were collected and imported to the mobile terminal platform and network for related staff to download and look up.



On October 17, 2015, the Conference on the "Release of Yearbook of China's Poverty Alleviation and Development 2015 and China Anti-poverty Development Report 2015" was hosted by IPRCC and co-organized by Wuhan University in Beijing. This event was attended by many experts on poverty alleviation and media representatives, and covered by Guangming Daily, xinhuanet.com, people.cn and other mainstream media.

## 02

## Training: Share experience in poverty reduction and make common progress through training and learning

In light of the training demand of the developing countries in the field of poverty reduction and development, with the purpose of improving the poverty reduction and development strategy and capability, and based on the sharing of China's poverty reduction policies and experience, IPRCC provides international poverty reduction training, which covers the theories, policy measures, research methodologies, and practical skills and experience in relation to poverty reduction and development. The forms of training include short-term training and long-term doctor's/master's degree education on international development. The short-term training is largely targeted at the government officials and project managers from the developing countries, including thematic lectures, country-specific presentations, case studies and field trips; the long-term doctor's/master's degree education program is mainly targeted at young scholars from the developing countries, and co-hosted by IPRCC and domestic scientific research and educational institutes. By the end of 2015, with the support of LGOP, MOFCOM, MOF, MOFA, WB and UNDP, IPRCC had successfully hosted 91 sessions of international poverty reduction seminars in total, providing training service to 2,208 participants from 104 countries around the world. Meanwhile, we also developed a series of international poverty reduction training materials, strengthened the construction of international poverty reduction training bases in Sichuan, Gansu, Hubei, Guangxi, Shanxi and Jiangxi provinces, and carried out training cooperation with Shandong, Jiangsu, Yunnan and Guizhou.



From November 11 to 17, 2015, the 7<sup>th</sup> China-Africa High Level Experience Sharing Program was opened in Changsha, Hunan Province. The program was co-hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), LGOP, World Bank and China Development Bank (CDB), and co-organized by IPRCC, Department of Finance of Hunan Province, Department of Commerce of Hunan Province, and Department of Finance of Guangdong Province.



From May 16 to 29, 2015, "From Policy to Practice: Seminar on Promoting Rural Enterprises Development for More Inclusive Growth" was co-hosted by IPRCC and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform of South Africa (DRDLR) in Beijing.



The participants of the 2015 "Seminar on Chinese Poverty Alleviation Work Experience for Lao Officials" inspected the pro-poor tourism project in Longsheng County, Guangxi Province.



The participants of the 2015 "Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for the English-speaking African Countries" inspected the Central Kindergarten in Huafeng Township, Yuanqu County, Shanxi Province.



The participants of the 2015 Seminar on Poverty Reduction Capacity Building for Malian Officials visited the eco-agriculture specialized cooperative in Longzhou County, Guangxi Province.



The participants of the 2015 Seminar on Inclusive Growth and Rural Sustainable Poverty Reduction in Asian Countries, sponsored by China's Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC, made a field trip to Maoping Town, Hubei Province.

## Participants' Comments



This seminar is of great practical significance, because it helped me develop a systematic understanding of poverty reduction and alleviation from theoretical knowledge, organizational management, development practice and other aspects. Moreover, I also learnt China's current poverty reduction situation through field trips. I've never attended such a meaningful seminar before.

—SOUBANH SENGSOULIVONG, Deputy Director of the Personnel and Administration Office of the National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication of Laos.

The courses were really wonderful. From them I learnt that the Chinese government and people are making concerted efforts to create a better country, and the Chinese government is indeed the people's government. The courses were well arranged and aligned with the inspection trip. Seeing is believing, thanks!

—NGONI MANYIKA, Policy Planning Director of the Social Security Department, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe



Hopefully, China can continue to help other developing countries, especially in training and funding, and IPRCC will continuously provide training for officials from African countries so that we can learn your experience.

—AMOS GATKEK LAM YUAL, Director of the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission



## 03 Exchange: Build a high-level platform for poverty reduction exchanges

Based on close cooperation with our BoT members, IPRCC actively interacted with other multilateral and bilateral poverty reduction and development organizations, with a growing partnership network, increasingly close work relations and ever-expanding new partnerships. An influential platform for international poverty reduction exchange took shape with initial brand effects. The year 2015 was another fruitful year for IPRCC, as it successfully held four brand exchange activities - the Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum, China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction, China-Africa Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, and "ASEAN + 3 Village Leaders Exchange Program". Thanks to those exchanges and seminars, Chinese poverty reduction had a greater influence in the world.

While actively building an international exchange and dialogue platform, IPRCC also paid attention to draw upon the best practices of other countries. By the end of 2015, IPRCC delegations had visited over 40 countries and been warmly received by state leaders of some of these countries. In addition, it had received over 100 visiting delegations, including more than 50 minister-level ones and high-ranking ones of international organizations.

### Institutionalized Exchange Platforms

#### • 10·17 Forum

The Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum is a premier event initiated by IPRCC for international exchange on poverty reduction. An annual event since 2007, it has been hosted for eight consecutive years and invited domestic and foreign government officials, representatives of international organizations, and world-renowned experts and scholars to discuss hot issues concerning poverty reduction and development.

10·17 Forum is one of serial events on the "Day of Poverty Reduction". The first session was held on October 17, 2014, with a view to promoting China's poverty reduction theoretical research, building China's poverty reduction think tanks, conducting international exchanges on poverty reduction and fostering the awareness of social poverty alleviation. Representatives from domestic government departments, academic institutions, social organizations, enterprises, media, international organizations and foreign institutions in China are invited to the event.

The Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum (international) and 10·17 Forum (domestic), the two brand events of IPRCC, complements and grows with each other.

#### • China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction

This event takes place in China or ASEAN countries in order to share their poverty reduction experience and promote intra-regional poverty reduction cooperation. Nine sessions were successfully held from 2007 to 2015.

### • FOCAC Sub-forum - Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference

The predecessor of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) is the Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference. This event takes place in China or African countries in order to share their poverty reduction experience and explore ways of cooperation. Five sessions were successfully held from 2010. In 2015, the Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference was officially upgraded as a FOCAC sub-forum.

### • ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program

As the first regional poverty reduction program at the grass-roots level, it focuses on village leaders - the leader and driver of rural community development, expands poverty reduction knowledge sharing to grassroots village leaders, and promotes rural community development in the region through capacity building activities for village leaders in ASEAN countries, China, Japan and ROK. This event has been held for three consecutive years since 2013. From 2015, it is one of the activities to implement Prime Minister Li Keqiang's proposal at the 17th China-ASEAN Summit in 2013, and has become an annual mechanism.



From April 22 to 26, 2015, an IPRCC delegation paid a visit to Laos. They held talks with the Laotian National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, Chinese Embassy in Laos and other institutions on the hosting of the 9th China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and inspected the project site.



On April 30, 2015, IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei met with a delegation headed by Mr. Zhang Qingfeng, Director of the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank.



On September 1, 2015, IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei met with a delegation headed by Ms. Agi Veres, Country Director of UNDP China.



On October 23, 2015, IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei met with a delegation headed by Mr. Maninder Gill, Director for the Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience (SURR) Global Practice at the World Bank.

## 04

## Cooperation: Work together to promote poverty reduction and eliminate poverty from the world

While conducting researches, promoting exchanges and organizing training, IPRCC has actively expanded its cooperative relations with Asian, African and Latin American countries. In Asia, it vigorously implemented the “East Asia Cooperation Initiative on Poverty Reduction” announced by Premier Li Keqiang at the 17th China-ASEAN Summit. Entrusted by the Ministry of Commerce, it carried out research work for establishing demonstration sites of poverty reduction cooperation in Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. In Africa, it signed bilateral cooperation agreements on poverty reduction with Mozambique, Mauritius and some other countries, a “MOU on Poverty Reduction and Social Development Cooperation in Africa” with China-Africa Development Fund, and relevant regional cooperation agreements with China Kingho and China-Africa Agricultural Investment Co., Ltd. Meanwhile, Tanzania was selected as a pilot country where a village-level poverty reduction learning center was established. It created a “four-in-one” poverty reduction mode comprising policy advice, joint study, capacity building and pilot demonstration, and actively carried out the follow-up activities of the Outline of China-African Union Poverty Reduction Cooperation. In Latin America, cooperation agreements were signed with Columbia, etc.

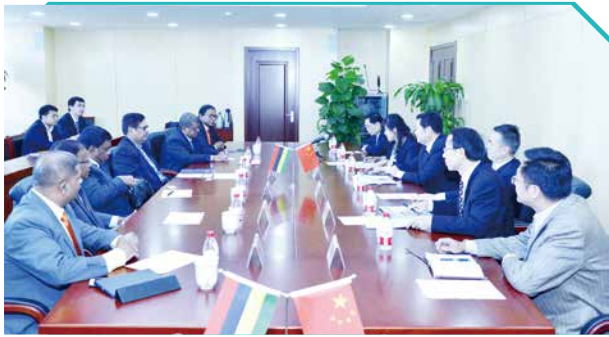


On January 28, 2015, IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng and President of China-Africa Development Fund (CAD Fund) Liu Hao signed the MOU on Poverty Reduction and Social Development Cooperation in Africa in Beijing. LGOP Minister Liu Yongfu, Vice Minister Zheng Wenkai, IPRCC Deputy Director General Tan Weiping, CAD Fund Chairman Chi Jianxin, etc. witnessed the signing ceremony.



On December 14, 2015, LGOP Vice Minister Hong Tianyun met with a delegation headed by Mr. Somsanith SOUVANNALATH, Vice Chairman of the Lao National Committee of Rural Development and Poverty Elimination.





On October 12, 2015, LGOP Vice Minister Hong Tianyun met with a delegation headed by Mr. Showkutally Soodhun, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Housing and Lands of the Republic of Mauritius. The two leaders jointly witnessed the signing of a MOU on Poverty Reduction Cooperation between IPRCC and the Mauritian Ministry of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment.

### Feasibility Studies on the China-East Asia Village Poverty Reduction Cooperation Demonstration Project



From June 28 to July 12 and July 26 to August 6, 2015, IPRCC successively organized experts to Cambodia for feasibility studies on the China-East Asia (Cambodia) Village Poverty Reduction Cooperation Demonstration Project.



From July 7 to 21 and August 4 to 15, 2015, IPRCC successively organized experts to Laos for feasibility studies on the China-East Asia (Laos) Village Poverty Reduction Cooperation Demonstration Project.



From July 10 to 24 and August 8 to 18, 2015, IPRCC successively organized experts to Myanmar for feasibility studies on the China-East Asia (Myanmar) Village Poverty Reduction Cooperation Demonstration Project.



## Introduce Foreign Capital to Poverty Alleviation

Foreign capital poverty alleviation projects are introduced and full-process project management is organized. In recent years, IPRCC has mainly worked with the World Bank, UNICEF, Bestseller Fund and used foreign loans and grants to carry out pilot demonstration projects in such fields as comprehensive poverty reduction, industrial poverty alleviation, children's poverty reduction and development in poverty-stricken areas of China in order to gain pilot experience for innovating the poverty alleviation mechanism. Thus far, the foreign capital poverty alleviation projects under construction led and implemented by IPRCC have used USD250 million of foreign loans and RMB42.43 million of grants.

### ■ The Sustainable Development Project for Poor Rural Areas in China (The Phase-V Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank)

The Sustainable Development Project for Poor Rural Areas in China is the fifth large and comprehensive poverty alleviation project co-launched by the Chinese government and the World Bank mainly in Henan, Chongqing and Shaanxi. It mainly covers community infrastructure and public services, farmers' income increase and capacity building, sustainable land use and adaptation to climate change subprojects (financed by the Global Environment Facility); project management, monitoring and evaluation. The total project investment is about RMB1.1 billion, of which USD100 million is offered by WB as loans and USD5 million by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as grants.

### ■ The Industrial Poverty Alleviation Pilot Demonstration Project for Contiguous Poor Areas in China (The Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank)

The Industrial Poverty Alleviation Pilot Demonstration Project for Contiguous Poor Areas in China is the sixth poverty alleviation project co-launched by the Chinese government and the World Bank mainly in Gansu, Sichuan and Guizhou. The main contents of this project are to improve public infrastructure, finance cooperative industrial development, conduct market research and building, product testing and authentication, develop planting and breeding insurance, carry out capacity building programs for cooperative managers and members, encourage agribusinesses to participate in the construction of the cooperative's whole industrial chain, studies on the mechanism of poverty alleviation through industrialization, experience promotion, as well as project management, monitoring and assessment based on the production value chain of farmers' specialized cooperatives. The total project investment is RMB1.8 billion, including USD150 million offered by WB as loans.



## ■ The Child Poverty Reduction and Comprehensive Development Project for Contiguous Poor Areas in China

The Child Poverty Reduction and Comprehensive Development Project for Contiguous Poor Areas in China is carried out by IPRCC in cooperation with Bestseller Fund and Bestseller Fashion Group (Tianjin) Co., Ltd. This project attracts a total investment of RMB250 million, with RMB42.43 million as grants and RMB210 million as supporting funds. This project is implemented in 8 districts and counties of Hubei Province, including Dawu, Luotian, Yungang, Baokang, Wufeng, Xuan'en, Yangxin and Tongshan.



On February 5, 2015, the Financial, Purchasing and Payment Training Session for the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank was held in Beijing.



On May 13, 2015, the negotiations over the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank were successfully concluded at the World Bank's Beijing Office.



On October 29, 2015, the 1st Inspection Summary Session of the WB's Industrial Poverty Alleviation Pilot Demonstration Project for Contiguous Poor Areas in China was held in Lanzhou, Gansu Province.



On November 6, 2015, the World Bank sent a new project working group to hold a seminar on the WB's new loan policy with IPRCC in Beijing.



## Engage social forces in poverty alleviation

Based on the overall situation of poverty alleviation and development, the key tasks of social poverty alleviation and the unified deployment of LGOP, IPRCC has actively and creatively assisted organizations and engaged social forces in poverty alleviation and development to improve the grand pattern of poverty alleviation jointly advanced by the government, the market and the society. The major tasks include: helping with the establishment of the China Poverty Alleviation Voluntary Service Promotion Association and the organization of relevant activities; organizing research on relevant social poverty alleviation theories and summary of cases; monitoring and evaluating key social poverty alleviation programs; organizing activities and forums related to social poverty alleviation; participating in and providing support for key social poverty alleviation programs; building a poverty reduction sharing platform with IT and the Internet; and organizing the poverty reduction sub-forum of the Eco Forum Global Annual Conference.

It has made efforts to collect the basic data of poverty-stricken regions and build a thematic database to better serve China's poverty reduction and development cause; develop a mobile terminal electronic library and an electronic information sharing platform; strengthen South-South knowledge sharing capacity building, and set up a South-South cooperation website to promote more effective South-South learning and cooperation via website exchange and knowledge sharing.

### ■ Development of poverty reduction products — Collected the basic data of poverty-stricken regions to better serve China's poverty reduction and development cause

In order to meet the needs of poverty alleviation organizations at various levels for basic data of poverty-stricken regions, better arrange and timely share basic data as inputs for relevant studies and decision-making, IPRCC has carried out the "IPRCC Poverty Reduction Database Building Program", cooperating with Sichuan Agricultural University to collect basic data of poverty-stricken regions, conduct continuous data monitoring to build a thematic database, better serve China's poverty reduction and development cause and establish a knowledge sharing network.



On November 15, 2015, IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei led a delegation to Sichuan Agricultural University to attend the "IPRCC's Data Collection and Analysis Project - Seminar on the Function Transformation and Team Building of Poverty Alleviation Institutions from the Perspective of Targeted Poverty Alleviation" held by the Sichuan Targeted Poverty Alleviation Innovation Team under the Southwest China Research Center for Poverty Alleviation and Development at that university.

### Strengthened South-South knowledge sharing capacity building

IPRCC has applied for and implemented an IDF program, with the purpose of improving the professional competence of its staff in poverty reduction and South-South cooperation, developing case products for Chinese enterprises in Africa and a training manual on "best practices" of China's international development efforts abroad, and promoting more effective South-South learning and cooperation via website exchange and knowledge sharing. In 2015, milestones were achieved in case study, capacity building and knowledge sharing website construction under the IDF program.



### Built an online poverty reduction sharing platform

IPRCC has gradually enhanced the building of its Chinese and English websites to provide all kinds of information services, including latest news, work forecast, activity participation, data query and download to poverty reduction and development agencies both at home and abroad; continuously collected poverty reduction materials and research achievements and provided resources and information in poverty reduction and development as references and basis for researchers and policymakers; synchronously shared major events and important training information with the world via the online live video and video conference system so as to expand its service network.



# Organizational Development



In 2015, IPRCC constantly strengthened institutional building and talent training to improve team capability. It held seven staff learning and exchange activities, sent 30 members to make field trips to poor areas, and 4 members to join the World Bank's inspection and business training activities. In addition, it organized staff to attend the "Fraternal Cooperation Class", lectures and reports on frontier issues in international poverty reduction, and the exchange and learning activities; and encouraged and supported staff to keep their jobs while studying to get a degree. At present, there are 11 doctoral and master candidates. Through capacity building activities, staff quality and team capability have been further improved.

## Team Activities



On May 7, 2015, IPRCC hosted a speaking competition with the theme of "Growing with IPRCC" on the occasion of the May Fourth Youth Day.



On June 29, 2015, IPRCC staff joined the LGOP delegation and won the 2nd prize at the 4th Workers' Sports Meeting of the Central State Organs and the 9th Edition of the People's Radio Calisthenics.



On July 30, 2015, IPRCC organized a seminar on "Three Stricts and Three Steadies".



## ■ Learning and Exchange Activities



To enhance the capacity building of its staff, IPRCC held seven learning and exchange activities in 2015.



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- January 19 to 20** —The Annual Conference of the Phase-V Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank (the Sustainable Development Project for Poor Rural Areas in China) was held in Beijing.
- January 28** —LGOP Minister Liu Yongfu attended the signing ceremony of the MOU on Poverty Reduction and Social Development Cooperation in Africa between IPRCC and China-Africa Development Fund.
- February 26** —The Social Partnership Division was set up at IPRCC.
- March 16 to 20** —A IPRCC and World Bank delegation made a trip to Chongqing to carry out the 10th inspection of the Phase-V Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank, and convened a project wrap-up meeting.
- April 20** —The Project Proposal Meeting on "Strengthening the Cooperation between Government and Social Organizations in Rural Poverty Reduction", an ADB's technical assistance project undertaken by IPRCC, was held in Beijing.
- April 24** —The Foreign Capital Utilization Division was set up at IPRCC.
- May 7 to 21** —The "2015 Seminar on MDGs and Sustainable Poverty Reduction for the English-speaking African Countries" was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.
- May 12 to 26** —The "2015 Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for the English-speaking African Countries" was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.
- May 13** —The negotiations over the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank were successfully concluded at the World Bank's Beijing Office.
- May 16 to 29, 2015** —"From Policy to Practice: Seminar on Promoting Rural Enterprises Development for More Inclusive Growth" was co-hosted by IPRCC and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform of South Africa (DRDLR) in Beijing.
- May 19 to June 2** —The "2015 Seminar on the Formulation and Implementation of Development and Poverty Reduction Policies for Officials from Francophone Africa" was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.
- June 3 to 17** —The "2015 Seminar on Development-oriented Poverty Alleviation Policy and Practice for Officials from Francophone Africa" was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.
- June 4 to 18** —The "2015 Seminar on Integrated Rural and Urban Development and Poverty Reduction for Asian Countries" was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.

④ **June 9 to 10** —The exchange meeting on the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank was held in Guiyang.

④ **June 18 to 19** —The manuscript examination meeting on the Yearbook of China's Poverty Alleviation and Development 2015 was organized by IPRCC in Guangzhou.

④ **June 23** —IPRCC's application for implementing the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank was approved by the World Bank Board of Executive Directors.

④ **June 24 to July 8** —The "2015 Seminar on Public Service and Poverty Reduction for the English-speaking African Countries" was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.

④ **June 24 to July 8** —The "2015 Seminar on the Improvement of Targeted Poverty Alleviation Mechanism and Integrated Poverty Reduction for the English-speaking African Countries" was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.

④ **June 25 to 26** —The Working Conference on Foreign Capital Poverty Alleviation was held in Beijing.

④ **June 27** —The Sub-forum on "Eco-civilization and Open-ended Poverty Reduction" of the Eco Forum Global Annual Conference Guiyang 2015 was opened in Guiyang. LGOP Minister Liu Yongfu addressed the opening ceremony.

④ **July 2 to 22** —The "2015 Seminar on Poverty Reduction Capacity Building for Malian Officials" was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.

④ **July 7 to 21** —The "2015 Seminar on Economic and Social Governance and Integrated Poverty Reduction for the English-speaking African Countries" was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.

④ **July 14 to 15** —IPRCC organized the staff from project offices of the provinces, cities and counties involved in the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank to learn and exchange experience in industrial development and cooperative construction

under the project "Community Development in Poor Mountainous Areas".

④ **July 24** —The Phase-I field survey for feasibility studies on the China-East Asia Village Poverty Reduction Cooperation Demonstration Project (Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia) was completed. It is a project undertaken by IPRCC as entrusted by the Department of Foreign Aid of the Ministry of Commerce.

④ **July 28 to 30** —The 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction was launched in Vientiane, Laos. The forum was cosponsored by LGOP and the Laotian National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, and co-organized by IPRCC, the Planning and International Cooperation Department of the Laotian National Leading Committee, and the Finance Center for South-South Cooperation.

④ **July 29** —The acceptance meeting of the project "The Technology and Pilot Application of Optimal Allocation of Poverty Alleviation and Development Resources" was held in Beijing. It is a project undertaken by IPRCC under the National Key Technology Support Program.

④ **August 16 to 29** —The second session of "From Policy to Practice: Seminar on Promoting Rural Enterprises Development for More Inclusive Growth" was co-hosted by IPRCC and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform of South Africa (DRDLR) in Beijing.

④ **August 18** —All field survey for feasibility studies on the China-East Asia Village Poverty Reduction Cooperation Demonstration Project was completed. It is a project undertaken by IPRCC as entrusted by the Department of Foreign Aid of the Ministry of Commerce.

④ **August 21 to 29** —IPRCC Deputy Director General Tan Weiping led a delegation to South Africa and Tanzania to attend the "2015 Annual Meeting of CAD Fund Investment Enterprises (Manufacturing)", and hosted the Seminar on China-Tanzania Industrial Cooperation and Poverty Reduction in Tanzania.

④ **August 25** —The Seminar on Child Poverty Reduction and Development was co-hosted by UNICEF and IPRCC in Wuhan, Hubei Province.

- ④ **August 26 to 31** —IPRCC held an meeting for sharing experience in feasibility studies on the China-East Asia Village Poverty Reduction Cooperation Demonstration Project.
- ④ **August 27 to September 10** —The “2015 Seminar on Community Governance and Integrated Poverty Reduction for the English-speaking African Countries” was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.
- ④ **September 8** —The feasibility studies on the China-East Asia Village Poverty Reduction Cooperation Demonstration Project were completed and outcome documents were submitted. It is a project undertaken by IPRCC as entrusted by the Department of Foreign Aid of the Ministry of Commerce.
- ④ **September 10 to 30** —The “2015 Seminar on Chinese Poverty Alleviation Work Experience for Lao Officials” was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.
- ④ **September 12 to 26** —The “2015 Seminar on Inclusive Growth and Rural Sustainable Poverty Reduction in Asian Countries” was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.
- ④ **September 28** —The launching ceremony of the Industrial Poverty Alleviation Pilot Demonstration Project for Contiguous Poor Areas in China (the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank) was kicked off in Beijing.
- ④ **September 29** —The exchange meeting between the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine was held in Beijing to support the export of agricultural products in poverty-stricken areas.
- ④ **October 12** — LGOP Vice Minister Hong Tianyun met with a delegation headed by Mr. Showkutally Soodhun, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Housing and Lands of the Republic of Mauritius. The two leaders jointly witnessed the signing of a MOU on Poverty Reduction Cooperation between IPRCC and the Mauritian Ministry of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment.
- ④ **October 14** —LGOP Minister Liu Yongfu met with a delegation headed by Ms. Delma Thomas, Minister for Housing and Community Development of Grenada who came to China to attend the 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum in Beijing.
- ④ **October 14 to 17** —At the invitation of IPRCC, Mr. Manuel Fernandez Ariza, a representative and Chief Adviser of Department for Social Prosperity, Colombia attended the 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum in China and addressed the High-level Conference on International Development Agenda and Targeted Poverty Reduction.
- ④ **October 14 to 28** —The “2015 Seminar on Narrowing Income Gap and Poverty Reduction for the English-speaking African Countries” was hosted by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.
- ④ **October 16** —The LGOP-sponsored 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum was held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the Forum and delivered a keynote speech titled “Common Development through Joint Efforts on Poverty Eradication”. In the afternoon, LGOP and the UN System in China co-hosted the High-level Conference on International Development Agenda and Targeted Poverty Reduction. LGOP Minister Liu Yongfu gave a speech and Vice Minister Hong Tianyun delivered closing remarks at the Conference. Meanwhile, seven parallel forums were hosted, covering social poverty alleviation, e-commerce-based poverty alleviation, finance-driven poverty alleviation, industry-led poverty alleviation, youth-led poverty alleviation, rural development, and poverty alleviation for the disabled.
- ④ **October 16 to 22** —At the invitation of IPRCC, Ms. Elsa Roia Alfai, National Director of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Action of Mozambique led a delegation to China to attend the 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum. The delegation held talks with IPRCC and other institutions in Beijing, and made a field trip to Yunnan Province.
- ④ **October 17** —LGOP Minister Liu Yongfu met with a delegation headed by Mr. Gugile Nkwinti, Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) of South Africa. The two sides signed a MOU on poverty reduction exchange and cooperation. Within the MOU framework, IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng



and Mr. Gugile Nkwinti then inked a cooperation agreement on behalf of their respective organizations.

**October 17** —The Conference on the Release of Yearbook of China's Poverty Alleviation and Development 2015 and China Anti-poverty Development Report 2015 was hosted by IPRCC and co-organized by Wuhan University in Beijing.

**October 22** —IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei met with an IFAD expert panel for China-specific strategic planning consultation.

**October 23** —IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei met with a delegation headed by Mr. Maninder Gill, Director for the Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience (SURR) Global Practice at the World Bank.

**October 24 to November 6** —The third session of "From Policy to Practice: Seminar on Promoting Rural Enterprises Development for More Inclusive Growth" was co-hosted by IPRCC and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform of South Africa (DRDLR) in Beijing.

**October 26 to 29** —The 1<sup>st</sup> Inspection Team of the Industrial Poverty Alleviation Pilot Demonstration Project for Contiguous Poor Areas in China (the Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank) made a field trip to Gansu Province.

**November 3** —IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei met with a delegation headed by Mr. Bassam Ramadan, Social Development Director of the World Bank in the Asian-Pacific Region.

**November 6** —The World Bank sent a new project working group to hold a seminar on the WB's new loan policy with IPRCC in Beijing.

**November 11 to 17** —The 7<sup>th</sup> China-Africa High Level Experience Sharing Program was opened in Changsha, Hunan Province. The program was co-hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), LGOP, World Bank and China Development Bank (CDB), and co-organized by IPRCC, Department of Finance of Hunan Province, Department of Commerce of Hunan Province, and Department of Finance of Guangdong Province.

**November 15** —IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei led a delegation to Sichuan

Agricultural University to attend the "IPRCC's Data Collection and Analysis Project - Seminar on the Function Transformation and Team Building of Poverty Alleviation Institutions from the Perspective of Targeted Poverty Alleviation" held by the Sichuan Targeted Poverty Alleviation Innovation Team under the Southwest China Research Center for Poverty Alleviation and Development at that university.

**November 15 to 22** —The 3<sup>rd</sup> "ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program", sponsored by IPRCC, organized by the Poverty Alleviation Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat, was kicked off in Nanning, Guangxi Province.

**November 19** —The acceptance meeting of the project "Key Technology and Its Application in Poverty Reduction Spatial Information System" under the National Key Technology Support Program and undertaken by IPRCC was held in Beijing.

**December 8 to 9** —The Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, a new sub-forum of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) was successfully opened in Johannesburg, South Africa. The sub-forum was jointly hosted by LGOP and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform of South Africa (DRDLR), and co-organized by IPRCC and the Finance Center for South-South Cooperation (FCSSC).

**December 9** —At the invitation of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei attended and addressed the First Ministerial Meeting of China-CELAC Forum.

**December 12 to 13** —The "Workshop on Targeted Poverty Alleviation and Social Evaluation from the Perspective of Social Differentiation" was co-hosted by Central China Normal University and IPRCC in Wuhan, Hubei Province.

**December 14** —LGOP Vice Minister Hong Tianyun met with a delegation headed by Mr. Somsanith SOUVANNALATH, Vice Chairman of the Lao National Committee of Rural Development and Poverty Elimination.

