





2010 Seoul Science and Technology Forum

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STATEMENT

1. We, the leaders of public research institutes (PRIs) from thirty-five countries, met in Seoul, Republic of Korea on November 18th and 19th, 2010 to discuss the role of PRIs for global green growth. The arena for discussion was the 2010 Seoul Science and Technology Forum (the Forum). The Forum was hosted by the Korea Research Council of Fundamental Science and Technology (KRCF), organized by the Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) and Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEP), and sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST), Presidential Committee on Green Growth (PCGG), and Korea Economic Daily (Hankyung).
2. We unanimously recognize that the Forum constitutes a landmark event. The Forum is the first of its kind and has brought together scholars and policymakers from leading public research institutes worldwide. They discussed the role of such institutes and the indispensability of cooperation for global green growth (G³). The discussion has been extensively supported by over two-hundred scientists, engineers, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs, diplomats, and international organizations.
3. We collectively acknowledge that global green growth constitutes a central paradigm in the 21st century. Such growth is indispensable for sustainable economic growth and enhanced quality of life. We also recognize that global green growth presents solutions to many of today's challenges including climate change, energy, water, and air pollution.
4. We unanimously agree that science and technology form the core components of successfully addressing global green growth. We also perceive that scientific and technological solutions should be closely linked to industrial innovation.
5. We collectively share the common recognition that PRIs are in better or best position to lead scientific and technological advancement for global green growth. This entrepreneurial role of PRIs must be clearly understood and further refined as we tackle the challenges of global green growth more effectively.



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6. We jointly realize that collaboration is vital to successfully rising to the challenges of green growth at the global level. We need to share our existing scientific knowledge and technology to pave the way toward global green growth, while working closely with each other to develop and distribute new green technology.
 7. We collectively share an understanding that the highest priority should be placed on viable and robust green network among PRIs and stakeholders. This is especially true given the demanding entrepreneurial role of PRIs and the need for close collaboration among institutes for effectively addressing global green growth. This Forum constitutes an excellent platform for such a global green network.
 8. We pledge in concert to recognize our entrepreneurial role in addressing global green growth, to work together with our colleagues across the world to share current and future green technology, and to build a concrete international network for green growth.
 9. We welcome and fully support the commitment of the leaders of G20 who came to Seoul, Republic of Korea last week and vowed to act together for sustainable and balanced growth. We will likewise utilize our scientific and technological assets in a coordinated way for green growth.
 10. We expect that the Forum will convene annually for open and creative discussion. This will signal our commitment to optimizing global green growth and to discovering solutions to global challenges.
 11. We, along with all participants of the Forum, express our sincere appreciation to the host, the Korea Research Council of Fundamental Science and Technology (KRCF), the organizers, Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) and Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI), and the sponsors, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST), Presidential Committee on Green Growth (PCGG), and Korea Economic Daily (Hankyung).

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