

**THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL
CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE
AND UNITED FRONT WORK**

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The Grand United Front Strategy championed by President Xi Jinping has broadened the scope of the Chinese Communist Party's united front work to encompass nearly all party-state departments. This strategy aims to engage and align non-communist elites with the Party's ideals both domestically and internationally. While not constitutionally designated as a state institution, the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) has become increasingly vital as a platform for these united front efforts. Under the united front strategy, the CPPCC provides a forum for non-communist elites to contribute to policymaking and strengthen ties with the Party. Its diverse membership includes representatives from non-Communist parties, social organisations, ethnic minorities, religious communities and various societal sectors, as well as representatives from Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and overseas returnees, reflecting its inclusive approach. The Party's intensified engagement with overseas Chinese communities, facilitated through the CPPCC, aims to bolster its influence abroad. It has offered membership in the CPPCC as an effort to incentivise Chinese scientists and professionals studying or working abroad to return to China. The CPPCC is also extending invitations to overseas Chinese elites as non-voting delegates at its meetings. However, concerns over perceived interference in foreign nations have surfaced, potentially straining China's relations with other countries.

French:

CONFÉRENCE CONSULTATIVE CHINOIS POLITIQUE DU PEUPLE CHINOIS ET TRAVAIL DU FRONT UNI

La stratégie du Grand Front uni défendue par le président Xi Jinping a élargi la portée d'action du Front uni du Parti communiste pour englober presque tous les départements de l'Etat-parti. Cette stratégie vise à impliquer et à aligner les élites non communistes sur les idéaux du Parti, tant au niveau national que global. Bien qu'elle ne soit pas constitutionnellement désignée comme une institution d'État, la Conférence consultative politique du peuple chinois (CCPPC) est devenue de plus en plus vitale en tant que plateforme pour ces efforts de front uni. Dans le cadre de la stratégie du Front uni, la CCPPC offre un forum aux élites non communistes pour contribuer à l'élaboration des politiques et renforcer les liens avec le Parti. Reflétant son approche inclusive, ses membres sont diversifiés et comprennent des représentants de partis non communistes, d'organisations sociales, de minorités ethniques, de communautés religieuses et de divers secteurs sociétaux, ainsi que des représentants de Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan et des rapatriés de l'étranger. L'engagement renforcé du Parti auprès des communautés chinoises d'outre-mer, facilité par la CCPPC, vise à étendre son influence à l'étranger. A travers l'adhésion à la CCPPC, les scientifiques et les professionnels chinois étudiant ou travaillant à l'étranger sont incités à retourner en Chine. La CCPPC invite également les élites chinoises d'outre-mer à participer à ses réunions en tant que délégués sans droit de vote. Cependant, des inquiétudes ont

émergés à l'étranger concernant de possibles ingérences, ce qui pourrait mettre à rude épreuve les relations extérieures de la Chine.

Spanish:

CONFERENCIA POLÍTICA CONSULTA DEL PUEBLO CHINO Y TRABAJO DEL FRENTE UNIDO

La Estrategia del Gran Frente Unido defendida por el presidente Xi Jinping ha ampliado el alcance del trabajo del frente único del Partido Comunista Chino para abarcar a casi todos los departamentos estatales del partido. Esta estrategia tiene como objetivo involucrar y alinear a las élites no comunistas con los ideales del Partido tanto a nivel nacional como internacional. Si bien no está designada constitucionalmente como una institución estatal, la Conferencia Consultiva Política del Pueblo Chino (CCPPCh) se ha vuelto cada vez más vital como plataforma para estos esfuerzos del frente unido. Bajo la estrategia del frente único, la CCPPCh proporciona un foro para que las élites no comunistas contribuyan a la formulación de políticas y fortalezcan los vínculos con el Partido. Su membresía diversa incluye representantes de partidos no comunistas, organizaciones sociales, minorías étnicas, comunidades religiosas y diversos sectores sociales, así como representantes de Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwán y repatriados del extranjero, lo que refleja su enfoque inclusivo. El compromiso intensificado del Partido con las comunidades chinas en el extranjero, facilitado a través de la CCPPCh, tiene como objetivo reforzar su influencia en el extranjero. Ha ofrecido membresía en la CCPPCh como un esfuerzo para incentivar a los científicos y profesionales chinos que estudian o trabajan en el extranjero a regresar a China. La CCPPCh también está extendiendo invitaciones a las élites chinas en el extranjero como delegados sin derecho a voto en sus reuniones. Sin embargo, han surgido preocupaciones sobre la percepción de interferencia en naciones extranjeras, lo que podría tensar las relaciones de China con otros países.

Executive Summary

1. The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) was often seen as a politically insignificant venue for retiring officials. However, in recent years, its importance has grown, particularly as a platform for united front efforts.
2. The united front serves as a strategic tool for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to engage and co-opt non-communist elites and groups, both domestically and internationally, aligning them with the Party's objectives.
3. President Xi Jinping has underscored the importance of the united front, championing the Grand United Front Strategy. This initiative has broadened the scope of united front work, expanding its purview from select departments to encompass nearly all party-state entities.
4. While not constitutionally designated as a state institution, the CPPCC functions as an advisory and deliberative body. Given its concurrent sessions with the People's Congress, it can be loosely likened to an upper house in other political systems.
5. In practice, the CPPCC serves as a united front organisation, providing a platform for non-communist elites to offer suggestions and engage in political deliberations, allowing them to partake in the party's policymaking processes and foster closer ties with the Party.
6. The CPPCC membership comprises not only a minority of CCP officials but also delegates from non-Communist parties, social organisations, ethnic minorities, religious communities and various societal sectors, as well as representatives from Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and overseas returnees.
7. Situated within the broader framework of united front efforts, the CPPCC operates under the guidance of the Central Small Leading Group for United Front Work established in 2015 to coordinate relevant departments.

8. As part of the overarching grand united front strategy, the Party has intensified its engagement with overseas Chinese communities. Through the CPPCC, efforts are made to incentivise Chinese scientists and professionals studying and working abroad to return to China by offering them membership upon their return.
9. Overseas Chinese elites are also invited as non-voting delegates at its meetings to facilitate Beijing's networking with overseas Chinese communities and enhance its influence abroad.
10. These initiatives have elicited concerns as they have been perceived as infiltration or interference. Such actions may potentially strain relations between China and other countries.