



## Final Call for Inputs

Dear Colleagues,

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 **Monday, 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:

[secretariat@cciced.net](mailto:secretariat@cciced.net)  
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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 14<sup>th</sup> 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



#### China may delay submitting climate plans amid economic slowdown

April 13th, *Climate Home News* - China could delay submitting its climate plans at least until after the US presidential election in November as officials focus on reviving the economy from an unprecedented slowdown, experts have warned. The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the climate diplomacy timetable has thrown uncertainty over when China, the world's largest emitter, will issue updated climate policies to the UN. Such plans are due to be submitted this year. [FULLARTICLE](#)



#### China's beekeepers feel the sting of covid-19

April 11th, *The Economist* - Pesticides have long plagued China's honey-making industry, which is by far the world's largest. This year, however, covid-19 has been a bigger headache for the country's 250,000 beekeepers, who produce around one-quarter of the global supply. Many of them are itinerant, moving their colonies around the country on lorries in search of pollen and nectar. Bees are responsible for pollinating about one-sixth of the flowering plant species worldwide and approximately 400 different agricultural types of plant. [FULLARTICLE](#)

### Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



#### Chinese investors keen to fund renewables 'village' in Peterhead

April 13th, *The Press and Journal* - Chinese investors are willing to stump up the £500 million building costs for a new renewable energy "village" creating up to 2,500 jobs in Peterhead. North China Power Engineering Company has already earmarked the project for its first infrastructure investment in the UK. A "concept" document prepared by Newfield Energy says its proposed development would deliver high "ethical" investment returns, green jobs, a positive environmental impact and local fuel security. [FULLARTICLE](#)



#### Top 10 national innovative cities in China

April 8th, *China Daily* - The Ministry of Science and Technology and the National Development and Reform Commission have supported 78 cities around the country to build themselves up to become a national innovative city. The report analyzed 72 cities across China based on 45 specific indicators in six dimensions, including innovative infrastructure, technological and educational resources, industrial and innovative capability, entrepreneurship vitality levels, open and collaborative innovation levels as well as green development ability. [FULLARTICLE](#)

### Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



#### ABB partners with China's State Grid to integrate large-scale renewables

April 9th, *ABB Press Release* - ABB's Power Grids business has won several major orders to supply advanced HVDC converter transformers and high-voltage equipment for three 800 kilovolt (kV), ultrahigh-voltage direct current (UHVDC) transmission links, owned by the State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC), in China. "We are glad to see a recovery in demand for reliable and clean energy, as the Chinese economy gradually returns to normality following the COVID-19 outbreak. Ultrahigh-voltage electricity transmission, enabled by pioneering technologies from ABB, is a critical element of China's vision of stronger and greener grids. We have full confidence in the resilience of China's economy," said Claudio Facchin, President of ABB's Power Grids business. [FULLARTICLE](#)



#### China's auto consumption far from ceiling, more NEV stimuli to come

April 9th, *CGTN* - China's automobile production and sales have indeed changed, but in general it still conforms to the law of industrial development, and the industry's long-term stability has stayed unchanged, said the country's top economic planner. The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) made the statement at a press conference briefing the latest auto consumption and stimuli package, which was also joined by officials from the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Ecology and Environment. [FULLARTICLE](#)

### Green Energy, Investment and Trade



#### China's 'Green Zone' Coal Price Tested

April 12th, *Bloomberg* - China's coal prices have sunk to levels that threaten state intervention, but this time policy makers may refrain from doing so as they continue efforts to buttress the economy hurt by the pandemic. The government will try to keep power prices low as it pushes to restart the economy, according to analysts. That goal will be helped by the decline in benchmark prices to just above 500 yuan a ton, the lower end of a range that Beijing generally tries to maintain. [FULLARTICLE](#)



#### Chinese firms struggle to fund renewables projects overseas

April 9th, *chinadialogue* - Chinese renewable energy firms are booming at home but not overseas. Domestic solar and wind capacity have come on in leaps and bounds, with the proportion of coal power in the energy mix on the wane and a transition to low-carbon power clearly underway. Yet overseas, and particularly in countries covered by the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China's renewable investments are just getting started, and lagging far behind the country's extensive coal power projects. [FULLARTICLE](#)