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BEIJING, Sept. 19 (Xinhua) -- China will upgrade the "15-minute community life circles" to provide easier access to essential services for urban residents, according to a notice released jointly by the commerce ministry and eight other government departments on Friday.

By 2030, the government plans to create 10,000 convenient "life circles," ensuring residents can access community services, including childcare and elderly care, cultural and sports facilities, and healthcare centers, within a 15-minute walk from their homes.

Over the next five years, 100 pilot cities will be selected to expand the coverage of these "life circles," targeting both central urban districts and eligible counties, according to the notice.

Priority will be given to ensuring the supply of essential services, including breakfast outlets, wet markets and repair services. Elderly care will be mandatory in such communities, and there will be more public childcare facilities.

Efforts will also focus on promoting a diverse mix of businesses such as specialty restaurants, news-style bookstores and pet shops, and encouraging the sharing economy through initiatives like shared living rooms, study spaces and toolboxes, the notice stated.

The government will strengthen policy support by providing at least 30 square meters of community service facilities per 100 households. Essential stores will be integrated into emergency supply systems, while smart parcel lockers and express delivery terminals will be included into public service infrastructure planning.

Localities are encouraged to support low-profit and public-interest businesses such as community canteens and small repair shops through ways like rent reductions. Financial subsidies will also go to the renovation of community commercial centers and wet markets, according to the notice.

China built a total of 4,335 "15-minute community life circles" by 2024, benefiting 107 million people, according to official data released earlier this year.

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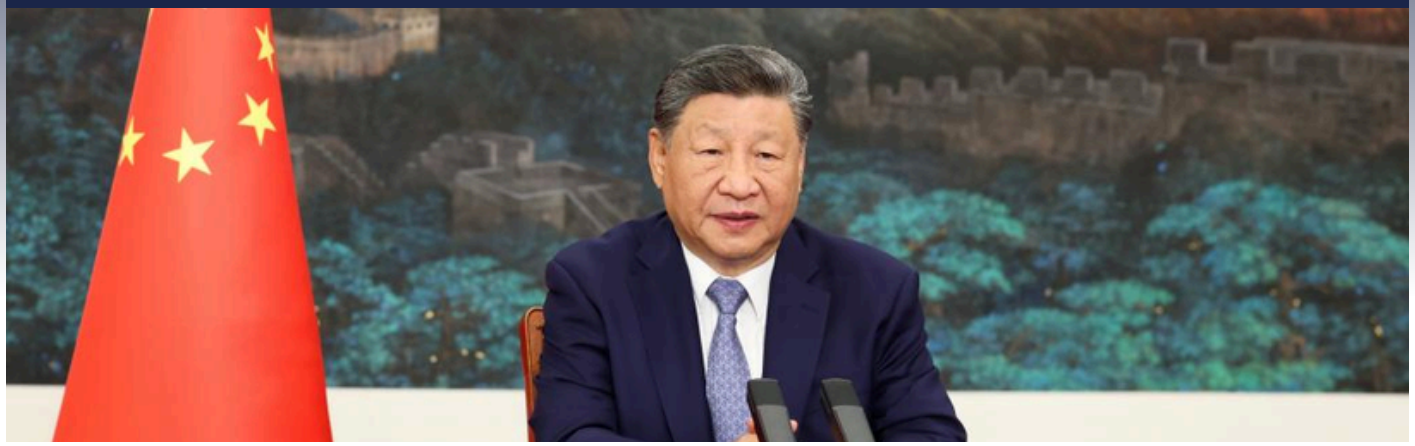
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Xi announces China's 2035 Nationally Determined Contributions to beef up climate response



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a video speech to the United Nations Climate Summit 2025 held in New York on Sept. 24, 2025. (Xinhua/Huang Jingwen)

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered video remarks to the United Nations Climate Summit held in New York on Wednesday local time.

Noting that this year marks the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement, a pivotal year for countries to submit their new Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and global climate governance is entering a key stage, he made the following three proposals.

First, Xi said it is important to firm up confidence. "Green and low-carbon transition is the trend of the time. While some country is acting against it, the international community should stay focused on the right direction, remain unwavering in confidence, unremitting in actions and unrelenting in intensity, and push for formulation and delivery on NDCs, with a view to providing more positive energy to the cooperation on global climate governance," he said.

Second, Xi called for living up to responsibilities. "Fairness and equity should be upheld and the right to development of developing countries fully respected," he said. The global green transition should serve to narrow rather than widen the North-South gap. Countries need to honor the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, whereby developed countries should take the lead in fulfilling emission reduction obligations and provide more financial and technological support to developing countries, he added.

Third, Xi stressed the importance of deepening cooperation, adding that international coordination in green technologies and industries should be strengthened to address the shortfall in green production capacity and ensure free flow of quality green products globally, so that the benefits of green development can reach all corners of the world.

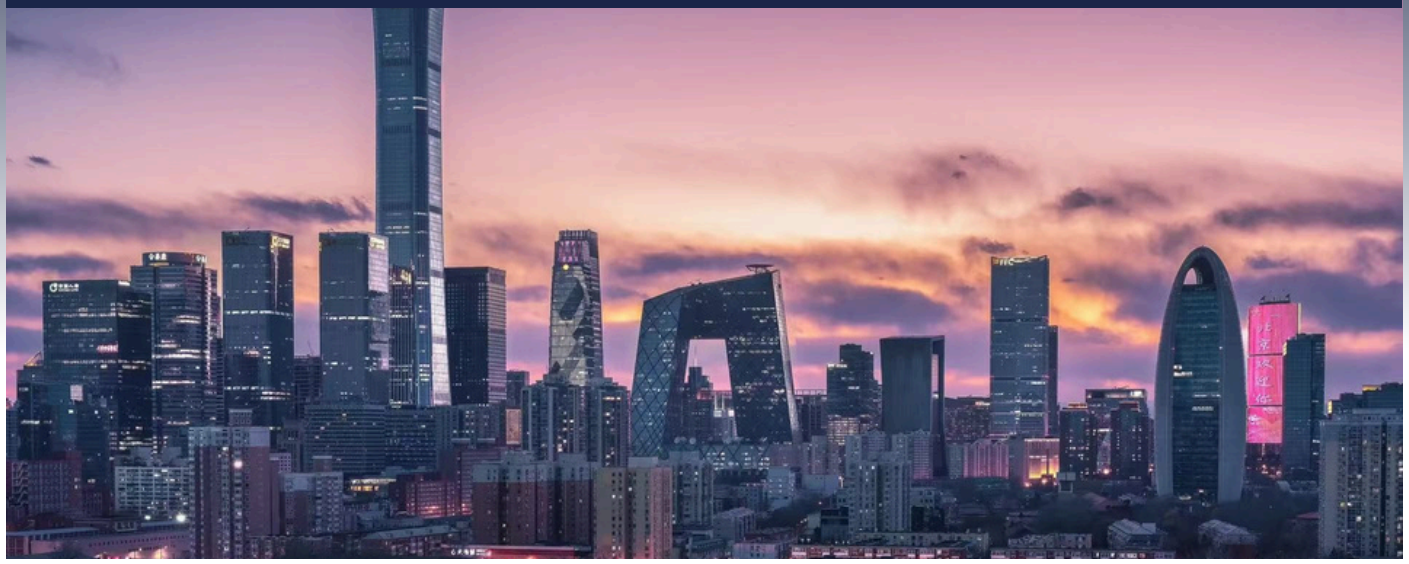
Xi announced China's new NDCs as follows: China will, by 2035, reduce economy-wide net greenhouse gas emissions by 7 percent to 10 percent from peak levels, striving to do better; increase the share of non-fossil fuels in total energy consumption to over 30 percent; expand the installed capacity of wind and solar power to over six times the 2020 levels, striving to bring the total to 3,600 gigawatts; scale up the total forest stock volume to over 24 billion cubic meters; make new energy vehicles the mainstream in the sales of new vehicles; expand the National Carbon Emissions Trading Market to cover major high-emission sectors; and basically establish a climate adaptive society.

He stressed that these targets represent China's best efforts based on the requirements of the Paris Agreement, and meeting these targets requires both painstaking efforts by China itself and a supportive and open international environment, and China has the resolve and confidence to deliver on its commitments.

Climate response is an urgent yet long-term task, Xi said, calling on all parties to step up actions to realize the beautiful vision of harmony between man and nature, and preserve planet Earth, the place called home.

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CANGO Drives Chinese CSOs' Global Engagement Through Thematic Events

The China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) has recently hosted a series of events to support Chinese Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in deepening global collaboration and enhancing professional capabilities.



Conference photo

On August 28, 2025, CANGO co-hosted a "Gender Inclusion in Climate Action" seminar in Beijing. Over 50 representatives from various sectors discussed how gender equality intersects with climate governance, with keynotes on China's "Women and Environment" progress, global governance challenges, and the release of the China Cases of Climate Action and Gender Equality report.



Workshop Discussion Moments

On August 29, CANGO held a Beijing seminar titled "Empowerment, Connection, Voice: Building a New Ecosystem for International Collaboration Among Climate Actors". Experts analyzed China's carbon neutrality path and global trends, while guiding CSOs on applying for UNFCCC observer status to amplify their global influence.



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Visit Qingdao Resilience Community

From September 17 to 18, CANGO co-hosted a "Capacity-Building Workshop for Social Organizations on Climate Change" in Qingdao. CSOs explored community-focused climate projects (such as low-carbon lifestyle promotion and youth climate education) and received training on climate advocacy tools to connect local practices with national climate goals.



Workshop sharing and communication

These events collectively strengthened CSOs' roles in tackling global challenges like climate change via knowledge sharing and cross-sector collaboration.

“Technology for Good: Driving Social Impact” | Researcher Open Day Successfully Held in Shenzhen

From September 23 to 26, 2025, the Researcher Open Day was successfully held in Shenzhen, co-hosted by the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) and Tencent Group. The event brought together 52 researchers from China, India, Singapore, the UK, Spain, and other countries, fostering meaningful exchange and collaboration around topics such as digital technology, internet philanthropy, and AI ethics.



At the opening session, Wang Xiangyi, Vice Chair and Secretary General of CANGO, Zhang Jun, General Manager of Tencent’s Marketing and PR Department, and Verity Thoi, Project Representative from the National University of Singapore’s Centre for Sustainable Development and Governance, delivered welcome remarks. They emphasized the value of the event as a platform for strengthening global dialogue and cooperation.



During the exhibition tour, participants gained insights into Tencent's latest initiatives in artificial intelligence, digital philanthropy, and corporate social responsibility. Various Tencent business teams presented the development trends of AI and showcased concrete practices in areas such as functional games, youth online protection, and data privacy, illustrating the company's multidimensional approach to "Technology for Good." Researchers from diverse fields and regions also shared their own findings and perspectives, engaging in in-depth discussions with Tencent teams and industry experts.



A closed-door roundtable added a more informal setting for exchange, allowing participants to connect research agendas, compare methods and explore potential collaborations. In a relaxed setting, participants connected research interests, exchanged methodologies, and explored collaboration ideas. The discussions also deepened their understanding of CANGO's work and the project's progress, paving the way for future joint research and cross-sector cooperation.