



Announcement

2020 AGM Postponed to the Second Half of the Year

The CCICED Secretariat has been closely monitoring developments of the impact of COVID-19 at local and global levels and has followed advice provided by the Government of China and actions taken by other governments and international organizations.

Taking into account the rapid increase of cases worldwide and the continuing difficulties for some international participants travelling from abroad to attend the CCICED AGM to be held in May in Beijing, and the determination by the World Health Organization, on 11 March, that the outbreak is now pandemic, as a measure to safeguard the event's participants due to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CCICED Secretariat has decided to postpone the CCICED 2020 AGM to the second half of 2020 with the exact date to be determined later.

The secretariat will reach out to each SPS team to discuss the impact this postponement may have on their respective researches. Nevertheless, as a rule of principle, each SPS is expected to follow the current timeline and research plan unless otherwise instructed by the Chief Advisors. That is, submission of next draft of the SPS Reports is still expected on March 31st.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat at secretariat@cciced.net or cciced@iisd.org

News Scan

Global Governance and Ecological Civilization



China to Slash Subsidies for Renewable Energy Amid Drive to Cut State Support

March 11th, Caixin - China will halve this year's subsidy budget for new solar power plants and will end handouts completely for new offshore wind farms in what one expert said is an effort to ease the strain on the central government's budget. The measure is just the latest cut to government support for renewable energy projects in China, which had long benefited from Beijing's largesse as policymakers sought to make the industry more competitive with conventional power sources such as coal and natural gas. [FULLARTICLE](#)



China vows to discard game meat consumption

March 12th, Xinhua - In the wake of the novel coronavirus outbreak, China's top legislature has adopted a decision on banning illegal trading of wildlife and eliminating consumption of wild animals. The move is an opportunity for the country to ratchet up wildlife conservation system and reframe people's relationship with wildlife. The decision is of far-reaching significance not only in people's dietary habits but a big industry as well. [FULLARTICLE](#)

Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



China to modify environmental supervision of firms

March 9th, Reuters - "The environmental supervision should be adjusted in accordance with practical needs and social economic situation," said Cao Liping, director of Ecological and Environmental Enforcement bureau at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), at a press briefing. "The purpose of environmental supervision is never about shutting firms and curbing production, but about encouraging firms to actively meet the environmental standards," [FULLARTICLE](#)

Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



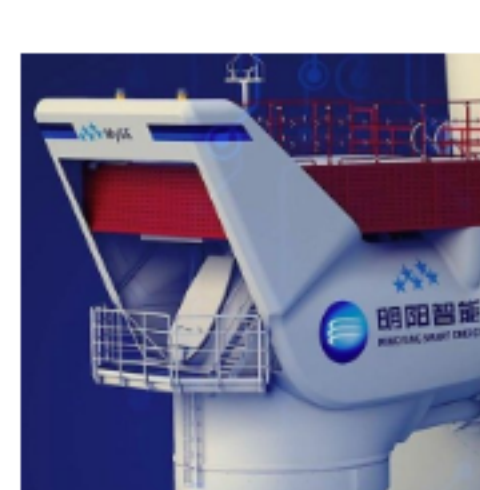
Composite profiles reduce bus emissions in Finland

Feb 11th, Plastics Today - Exel Composites has supplied Chinese bus and coach manufacturer Yutong with fiberglass profiles for 33 electric buses which have been delivered to Helsinki, Finland. The introduction of the electric buses is part of the country's goal to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. For 2030, the EU commission has set a target for Finland to reduce GHG emissions from transport by 50% compared to 2005. [FULLARTICLE](#)



Researchers are sitting on tech that could transform trees into power generators

March 11th, Quartz - What if trees could provide electricity to cities? This surrealist idyll isn't too far-fetched, say a team of researchers from China, Italy and Japan. They've been working to harvest usable electricity from plants by experimenting with the "triboelectric" effect in tree foliage. The phenomenon occurs when certain materials that rub against each are pried apart, akin to how static electricity is generated. [FULLARTICLE](#)



Turbine triumph for 300MW Chinese offshore

March 11th, ReNews - The first turbine has been installed at the 300MW Yangjiang Nanpeng offshore wind farm off China. Turbine supplier Ming Yang Smart Energy said the first MySE 5.5-155 unit was installed on 8 March at the project, which is being developed by China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group. The project also features a 220kv offshore substation and an onshore centralised control centre. [FULLARTICLE](#)

Green Energy, Investment and Trade



LONGi joins the Global Initiative RE100; commits to 100% renewable power across its entire global operations by 2028

March 11th, ReNews - LONGi Green Energy Technology, the world's leading solar technology company, announced that it has officially joined the global RE100 initiative led by The Climate Group in partnership with CDP. LONGi commits to sourcing 100% renewable electricity across its entire global operations by 2028 with an interim target of 70% by 2027. The global RE100 initiative aims to unite Global Fortune 500 companies such as Apple, Google, Facebook, Coca-Cola, Microsoft, Philips and Goldman Sachs, to the committed goal of 100% renewable energy in the shortest possible timeframe. [FULLARTICLE](#)



What does the EU circular economy plan mean for China?

March 16th, chinadialogue - The circular economy – a model based on recycling, reusing and repairing raw materials and products – is a domestic political priority in China, written into law in 2008. On 11 March, the European Commission published its new Circular Economy Action Plan, updating the original 2015 plan. It aims to lay out a "future-oriented agenda for achieving a cleaner and more competitive Europe". To some degree, the action plan is a policy response to China's ban on shipments of plastic, unsorted scrap paper and other waste materials, enforced since January 2018. [FULLARTICLE](#)