

The U.S. - China Governors' Accord On Clean Energy and Economic Development

The United States of America and the People's Republic of China have recognized at both the national and subnational level the importance of clean energy and economic development through clean technology innovation moving towards a better future with its significant and mutual benefits including enhanced energy security and efficiency; enhanced air quality and public health; wealth generation; economic growth through the development and commercialization of innovation technology; consumer options; new jobs; resilient communities; and more abundant natural resources.

This Governors' Clean Energy and Economic Development Accord builds on the efforts of our respective national and subnational leaders and strives to accelerate the utilization of renewable resources and commercialize new clean and renewable energy technologies.

We, the founding signatories of this Governors' Clean Energy and Economic Development Accord, agree to work together to advance and sustain renewable energy and clean technologies in conjunction with economic development in our respective jurisdictions, with a focus on the following areas:

- Supporting the commercialization and deployment of clean and renewable energy technologies
- Adopting measures to promote energy efficiency in buildings and industries
- Advancing smart grids and other programs to modernize the electrical grid infrastructure
- Taking action to reduce transportation emissions, including through the expansion of clean transportation options, and the use of biofuels, low emission vehicles and electric-drive vehicles
- Trade and investment supporting the commercialization and deployment of renewable energy and clean technologies

The Signatories agree to exchange information, as well as business and/or academic delegations, to implement the objectives of this accord.

The Signatories will respectively designate their appropriate office to organize and facilitate this collaboration among provinces and states under this accord.

The Signatories through their designated offices agree to establish a mechanism for regular meetings such as via video conference to share information, approaches and experiences relevant to clean energy and economic development through clean technology innovation.

This Accord will remain in effect for three years from the date of its signature by the Parties and may be amended and/or extended as agreed upon by all the Parties in writing.

Individual provinces and states may choose to enter into additional agreements that help advance the recognized benefits of renewable energy and other clean technologies in this agreement. This Accord is neither a contract nor a treaty.