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1. Opening statement

Established on April 22, 2005, All-China Environment Federation (ACEF) is a nationwide environmental NGO and has years experience in implementing SDG goals in local and regional level. Our missions are organizing and solidifying all kinds of CSOs and social forces to promote wide participation of the public in China for environmental protection, promoting social supervision and safeguarding the environmental rights of the public, and contributing to the protection of global environment and sustainable development through exchange and cooperation with CSOs in other countries, UN agencies, other international organizations and governments.

2. Summary of Practices

It is highly recognized that sustainable development must integrate economic growth, social well-being and environmental protection, and we believe the SDG goals just offer the most practical and effective pathway to achieve this. Since the establishment, ACEF takes sustainable development as one of its key missions and understands the importance of partnership to implement SDG. With the stakeholders from all walks of life, we have made unremitting efforts to promote 2030 Agenda and SDGs-related processes linked with environmental protection through activities like raising the public awareness, protecting the environmental rights of the public, providing capacity building for key stakeholders and policy recommendation for government's decision-making process, and so on.

For the SDG goals which are planned to be reviewed in HLPF 2019, ACEF mainly contributes to Goal 13---Climate Action. In effort to localize and achieve SDG 13 on climate changes, ACEF implemented “Demonstration Project on Household Less Power Consumption and Energy Saving to Reduce Carbon Emission in Beijing” funded by GEF, “UNEP-ACEF Project on Developing Green Communities to Promote Sustainable Consumption”, in which energy consumption status-quo investigation and awareness raising activities for climate change and sustainable consumption targeted at 10,000 households in Beijing local communities were carried out, policy recommendations have been submitted to the government for decision-making. During the project period in the GEF funded project, electricity consumption per household had decreased by 1 kilowatt hour each month. In order to engage more local residential communities for sustainable consumption activities and climate friendly actions, evaluation standards and knowledge hub have been developed based on the experience collected from the two projects and now we are piloting our systematic behavior changing strategy in several communities.

To strengthen the network and collaboration for SDG13, ACEF co-founded China Business Climate Action, China Energy Conservation Coalition, Belt & Road Green Development Partnership in recent years, which engaged near a hundred active

ENGOs and more than one million companies in China to make their promise for tackling climate change. Through these networks, institutional capacity building activities were implemented and different stakeholders had well communicated on relevant issues like green supply chain, energy saving and emission reduction, how to integrate climate action into corporate social responsibility and long-term strategy, which had effectively accelerated the implementation of climate mitigation and adaptation in various organizations.

3. Conclusion

Firstly, during the implementation of SDG projects, we found that grassroots communities were lack of understanding about the United Nation 2030 Agenda and many activities implemented in grassroots community were not well coordinated with the overall objectives of sustainable development goals. In this regard, more NGOs are needed to carry out work about explaining and transforming global objectives to local community level in order to better implement the SDG goals.

Secondly, Chinese government, enterprises and non-governmental organizations are all actively participating in tackling climate change and we believe this experience of the whole society working together to cope with climate change is worth learning.

Thirdly, we hope that relevant UN agencies could strengthen their support for capacity-building of environmental NGOs, especially for the training of process of UN environmental conventions and participation mechanisms, so that more NGOs could have the knowledge and ability to participate in the process of global environmental governance and jointly promote the implementation of SDG goals.