

## Seminar on Infrastructure Connectivity and Cooperation under the Global Development Initiative

Program name	Seminar on Infrastructure Connectivity and Cooperation under the Global Development Initiative		
Organized by	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China		
Time	2026-03-19 -- 2026-04-01	Language used	English
Countries invited	Officials from relevant departments of developing countries (for officials at the Department/Division Director level)		
Planned number of participants	25		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 50 for officials at the Director-General level; under 45 for officials at the Director level.	
	Health condition	Participants should be in good health, and provide a health certificate or medical examination form issued by a local public hospital. Participants should be free of diseases prohibited by Chinese laws and regulations from entering China, and free of other serious chronic diseases (such as severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, and diabetes), mental diseases or infectious diseases that may pose a significant public health risk. Participants shall not in the period of recovering from major surgery or acute illness, not be severely physically disabled, and not during a pregnancy period.	
	Language competence	Participants should be capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English that can meet the requirements of the class.	
	others	Family members or friends shall not follow	
Venue	Beijing	Weather conditions	Average temperatures in Beijing in March: 6 to 15°C Average temperatures in Beijing in April: 8 to 22°C
Cities to be visited	Pending	Weather conditions	Pending: /
Remarks	/		
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About the Organizer	<p>The Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO) is an educational and training institution directly under the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Established in 1980, AIBO is located in Changping District, Beijing, about 30 kilometers from Beijing Capital International Airport. It boasts comprehensive infrastructure to provide services such as accommodation, catering, training and meetings for trainees.</p> <p>One of the main responsibilities of AIBO is to implement human resources development and cooperation projects, especially training courses for officials. The Academy serves as the main base for China's foreign aid training, offering both off-line</p>		

	<p>and on-line training in China and overseas.</p> <p>Backed by the Ministry of Commerce and in close cooperation with China's top think tanks, research institutes and universities, AIBO brings together a large number of China's top experts and scholars to provide intellectual support for foreign aid training. It has developed a number of high-quality foreign aid training projects in the fields of trade and investment, international economic cooperation, governance and public management, which have proved to be fruitful.</p> <p>Since 1998, AIBO has successfully held over 2,000 training sessions for officials from developing countries (including 131 ministerial seminars), benefiting nearly 70,000 trainees from other developing countries around the world.</p> <p>AIBO will adhere to the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and take the important concepts, including a community with a shared future for mankind, pursuing the greater good and shared interests, and sincerity, real results, amity, good faith, mutual benefit and inclusiveness, as strategic guidance and fundamental principles to be followed. It will facilitate the joint efforts in implementing major initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative (GDI), and continue to help developing countries accelerate their development by sharing China's experience and programs.</p>
<p><b>Training content</b></p>	<p>Background: Infrastructure serves as a crucial pillar for economic and social development, playing a strategic, foundational, and leading role. Infrastructure connectivity, therefore, could facilitate the development of trade and technology, optimize the regional economic structure, expand the economic scale and market, and thus improve people's living standards. Under the GDI framework, China, taking advantages of its own experience in development and technology strengths, has helped the developing countries along the GDI implement a great many of infrastructure projects and thus promote their connectivity and integration into the global value chains, so that they can truly enjoy the benefits delivered by a robust global economy. China will continue to improve and develop the infrastructure connectivity system and support the infrastructure connectivity construction among developing countries so as to help them achieve high-quality socio-economic growth in an equitable and sustainable manner.</p> <p>Purpose: The seminar aims to enhance understanding among developing countries of China's achievements in infrastructure development since the reform and opening-up, share practical experience gained from advancing infrastructure connectivity, lay a solid foundation for pragmatic cooperation in infrastructure construction, further promote the interconnectivity of transport infrastructure, and deepen the friendly relations between China and other developing countries.</p> <p>Content: The lecture topics of the seminar will primarily cover China's national conditions and Chinese modernization, the governance philosophy of Chinese leadership, the Belt and Road Initiative and the Global Development Initiative, initiatives and experience in foreign aid for infrastructure, cooperation in China's infrastructure construction sector, the development of China's high-speed railways and the economics of high-speed railways, the development of China's urban transportation infrastructure: numbers and cases, overview of oil and gas infrastructure connectivity and investment &amp; financing, smart city and smart transportation, power infrastructure connectivity, etc.</p>

	Method: Invite experts in relevant fields to give lectures on specific topics; organize discussions and exchanges between students and experts, as well as among students; and organize students to visit and exchange ideas with relevant institutions and companies in Beijing and other cities.
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