



Annual Action Plan of the CICA Think Tank Forum for 2024

The following activities will be implemented to strengthen exchanges among CICA Think Tank Forum (TTF) members in 2024:

1. The Twelfth CICA Think Tank Forum will be held in September or October 2024. The Forum will focus on issues concerning peace, stability and cooperation in Asia in 2024 and the improvement of the TTF mechanism as well as commemorate the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States. The Forum will bring together representatives from think tanks of CICA Member States to address CICA's top priorities and provide concrete policy recommendations for the synergistic interaction in different areas of CICA, as well as for the further development of CICA.
2. Several interactive training workshops will be organized and include the participation of CICA veterans (Executive Directors of the CICA Secretariat) and young specialists from think tanks of CICA Member States. Small-scale academic workshops centering around the themes, such as multipolarity, multilateralism and globalization, will be held in accordance with the top priorities on the regional security and cooperation agenda, and serve as a platform for dialogue in areas of energy, food, climate, water resources, economy and trade, digital economy, and youth. TTF members may choose to moderate a workshop on one of the above areas. Key takeaways may be circulated by the Secretariat and the TTF network.
3. A handbook may be created to support the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Think tanks of the CICA Member States are

encouraged to leverage their respective expertise, research the experience of effective measures in their own countries to support the development of SMEs and create an e-book for the CICA Business Council members.

4. Information and analytical support to the activities of CICA will be fostered through the contribution of analytical, research and forecast reports from TTF members across all dimensions of CICA. Working reports may include analysis of hotspot issues of Asian security, Asia security outlook and review of 2024, top 10 CICA news events, and others. These research outcomes will be released through social media platforms.

5. The CICA TTF focal points network will be strengthened and expanded in order to facilitate exchange of information. TTF members may share their views and suggestions on CICA and submit their publication information to the Secretariat to produce a catalogue of publications of the TTF member institutions.

6. A thematic dialogue titled “Accelerating Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment” will be held among TTF members. The dialogue aims to provide recommendations for strengthening the position of women in CICA Member States.

7. Concept papers and administrative notes of planned activities will be circulated among CICA Member States and TTF members in advance, including information about organizers and participants, as well as the terms of financial support.