

# ISC in China

## About ISC

At ISC, we give passionate, committed people the tools, skills, and resources they need to make their communities better places to live.

Since our founding in 1991 by former U.S. Ambassador and Vermont Governor Madeleine M. Kunin, ISC has led 68 transformative community-driven projects in 18 countries around the world.

ISC's China Program includes:

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, &  
SAFETY ACADEMY

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

COMMUNITY-BASED ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT

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In 2007, ISC launched the Guangdong Environmental Partnership program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health, and increase environmental accountability in Guangdong Province, China's "factory to the world." Taking advantage of the best of U.S. and Chinese resources and expertise, the program will bring cleaner, healthier and more sustainable environmental practices to one of country's most industrial provinces.

Our program works at four levels—business, government, communities, and schools—to spark a wave of change in environmental and energy-efficiency practices in communities across the province. We focus on practical projects that reap immediate returns, building momentum—and people's conviction that change can happen.

By working across all sectors to address resource efficiency goals, we are helping

to build a network of organizations, businesses, schools, universities, and agencies dedicated to transforming Guangdong from an example of unchecked growth to a model of efficiency and sustainable development.

### BUSINESS

#### The Environment, Health, & Safety Academy

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Even as Guangdong's manufacturers have spurred China's economic miracle, they account for a growing contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. Due to the large number of factories, especially small and medium-sized companies, compliance with environmental and safety regulations lags that of other regions. In order to help boost compliance, ISC is launching an Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Academy that will serve as an education resource for managers at companies throughout Guangdong. They will receive high-quality certification through a state-



of-the-art training center. The courses will build their technical knowledge and present practical implementation examples from leading companies--creating a pool of qualified EHS managers who will increase environmental performance across the region.

#### GOVERNMENT

### Environmental Governance

At the same time, we are strengthening the environmental enforcement tools of government by sharing international best practices to bolster information disclosure, citizen monitoring, risk communication, and resource efficiency. These trainings capitalize on the Chinese government's growing commitment to improving environmental management at the regional level.

#### COMMUNITIES

### Community-Based Energy Efficiency

To generate public support for and commitment to using resources wisely, ISC is working with several communities in Guangdong to develop and implement energy efficiency projects in factories, schools, hospitals, and multifamily dwellings. We will then help communities reinvest the energy savings, through such mechanisms as revolving funds that would support ongoing energy efficiency investments. We will also identify and help other communities replicate similar activities—leading to multiplying effect of energy savings and environmental improvement.

#### SCHOOLS

### Education for Sustainable Development

Working in local schools, ISC preparing the next generation to safeguard their environment by developing courses on resource efficiency and environmental health for children ages 9-13—and by involving the public, community and business leaders, and education administrators in their hands-on learning. Through teacher training and curriculum development, practical projects and resource guides, we are improving the capacity of universities and schools to advance sustainable development education. A network of schools and international exchanges will connect teachers to one another and allow educators to share best practices.

#### About Us

ISC brings 18 years of experience working at the local, regional, and national level in 18 countries, helping communities solve pressing problems. We have managed a wide variety of environmental and energy programs in some of the world's most polluted cities. An eight-year project in Nizhni Tagil, Russia, for example, saw that city's mortality rate from pollution reduced by 28 lives per year. ISC brings a strong focus on building institutional capacity and community leadership, and has achieved national and international impact by spreading successful resource efficiency practices among businesses, government agencies, and nonprofits in the countries where we work. For more information, visit [www.iscvt.org](http://www.iscvt.org).

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