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Figure S1. Corresponding element mapping of CZCS-20 in SEM image (b) Cu; (c) Zn; (c) Cd and (d) S element,(g-h) HRTEM images of CZCS-20.



Figure S2. SEM images of (a) CZCS-1, (b) CZCS-2, (c) CZCS-4, (d) CZCS-8, (e) CZCS-20, (f) CZCS-40.



Figure S3. Transient fluorescence spectra of the (a) $Zn_{0.67}Cd_{0.33}S$

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Sample	Zn/Cu molar ratio		
CZCS-1	0.95		
CZCS-2	1.91		
CZCS-4	3.89		
CZCS-8	8.11		
CZCS-20	19.81		
CZCS-40	41.93		

Table S1. Zn/Cu molar ratio was measured by ICP measurement.

Sample	Emission peak	$<\tau_i>(s)$	A _i (%)	<7>	χ^2	
Zn _{0.67} Cd _{0.33} S	521 nm	5.169E-007 2.839E-005	82.89 17.11	5.3 µs	1.431	
CZCS-20	529 nm	5.534E-010 3.877E-009	89.60 10.40	0.89 ns	1.075	

Table S2. Transient fluorescence lifetimes of the Zn_{0.67}Cd_{0.33}S and CZCS-20.

 τ_i (i=1, 2) is the fitted fluorescence lifetime, A_i is the percentage of τ_i in the double-exponential case, χ^2 is goodness of fit.



Figure S4. The Photocatalytic H_2 production of CZCS-20 composite photocatalysts under 420 nm monochromatic light irradiation.



Figure S5. The optimized geometry of Cu_2S (left), $Zn_{0.67}Cd_{0.33}S$ (middle) and CZCS (right) by DFT simulation



Figure S6. The density of states for (a) Cu_2S and (b) $Zn_{0.67}Cd_{0.33}S$