



Event Recap

Global Climate Governance and China's Role Expert Meeting

the world into positive climate action for 2020 and beyond, experts from both China and the international community were invited to address ways to strengthen collaboration at the CCICED Expert Meeting on Global Climate Governance and China's Role on March 30th - 31st 2020 via conference call. This meeting was co-organized by Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), Energy Foundation China (EFC), European Climate Foundation (ECF), Institutes of Science and Development - Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Third Generation Environmentalism (E3G), and the CCICED Secretariat.

During the first half-day meeting on 30th March, it was kicked-off by sharing an update of recent developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the subsequent economic downturn and the postponement of CBD15 and COP26. It was then followed by a discussion on how a "green stimulus" plan can kick-start the New Green Story. During the second half-day meeting on 31st March, the agenda focused on how to reconcile a green and low-carbon stimulus with China's short, medium and long-term plans for high-quality development and efforts to achieve modernization. The two half-day conference meetings allowed attendees to exchange ideas in an open and frank manner aiming to provide analytical inputs in the policy making process for the upcoming 14th Five-Year Plan.

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Global Governance and Ecological Civilization



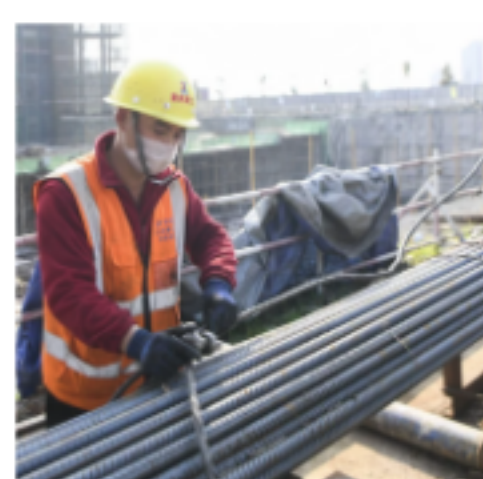
Xi stresses green model of growth

April 1st, ecns - President Xi Jinping stressed the importance of environmental protection during his inspection tour of eastern China on Monday at a village where he unveiled his theory of ecological civilization 15 years ago. Protecting the mountains and waters well will provide special advantages for the further development of the village, Xi said, adding that the economy should not be developed at the cost of destroying the environment. "The environment itself means the economy. If you protect the environment, you will receive rewards from the environment," he said. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Green hydrogen could cut industry emissions by 34%

March 30th, reNews - The falling cost of making hydrogen from wind and solar power could cut greenhouse gas emissions by 34% in fossil fuel dependent sectors of the economy according to new research by BloombergNEF (BNEF). When including the cost of storage and pipeline infrastructure, the delivered cost of renewable hydrogen in China, India and Western Europe could fall to around \$2/kg in 2030 and \$1/kg in 2050, it added. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



China's transition to a greener economy may be shelved amid recovery

March 24th, South China Morning Post - Many are now concerned that a new round of economic stimulus may be pumped into China's economy and a large portion of that might go into the industrial sectors, replicating past experiences of pumping cheap credits to polluting industries, and as a result of that creating a new round of emissions increases and locking in China to a high emissions path, according to Li Shuo, senior global policy adviser at Greenpeace East Asia.

Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



Planning for future water security in China

March 24th, PHYS.org - China's fast economic growth and accompanying rise in food demand is driving an increase in water use for agriculture and industry, thus threatening the country's water security. The findings of a new study underscore the value and potential of technological adaptations to help design targets and incentives for water scarcity mitigation measures. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



China-initiated int'l energy organization promotes green power alternatives

March 28th, Xinhua News - Clean energy is becoming the mainstream of global energy supply and interconnection is the mainstream of energy allocation, according to the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO). Over the years, China is active in clean energy development and power grid interconnection with neighboring countries, and has achieved significant breakthroughs in UHV grids, smart grids, and clean energy. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Green Energy, Investment and Trade



China: Developing Green Finance in Agriculture

March 26th, The World Bank - The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved a loan of Euro 267.2 million (US\$300 million equivalent) for China to foster green agriculture investments, development of standards, and technological innovation in Henan Province. China's agricultural sector accounts for about 14 percent of global agriculture-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and is a major source of two highly potent GHGs: methane and nitrous oxide. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



China's Fresh Green Debt is Drying Up

March 26th, Bloomberg - Green financing for Chinese borrowers has slowed to a trickle due to the virus outbreak, threatening the nation's goals to clean up its environment. Just one green loan deal was signed for China this year, while green bond issuance saw the slowest start to the year since 2017, Bloomberg-compiled data show, as the country's firms shift their focus this year. This type of debt is used to fund environmental projects including renewable energy or conservation. [FULL ARTICLE](#)