



## Announcement

CCICED Secretariat International Support Office would like to inform the community that Ms. Sanaa Bouchikhi has left the position of Project Manager to pursue other endeavors. We wish her all the best in the future!

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. **Brice Li** ([bli@iisd.ca](mailto:bli@iisd.ca)), who has assumed Ms. Bouchikhi's duties and joined the SISO team as our new Project Manager. Brice has more than 10 years of experience in international relations and we are confident he will be a positive addition to the team. Furthermore, Brice will also be supported by Mr. **Tristan Easton** ([teaston@iisd.ca](mailto:teaston@iisd.ca)), our senior Project Manager who has been with the project since International Institute for Sustainable Development assumed the role of SISO in April, 2019. Feel free to reach out if you have any further questions or comments.

Thank you for your continuous support!

Sincerely,

CCICED Secretariat International Support Office

## Upcoming Events

### **SPS/Green Transition Team Meeting, 17-18 January 2020, Beijing**

Chinese and international experts of the SPS team will meet in Beijing to advance the research work per work plan.

### **Task Force 3 & Task Force 4 Joint Meeting, 11 February 2020, Beijing**

Co-chair of Task Force 3 & 4 and Team Leaders of the SPS Teams under the Task Forces will meet in Beijing to discuss how to ensure better alignment and the realization of strategic synergies among the SPSs.

### **SPS/Oceans Team Meeting, 9-14 February 2020, Hangzhou**

Chinese and international experts of the SPS team will meet in Hangzhou to advance the research work per work plan.

### **Chief Advisor - Secretariat Joint Meeting, 13-14 February 2020, Beijing**

Chief Advisors, Secretariat and SPS Team Leaders will meet in Beijing to take stock of current work, and suggest any changes or shaperning of research focus in order to provide meaningful and ambitious input to the May 20-22, 2020 CCICED Annual General Meeting.

## News Scan

### Global Governance and Ecological Civilization



#### **China unveils new wetland research center**

**Dec 14th, CGTN** - China has unveiled a national-level wetland research center for wetland protection; the center was jointly established by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the National Forestry and Grassland Administration (NFGA). It will provide technical support for national wetland protection management, wetland ecological restoration and implementation of international conventions.

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#### **Cop25: What was achieved and where to next?**

**Dec 16th, Climate Home News** - Countries agreed in Paris in 2015 to revisit their climate pledges by 2020. But many countries were pushing this year for a clear call for all countries to submit more ambitious climate pledges next year. This is seen as a key means of ensuring countries put a focus on improving their current pledges, as well as empowering civil society to hold them to account. But countries such as China and Brazil opposed placing any obligation on countries to submit enhanced pledges next year, arguing it should be each country's own decision.

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#### **A High Ambition Coal Phaseout in China: Feasible Strategies through a Comprehensive Plant-by-Plant Assessment**

**Jan 5th, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy** - The latest analysis, A High Ambition Coal Phaseout in China: Feasible Strategies through a Comprehensive Plant-by-Plant Assessment, from the University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability (CGS), the Energy Research Institute (ERI) of the National Development and Reform Commission of China, and the North China Electric Power University demonstrates that a 1.5°C compatible coal power phaseout is now possible for China through a structured and sustainable retirement strategy. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

### Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



#### **China starts 10-year fishing ban on Yangtze River**

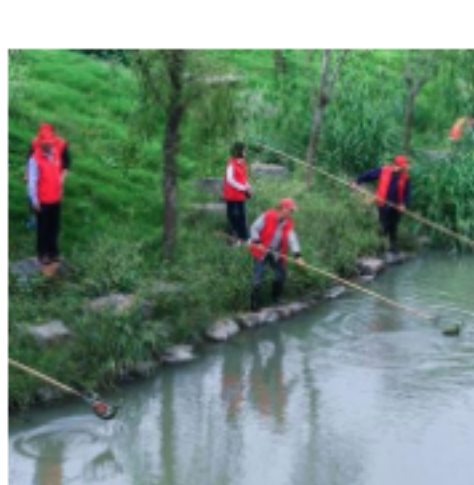
**Jan 2nd, Xinhua News** - China on Wednesday began a 10-year fishing ban on key areas of the Yangtze River to protect biodiversity in the country's longest river, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. Starting from this year, the ban will be observed in 332 conservation areas in the Yangtze River basin, which will also be expanded to all natural waterways of the river and its major tributaries from no later than Jan. 1, 2021. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

### Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



#### **China's Largest Non-interference Geothermal Heating System Starts up in Fengxi**

**Dec 6th, PR Newswire** - Recently, China's largest non-interference geothermal heating system has been activated at the Western China Science & Technology Innovation Harbor in Fengxi New City, Xixian New Area, Shaanxi Province, according to the Party Committee of Fengxi New City. Six of these integrated energy supply stations will be providing heating, cooling and hot water for buildings totalling 1.59 million square meters so as to meet the energy needs of Xi'an Jiaotong University's 25,000 researchers and 10,000 faculty members in the Innovation Harbor. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

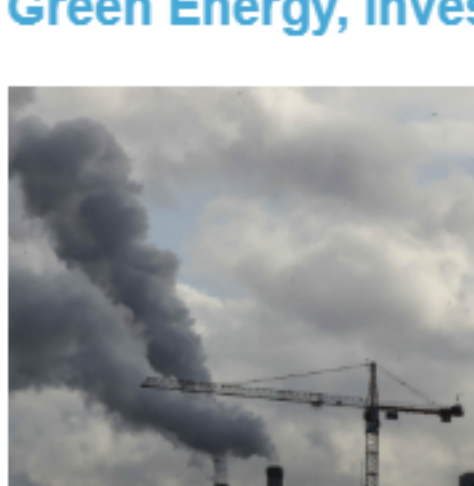


#### **Experts urge early pollution litigation**

**Dec 13th, China Daily** - Prosecutors should step up efforts to file lawsuits to stop individuals or groups that are in the early shapes of destroying the ecology and environment, legal experts said. They said that prosecutors have made strides in suing polluters after damage has occurred, but the procuratorial organs still have a long way to go when it comes to taking preventive action. Dimitri de Boer, chief representative of the China office of ClinetEarth, a European environmental law group, said that it would be better to take legal action before the pollution or damage to nature occurs.

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### Green Energy, Investment and Trade



#### **Green financing might be the best way to cut carbon emissions**

**Dec 18th, CGTN** - Green financing could play a key part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as the countries around the world are trying to rein in global temperature rise and meet the targets set by Paris agreement. Green financing is investment that leads to increased investment in longer-term and sustainable projects, converting major sectors of the economy from using high carbon fuel to lower carbon energy such as electricity and bio-based fuels. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### **Evaluation of Japanese loan program for Chinese environmental protection begins**

**Dec 25th, Xinhua News** - Japan has embarked on the post-project evaluation of a series of loans targeting ecological conservation in northwest China's Qinghai Province, the provincial forestry and grassland administration said. The program, launched in 2009 and completed in 2017 to protect Qinghai Lake, China's largest inland salt lake, was the first time that the province used foreign government loans for environmental preservation. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### **China to launch national green development fund in 2020**

**Dec 26th, Xinhua News** - China will officially launch its national green development fund in 2020, amid efforts to improve the economic policy system for ecological and environmental protection, according to the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) Thursday. Environmental economic policies can stimulate the endogenous power of enterprises for pollution control and are an effective way to solve environmental problems, MEE official Xu Bijiu told a press conference in Beijing. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### **Ping An is the First Chinese Asset Owner Signatory to Climate Action 100+**

**Jan 3rd, PR Newswire** - Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. announced that the Group has joined Climate Action 100+, an investor initiative launched in 2017 to ensure the world's largest corporate greenhouse gas emitters take necessary action on climate change. Ping An is the first Chinese asset owner signatory to Climate Action 100+. The Group's decision to join the initiative highlights the growing momentum in investor environmental stewardship in China and across Asia. [FULL ARTICLE](#)