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Project Title

Pathways to Sustainable Urbanization in Emerging Economy

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Abstract

More than 50% of the world's population now lives in cities and that figure is set to rise to 75% by 2050. Global urbanization has long since shifted to developing countries and emerging economies. In order to make urbanization beneficial, policy making must reconcile the objectives of economic efficiency with social inclusion and environmental sustainability. This one-day workshop to be held in spring 2014 aims to explore the pathways and pattern of urbanization in China and other emerging economies from a sustainable development perspective. The invited speakers are distinguished senior scholars in different disciplines from the US, UK, and China. They will discuss environmental and energy issues associated with city development, such as climate change, air pollution, water quality, and energy consumption. The discussion will focus on city development strategies, evaluation of policy responses, best practice, and driving forces affecting these issues in emerging economies.

