

## Seminar on Protection and Management of National Natural Heritage Sites for Officials from Belt and Road Initiative Countries

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Organizer	National Academy of Forestry and Grassland Administration (NAFGA)		
Date	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022	Language	English
Invited Countries	The Belt and Road Initiative Countries	Number of Participants	25
Objectives	The Seminar is intended to (1) introduce the latest global trends on the topic of natural heritage protection; (2) share China's related actions, practices and experiences on the protection and management; (3) share actions, experiences and challenges among participating countries on this topic; (4) establish international communication network on natural resources protection.		
Qualifications for Participation	Professional Background	<p>--Field or major: natural resource management, protection and management on natural protected areas, natural heritage management, ecological civilization management, environment management and other backgrounds related to the Seminar topic.</p> <p>--Occupation: natural resource management, protection and management on natural protected areas, natural heritage management, ecological civilization management, environment management and other work related to the Seminar topic.</p> <p>--Level, education or other qualifications: officials of at or below the level of Director General and Division Director; Researchers</p> <p>--Work experience: no requirements</p> <p>--Others: None</p>	
	Language Proficiency	Fluent in English (speaking, writing, listening and reading)	
	Others	<p>Participants should prepare necessary equipment and devices for online courses.</p> <p>The Organizer will provide guidance and technical assistance remotely regarding how to register and use the online platforms.</p>	
Training Content	<p>The Seminar will be held online and adopt a combination of lectures, case studies, and group discussion. The tentative lectures include: Brief introduction to China and its efforts to fight against COVID-19, China ecological civilization construction, China's Belt and Road Initiative and green silk road construction, General introduction to the protection and management of world natural</p>		

	<p>heritage, Interpretation to <i>World Heritage Convention</i>, Declaration for world natural heritage, China’s management methods and development history on national natural heritage, Interpretation to <i>Protection, Management and Planning to World Natural Heritage</i>, Project approval and supervision on world heritage sites, the protection of natural heritage and development of tourism, Co-management with community on natural heritage sites, the construction on China’s natural protected area system, the environment evaluation on the construction of natural heritage sites, Experiences sharing of Yellow Mountain on world cultural and natural heritage and so on.</p> <p>The seminar will arrange the sections of country reports and discussions and the participants are advised to prepare materials in advance. In the section of <b>country reports</b>, the tentative outline for sharing is as follows: general introduction to the participating country such as geography, culture, society, etc.; introduction to the protection and management on natural heritage in the participating country.</p> <p>In the section of discussions, there are different topics. For the topic of <b>exploring bilateral and multilateral cooperation</b>, we will set up a discussion session between National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China (highest forestry authorities in China) and the participating countries. Participants are advised to know the current situation and challenges of natural heritage situation and think about the possibility of expanding cooperation. The Seminar will also <b>collect training needs</b> to make the next training more targeted and effective.</p>
Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Due to Covid-19, the Seminar will be held online. When the pandemic is over, seminars will be resumed on the ground. Participants who receive the Certificate of Completion will be given priority to be invited to China when seminars on the ground are organized.</li> <li>2. Participants should be punctual. The Certificate of Completion will be issued to those who meet all the requirements including good attendance records (at least 80%).</li> <li>3. The training program will be held online which requires participants to prepare necessary equipment and devices such as internet connection, laptop or computer with microphone and camera or a smartphone, etc.</li> <li>4. Participants enter the virtual classroom in advance with the screen name “NAME + COUNTRY” identical to the passport or ID card information.</li> <li>5. Course materials will be shared to participants after class with the consent of teachers, which shall not be posted via social media.</li> <li>6. Participants should prepare for discussion session(s) as scheduled.</li> <li>7. As for the software, we are considering Zoom for training and WeChat or Whatsapp for daily communication. We will decide and provide assistance in installing and using the software applications.</li> </ol>

<p>About the Organizer</p>	<p>National Academy of Forestry and Grassland Administration (NAFGA) (the former State Academy of Forestry Administration, STAFA), established in 1983, is a training institution under the National Forestry and Grassland Administration. It provides training opportunities for civil servants and other employees of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, leaders from the counties where the key forestry programs are implemented, local forestry leaders and technicians, leaders of large and medium-sized forest enterprises, international trainees and key foresters. The Party School and Adult Education Research Center of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration as well as China Forestry Education &amp; Training Website are stationed in the Academy. NAFGA has achieved ISO9000 quality management system certificate issued by certification and accreditation administration of PRC. And the quality system is applied on all training courses or workshops hosted or sponsored by the academy. NAFGA enjoys the reputation of pioneer in training for civil servants and quality management for forestry industry. NAFGA campus covers over 5 hectares of land with building area of 40,000 square meters. The Academy boasts a main teaching building, a building for international training, an apartment building for trainees, a restaurant, a library, a sports ground, a cultural entertainment center and other facilities, which can accommodate 2,000 people at the same time.</p> <p>Sponsored by Chinese government, NAFGA has been organizing the foreign aid training projects since 2007. Up to now, NAFGA successfully held 53 seminars on varied themes including Forest Law Enforcement and Governance(FLEG), Sustainable Forest Management, UN Forest Instrument(UNFI), Wildlife Protection, Forestry Projects Development under “Belt and Road initiative”, Biodiversity Protection and Nature Reserve Management, Forest and Climate Change, CITES implementation, Management and Protection of Endangered Species through which 2567 participants were trained and over 90 developing countries were included.</p>
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