



1st ANSO Working Group Meeting Held Successfully

“The 1st ANSO Working Group Meeting” was held in Ya’ao International Hotel Beijing on 13-14 May 2019. 17 ANSO member organizations and about 30 other participants from these countries and regions attended the meeting.

The opening ceremony was started by a warm welcome from ANSO Vice-President, Prof. Qasim Jan. He particularly stressed the purpose of setting up the ANSO Working Group was to strengthen and activate the interaction and communication among the ANSO working staffs, which was of much importance to the mutual understanding and the actual launch of the ANSO future actions. Prof. Yin Li, Director General of Bureau of International Cooperation of Chinese Academy of Sciences, highlighted the launch of ANSO was such a major accomplishment that was included in the list of major achievements of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in the recently held “The 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation” in China.

Prof. Jinghua Cao, the newly confirmed Executive Director of ANSO Secretariat, extended his deep appreciation at the opening to ANSO members for their strong support and contribution to advancing ANSO development. Currently, there are 25 members in ANSO Working Group and ANSO Secretariat will continue to make efforts to expand this Group. After the opening, he gave a presentation on the overall work of the ANSO Secretariat and the ANSO future actions. At the second session, the ANSO Secretariat made presentations on each of the ANSO future actions followed by discussions.

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ANSO Conferences

I. The Third International Rice Forum (Sanya, China)

Organizing a range of ANSO conferences by focusing on ANSO priorities is one of main tasks for ANSO Action Plan 2019-2020.

“The Third International Rice Forum (Sanya, China)” was held on 10-13 April 2019 in Sanya, jointly organized by Sanya Sci-Tech Academy of Hainan National Breeding and Multiplication and Chengdu Institute of Biology, both under Chinese Academy of Sciences. A total of more than 700 experts and industry professionals from China, the United States, Japan, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Nepal and Pakistan and other 18 countries attended the conference.



Roughly 100 experts, scholars and government officials within the field of rice and wheat took part in The Belt and Road Rice and Wheat International Seminar. The participants had extensive and in-depth exchanges on the whole rice and wheat industry chain of along the Belt and Road countries and regions. Topics include scientific research, breeding, seed production, demonstration and promotion, production and processing, technology innovation transfer and China’s hybrid rice going abroad.



II. The International Conference on Silk Road Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development



On 11-12 May 2019, “The International Conference on Silk Road Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development” was successfully held in Beijing, co-hosted by Chinese Academy of Sciences, ANSO, United Nations Environment Program and United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction Project.



The conference attracted over 780 experts and scholars from 40 countries and regions around the world. They focused on resource development, ecological and environmental protection, formation of a collaborative mechanism, sustainable development, talent training, and other key issues.

Prof. Chunli Bai, President of ANSO and also President of CAS, emphasized that ANSO, as the first international science organization under the framework of BRI, shall actively promote S&T cooperation as well as people-to-people bond and build a global community of shared future.

Ms. Mami Mizutori, the UN Secretary-General special representative for Disaster Risk Reduction, emphasized the importance of disaster risk reduction under B&R construction. “Extreme weather events are increasing in frequency and severity; we need to take bold steps to get ahead of this trend and deliver results with universal benefits.”

ANSO Recent Activities

III. CAS and RAS Reach Consensus on Deep-Sea Exploration Cooperation

Prof. Chunli Bai, President of ANSO as well as Chinese Academy of Sciences, held discussions with Alexander Sergeev, Vice-President of ANSO, President of the Russian Academy of Sciences, at “The Russian-Chinese Symposium on the Deep-sea Exploration of the World Ocean” in Sanya, Hainan Province of China, on 25 March 2019.



They reached preliminary consensus on cooperation in various fields, especially in deep-sea exploration. Sergeev praised the BRI, and wished the two countries could strengthen cooperation for shared benefits and respond to common challenges in a concerted way. Prof. Bai and his Russian counterpart, also exchanged ideas on how to develop ANSO and how to operate under its framework.

IV. Jinghua Cao Officially Took Office as the New Executive Director of ANSO Secretariat

By the recommendation of Prof. Fahu Chen,



the first Executive Director of ANSO Secretariat, Prof. Jinghua Cao became the new Executive Director from mid-May 2019.

Prof. Jinghua Cao is the immediate past Director General of Bureau of International Cooperation of CAS with 40 years of rich experience in international cooperation. This rotation is also endorsed by ANSO President and two Vice-Presidents.

V. ANSO Strategic Plan Drafting Workshop

“ANSO Strategic Plan Drafting Workshop” was held in Beijing Ya’ao International Hotel on 15-17 May 2019. Preliminary draft of ANSO Strategic Plan was achieved through joint efforts of ANSO Working Group members and specialists.

ANSO Strategic Plan 2020-2022 consists of four chapters:

- Chapter 1: Introduction: Rationale
- Chapter 2: ANSO: Vision, Mission and Priorities
- Chapter 3: ANSO Action Plan 2020-2022
- Chapter 4: The Management Approach of ANSO



After being further revised by ANSO Working Group Member, the first draft will be reviewed by all ANSO members in the beginning of August 2019. The modified version is scheduled to be submitted to ANSO Governing Board by the end September. Once approved, it will be formally released in late October 2019 in conjunction with CAS 70th Anniversary.

Upcoming Events in 2019

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Sep. 4-6
ANSO-MMU-SAJOREC International Conference on Biodiversity in Drylands and Wetlands: Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century
Narok | Kenya | September 4-6, 2019

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Late Oct.
70th Anniversary of Chinese Academy of Sciences
Beijing | China | Late October, 2019

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Late Oct.
The 2nd ANSO Governing Board Meeting
Beijing | China | Late October, 2019

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Late Oct.
2019 ANSO Young Scientist & Technology Innovation Development Forum
Hangzhou | China | Late October, 2019

Photo Gallery of ANSO Workshops

