The City of Copenhagen has signed work plans (2018-2020) with BWA and BJMCPNR respectively. A cooperation on building energy efficiency facilitated by C40 and involving both national authorities and Beijing and Shanghai Municipal authorities will be implemented from 2019 to 2021.

Copenhagen’s guest city participation at Beijing Design Week 2018 was a milestone between the two capitals’ cooperation and the Sustainable City Conference, part of the guest city program, was an important kick-off for the Strategic Sector Cooperation.

Key activities in 2018

- Involving C40 and private sector actors, two fact-finding missions including workshops and site visits were conducted in Beijing to identify the concrete cooperation areas.
- Capacity building of lectures about Copenhagen’s architectural policy to more than 100 middle managers and urban planners from BJMCPNR.
- Hosting a delegation led by Beijing Vice Mayor who is responsible for urban planning to showcase Copenhagen’s sustainable city development solutions within the key cooperation areas.
- Sustainable urban renovation project implemented in Qinglong Hutong as part of the Beijing Design Week participation.
- Execution of Sustainable City Conference at Beijing Design Week 2018 in cooperation with C40 (6 Workshops, 324 Participants, 5 Danish Companies represented in China, 12 Danish organizations & companies, 24 Chinese/Beijing organizations & companies).
- As a guideline for present and future SSC engagements, SSC Phase 1 application produced in close cooperation between core partners in Beijing and Copenhagen.

Main achievements and lessons learned in 2018

The full SSC project has created a strong platform for the two capitals’ concrete cooperation in the coming years. It is developing from knowledge-sharing to pilot projects identifying. Two pilot projects on climate adaptation/sponge city in Tongzhou are under discussion.

The SSC project has strengthened awareness and knowledge of politicians and staff at Beijing city level on sustainable development, especially within regeneration of residential buildings and hutong areas. “The Qinglong Hutong renovation project has created a fresh model of a modern liveable community in the core area of the Chinese capital,” said by Beijing Vice Mayor Wang Ning (resource: Chinadaily).