



Call for Inputs

The 2020 CCICED Annual General Meeting – originally scheduled for May 2020 – is being rescheduled to a later date. Nevertheless, in order not to miss the opportunity to contribute to China's 14th Five Year Plan, CCICED will submit a set of interim policy recommendations.

Accordingly, all CCICED Council Members and Special Advisors, as well as the CCICED Special Policy Studies (SPS) Team Leaders, are invited to share input to these interim policy recommendations.

The suggested timeline to submit ideas, advice and strategic perspectives is **20 April 2020**. The suggested limit is **1,000 words or less**. If you are among the group referred to above (CCICED Council Members, Special Advisors, SPS Team Leaders) and would like to contribute to the interim policy recommendations, please kind send your ideas to the following email addresses:

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The range of potential input is intentionally open. Input can address short-term lessons from COVID-19 – including for example green, low-carbon recovery and economic stimulus programs – the importance of high-quality, green development in the 14th Five-Year Plan, international cooperation issues as advancing the Green Belt and Road Initiative, supporting ambitious UNFCCC and UN Convention on Biodiversity outcomes, and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

Based on the inputs received, the Chief Advisors will prepare a draft of the interim policy recommendations, together with an interim CCICED Issues Paper. Afterwards, CCICED Council Members will have one week to review the drafts and share comments. A final draft will be submitted by the CCICED Secretariat to the Chinese Government in late May.

Kind regards,

CCICED Secretariat International Support Office

News Scan

Global Governance and Ecological Civilization



President says planting trees key to protecting nature

April 4th, China Daily - President Xi, accompanied by other leaders, attended a tree-planting activity with local residents in Jiugong township of Beijing's Daxing district. Noting that the country's disease prevention situation is moving steadily in a positive direction and work and production are resuming gradually, Xi said planting trees is a concrete action to boost the economic and social progress and the expedited return to normal work and life. The activity is also aimed at promoting the concept of ecological civilization with respect for nature and harmony between humans and nature, Xi said. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



China vows harsher punishment for illegal pelagic fishing

March 30th, Xinhua News - The new rules stipulate a ban on the use of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) vessels in the pelagic fishery as well as on the IUU fishing by ocean-going vessels. The revision is among China's intensified efforts to promote the conservation and rational utilization of marine fishery resources as well as the sustainable development of pelagic fishery. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



Coronavirus hits China's sustainable aquaculture

April 1st, chinadialogue - The damage to China's aquaculture sector caused by coronavirus could be far-reaching as customers from the US and elsewhere hold off on orders. Companies that specialise in sustainable aquaculture products look to be especially affected because they rely most on exports. Fang Qing is China manager for the Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), a sustainable seafood certification body, says 20% of China's large aquaculture firms are certified by third parties such as the ASC, Best Aquaculture Practices or ChinaGAP. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Xi inspects wetland conservation, urban management in Hangzhou

March 31st, Xinhua News - President Xi inspected wetland conservation and technology-based urban management in the city of Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province. During the inspection, Xi visited the Xixi National Wetland Park and the City Brain, a smart city platform aiming to improve urban management. Hangzhou's City Brain project was launched in 2016 to help the city make plans in areas including public security, transport and healthcare with the use of big data, cloud computing and artificial intelligence, among other cutting-edge technologies. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



China may ease electric car quotas, delay emission rules to help automakers

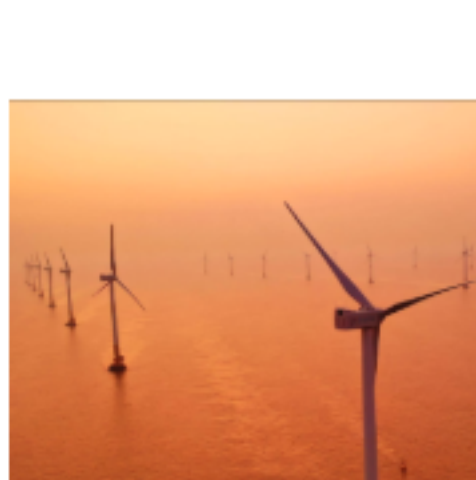
April 1st, Reuters - China is considering temporarily easing quotas designed to boost production of electric cars to help automakers badly bruised by the coronavirus pandemic to revive slumping sales. Policymakers in the world's biggest auto market may also delay the implementation of a new emission particle restriction by six months to help the car industry, which has suffered a 79% drop in sales in February and expects a fall of around 10% in the first half of this year. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Green Energy, Investment and Trade



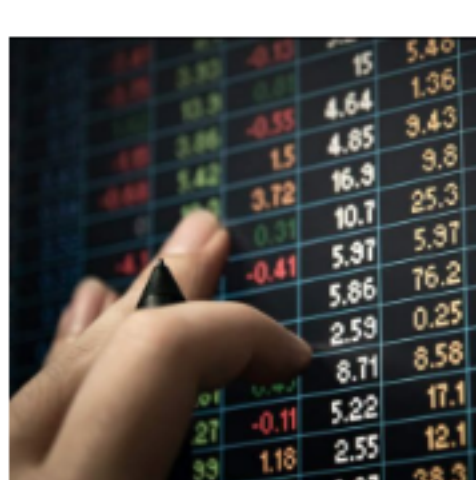
Oil price plunge is hurting the circular economy for plastic

April 6th, Eco-Business - While the coronavirus-induced collapse in oil demand might be good news for the climate as greenhouse gas emissions ease, it is not good news for the nascent circular economy in a ubiquitous material made from oil: plastic. The economic pinch from the covid-19 pandemic has led to recycling plant closures all over the world as demand for recycled material has fallen, Dr Steve Wong, chief executive of Fukutomi Recycling and chairman of China Scrap Plastics Association told Eco-Business. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Why are experts calling for a green stimulus?

April 2nd, chinadialogue - China is one of the countries furthest along the road in stimulus planning. But while support for "new infrastructure projects" could see huge sums directed into areas like electric vehicle charging, the inclusion of coal projects on a list of provincial spending plans has prompted head-scratching. "China has managed to build more coal plants than it needs. Adding more of them will not burn coal, but money," said Li Shuo, senior global policy advisor at Greenpeace East Asia. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Look for the green bond label

April 1st, Green Biz - Do green bonds offer a potential path towards reaching this target, and what are the challenges? Over the years, the green bond market has seen growing diversity in issuer type, with more national, municipal and corporate entities joining early-adopting supranational organizations. However there's a lack of clarity among issuers and underwriters on what activities qualify for a green bond. In 2019, for example, China issued green bonds to finance coal-based power projects under the "clean coal" label in the name of energy security. [FULL ARTICLE](#)