

## **ChiNorBC Project Kick-off meeting**

The kick-off meeting of the "Chinese-Norwegian Project on Emission, Impact, and Control Policy for Black Carbon and its Co-benefits in Northern China (ChiNorBC)" was held in Beijing and virtually on zoom on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Leaders and project experts from the Department of International Cooperation and the Department of Atmosphere Environment of the Chinese Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment (MCE), the Norwegian Embassy in Beijing, the Chinese Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES), the Norwegian Environment Agency (NEA), Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning (CAEP), Center for International Climate Research (CICERO) and Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH) attended the meeting and delivered the speech.

CRAES and NEA are implementing agencies of the ChiNorBC-Project, while CAEP, NIPH and CICERO are the collaborators of the project.

At the meeting, the project leader and the main output leaders introduced the scientific background of the project as well as the objectives and plans of the project and discussed and exchanged the research progress of each output. The kick-off meeting was followed by the technical workshop on black carbon emissions and synergistic control. In addition to the Chinese and Norwegian experts, invited experts from Tsinghua University and the International Institute for Systems Research (IIASA) discussed black carbon emissions, mobile source control, modelling, health and climate impacts and air pollution control and made suggestions for the implementation of the project and further collaborative research.

Controlling black carbon pollution has the synergistic effect of improving air quality and mitigating climate change, the European experience will be useful for China to conduct corresponding scientific and policy research. International collaborative research between China and Norway on black carbon emissions, science and control policies will be useful for the current air pollution control program and climate change response that China is undertaking and will further deepen Sino-Norwegian cooperation in the climate and environmental field.



