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Roundtable on External Reviews: Facilitating International Green Bond Investments in China

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Jointly with China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection (CECEP), a central state-owned enterprise (SoE) in China, the Strategic Alliance (STA) between GIZ and the Swedish Bank SEB on *Green Bond Market Development in G20 Emerging Economies* organized a roundtable on *External Reviews: Facilitating International Green Bond Investments in China* on 20 September 2017 in Beijing. The event attracted 50 participants, including representatives from the leading domestic third-party verifiers (including CECEP, Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE), SynTao and EY), the People's Bank of China (PBoC), and the Green Finance Committee (GFC) of the China Society for Finance and Banking. In an interactive roundtable discussion, experts from domestic verifiers, the leading second opinion provider CICERO, the Climate Bonds Initiative, and the rating agency S&P scrutinized the role and different methodologies of external reviews for green bonds and shared their expertise and experience from the Chinese and international green bond markets. Led by PBoC and the European Investment Bank (EIB), the roundtable also stimulated lively discussions on the process of harmonizing China's green bond standards with global green bond taxonomies. From the perspective of international institutional investors, Amundi and Öhman Asset Management shared their views on the perceived barriers, requirements and opportunities for green investments in China, emphasizing the tremendous importance of ensuring transparency and environmental integrity. The participants expressed their appreciation for the transparent, solid and constructive exchange of views on the regulatory environment among China and the European green bond market stakeholders facilitated by this roundtable.

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