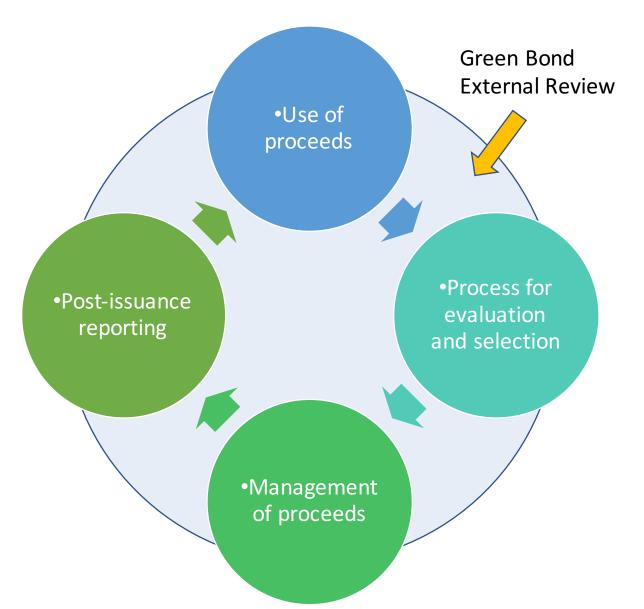
## From Zero to Hero

lessons and experiences from the growth of the Chinese green bond market

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## What is a green bond?



International Green Bond Definitions Green Bond Principles vs. Climate Bonds Standards

"The **Green Bond Principles** are intended for broad use by the market: they provide issuers with guidance on the key components involved in launching a credible Green Bond..."

"The **Climate Bonds Standard** sets out clear criteria to verify certain green credentials of a bond or other debt instrument. It aims to provide a robust approach to verifying that the funds are being used to finance projects and assets that are consistent with delivering a low carbon and climate resilient economy..."

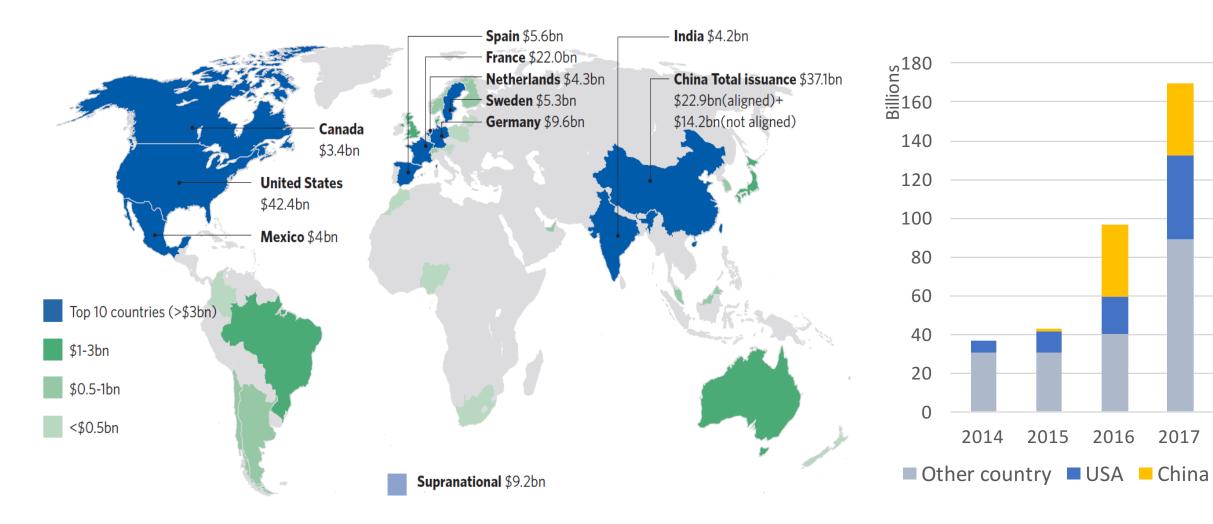
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#### Climate Bonds Taxonomy

## Climate Bonds

ENERGY	TRANSPORT		LOW CARBON BUILDINGS	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICA- TIONS	WASTE & POLLUTION CONTROL	NATURE BASED ASSETS	INDUSTRY & ENERGY- INTENSIVE COMMERCIAL
Solar	Rail	Built (grey) infrastructure	Residential	Power management	Recycling	Agricultural land	Manufacturing
Wind	Vehicles	Green and hybrid infrastructure	Commercial	Broadband	Other Recovery	Forests (managed and unmanaged)	Energy efficiency processes
Geothermal	Mass transit		Retrofit	Resource efficiency	Disposal	Wetlands	Energy efficiency products
Hydropower	Bus rapid transport		Products for building carbon efficiency	Teleconferencing	Prevention	Degraded Lands	Retail and wholesale
Bioenergy	Water-bourne transport				Reuse	Other land uses (managed and unmanaged)	Data centres
Wave and Tidal	Alternative fuel Infrastructure				Pollution Control	Fisheries and aquaculture	Process & fugitive emissions
Energy distribution & management			nate <sup>Certifica</sup>	tion Criteria approved		Coastal infrastructure	Energy efficient appliances
Dedicated transmission		Bon	nate	ia under development Due to commence		Land Remediation	Combined heat & power

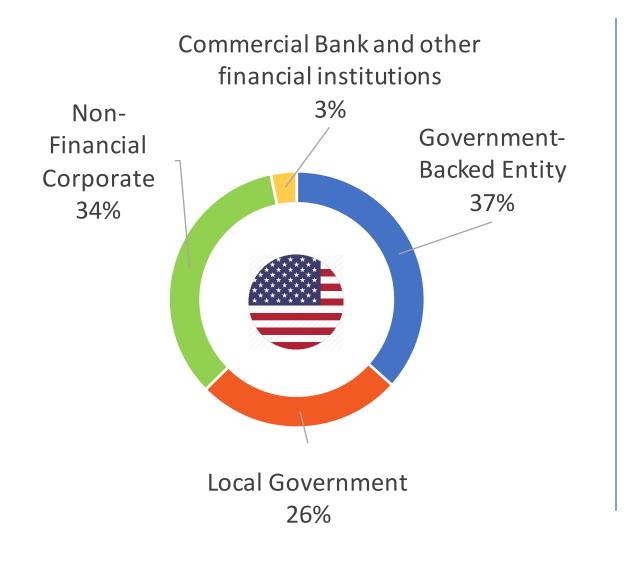
## A global green bond market in 2017

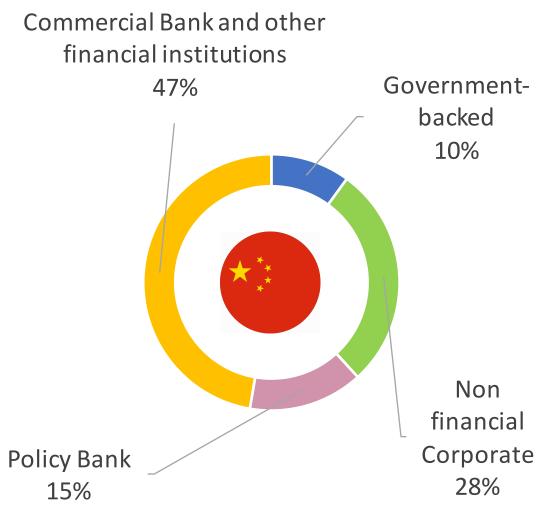


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## Issuer type: US vs China





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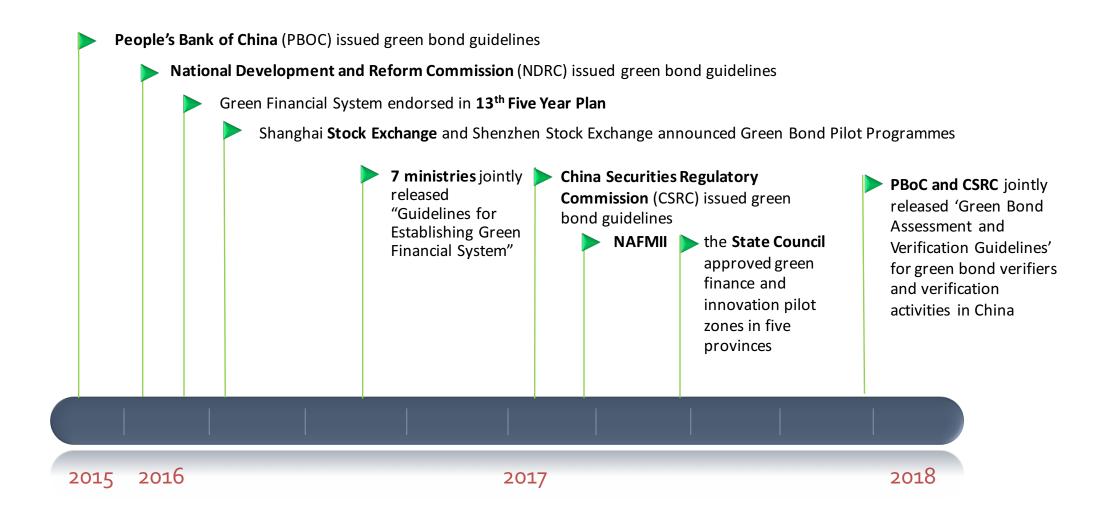
## The Troika that has been driving the China green market



- Xi Administration's commitment to develop the "Ecological Civilization"
- People's Bank of China (PBoC)
- National Development and Reform Commission(NDRC)
- China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC)
- National Association of Financial Market Institutional Investors (NAFMII)
- Stock exchanges
- Green bond indices
- Green bond verification agencies

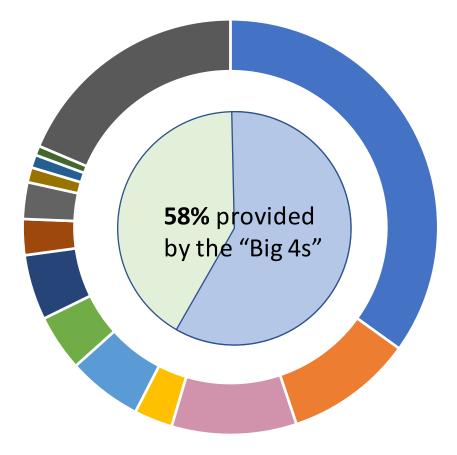
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## Timeline: green finance & green bond policies



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## Who is providing external reviews?

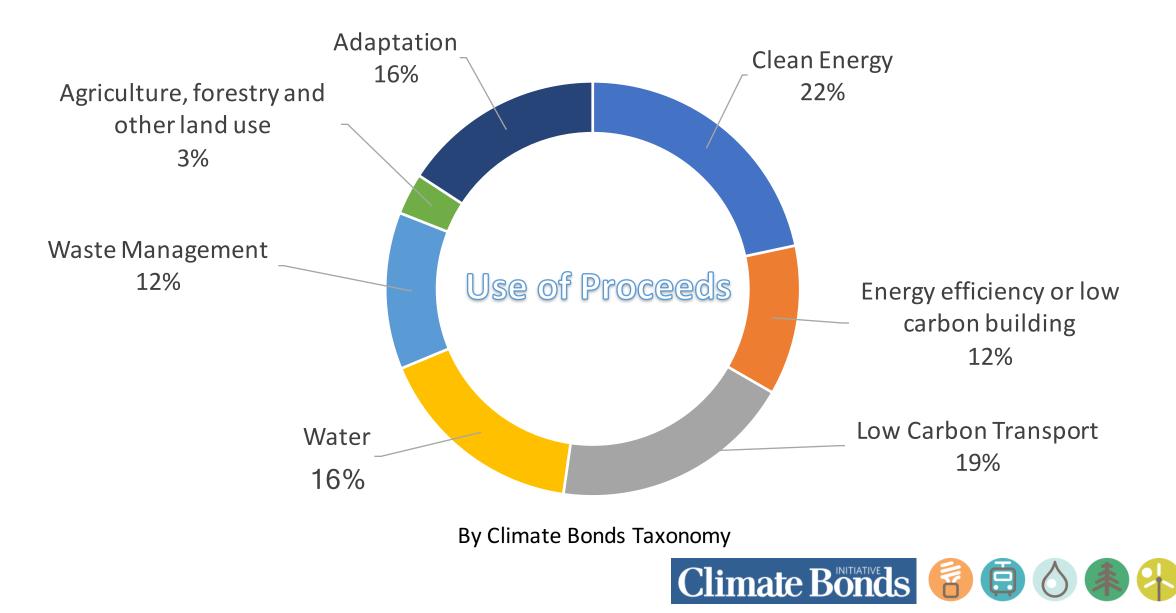


- EY
- PWC
- Deloitte
- KPMG
- CICERO
- China Credit Rating
- CECEP
- Zhongcai Green Financing
- CCXI
- Syntao Green Finance
- BV
- Lianhe Equator

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## China green bond market : use of bond proceeds



## Challenges: harmonization of green bond definitions

Only 62% of green bonds from China are in line with international definitions

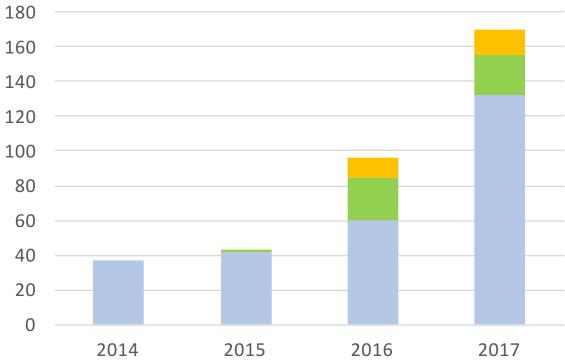
Bonds fail to meet international definitions because:

#### 1. Differences in green eligibility definitions

- Clean coal technologies
- Coal power plant retrofit
- Large hydro
- and others

## **2.** More than 5% of proceeds allocated to working capital

- Threshold at least 95% should be used as green
- 3. Lack of disclosure



China's issuance (only aligned with China's definitions)

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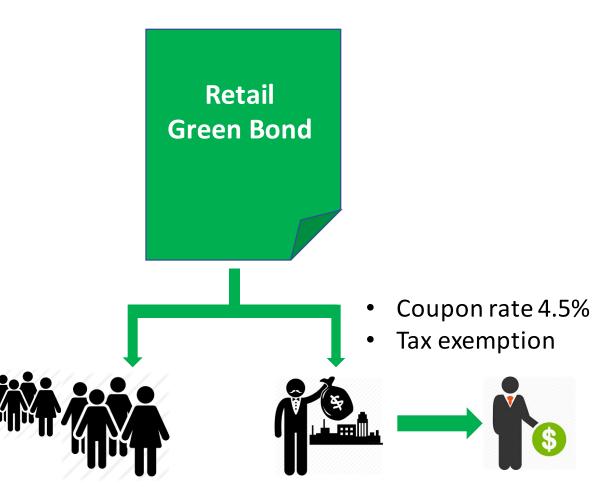
China's issuance (aligned with both China and international definitions)

other country's issuance (aligned with international definition)

## Key deals: retail green bond

#### **China Development Bank**

- CNY 5bn (\$763.2m), CNY 600m of the bond is available to individual investors
- Use of Proceeds: water protection and treatment projects in central China's provinces along Yangtze river
- Expected environmental impacts:
  - Reduction in BOD 365 t/a;
  - TSS 5787 t/a;
  - TN 761 t/a;
  - TP 60 t/a;
  - ....



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Increase individual green investors base

## Key deals: one belt one road and opportunities for green bonds

## Industrial and Commercial Bank of China's (ICBC)

• USD2.15bn in 3 tranches

- Climate Bond Certified
- Listed on Luxembourg Green Exchange
- "One Belt One Road Green Climate Bond"
- Use of Proceeds: renewable energy, low carbon transportation, sustainable water, etc.
- European investors took over 70% of the deal

**Opportunities**: greening infrastructure projects along the belt and road.



## **One Belt One Road Initiative**

- Covering 68 countries
- 65% of the world's population
- 40% of the global GDP as of 2017



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## Key deals: green investment overseas

#### Geely Auto (London Taxi Company)

- USD 400million
- Listed on Singapore Stock Exchange
- Use of proceed: manufacturing hybrid batterypowered London black cab
- 90% allocated to Asian investors
- 6 times oversubscribed

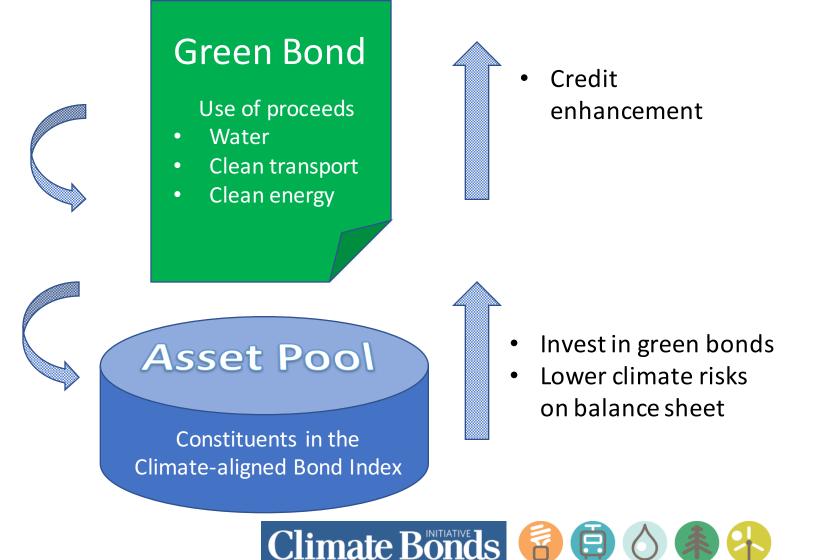




## Key deals: dual recourse green bond

### **Bank of China**

- USD 500m
- Listed on London Stock Exchange
- Dual recourse structure allowing claims over a dedicated "asset pool", and the usual claim against Bank of China.
- Rated Aa3 by Moody's



## Key deals: moving to green

#### Three Gorges Finance II(Cayman Islands) Limited

- EUR 650 million
- Listed on Irish Stock Exchange
- Use of proceeds: 100% Wind Energy





Sector	Location	Project	Use of Proceeds (€ Mil.)
Green Energy	Germany	Offshore Wind	€400
Green Energy	Portugal	Onshore Wind	€250

- Expected climate impact: reduction of 2.21 million tons of CO2
- Certified by Climate Bonds Initiative
- Can a brown company issue green bonds?





## Next steps – what to expect in 2018?

- 1. Harmonization of green bond definitions
  - Domestic: PBoC and NDRC
  - International: EIB and PBoC
- 2. Opportunities: greening the one belt one road
- 3. Local government financing vehicles (LGFVs)
  - What is a LGFV?
  - Longer investment horizon
  - Green Finance Pilot Zones will accelerate green bonds issuance from local government and LGFVs



## Next steps – what to expect in 2018?

4. Green securitization

5. Hong Kong, the next powerhouse for green bond market

- Bond Connect scheme
- The largest government green bond programme just released
- Incentives for green bond issuing
- 6. More green bond based financial products
  - Green bond fund and ETF



# Thank you!

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