

## **DDG Qiangwu Zhou**

Deputy Director General Qiangwu Zhou of AFDC Beijing Office welcomed the participants, acknowledged the attendees from development partners— including the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, etc.— and expressed his appreciation for the initiative to promote networking among the region’s think tanks. He said the forum presents an opportunity for their representatives to get to know each other and to forge alliances for future cooperation.

DDG Zhou cited the good partnership AFDC had with ADB in the organization of the forum, especially Dr. Juzhong Zhuang and Advisor Dongxiang Li, including the design of the program and identification of the speakers recognized as experts in the chosen topics. He also expressed his appreciation for the support extended by the ADB/PRC Resident Mission. As co-host of the forum, he assured everyone that all conveniences will be provided to ensure smooth discussions. He ended by wishing everyone a pleasant stay in Beijing.