



Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 7th - 16th Individual SPS Meetings (TBC)
- 8th - 13th 10th World Urban Forum, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 17th/18th Joint SPS Meeting (TBC)
- 17th - March 6th International Seabed Authority, 26th Assembly, Kingston, Jamaica
- 24th - 29th Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Preparatory Meeting, Rome, Italy

MARCH

- 10th - 12th Global Symposium on Soil Biodiversity, Rome, Italy

- 30th - April 3rd National Adaptation Planning Expo 2020, Gaborone, Botswana

APRIL

- 13th - 19th 2020 Spring Meetings of the World Bank and IMF, Washington DC, USA

MAY

- 20th - 22nd CCICED Annual General Meeting, Beijing, China

News Scan

Global Governance and Ecological Civilization



Will China's new climate negotiator and CCICED Secretary General, Zhao Yingmin, be a breath of fresh air?

Dec 28th, South China Morning News - China's new chief climate negotiator and CCICED Secretary General, Zhao Yingmin, has taken on the role at a time when the country's policies are likely to face intense scrutiny in the year ahead. Zhao, an environment vice-minister, has plenty of experience in pollution control and people who have worked with him describe him as can-do and professional – attributes they hope will stand him in good stead during the “overly politicised” negotiations that lie ahead. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



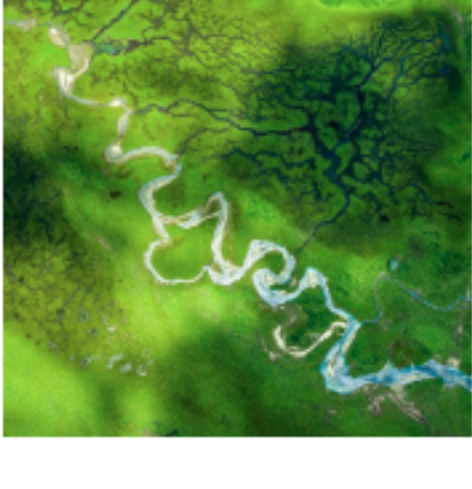
China to make national carbon trading 'breakthrough' by year-end

Jan 13th, Reuters - "China expects to make a “breakthrough” on the establishment of a nationwide carbon emissions trading scheme (ETS) by the end of this year”, said Li Gao, head of the climate office at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment. Establishing a nationwide ETS was one of the pledges made by China ahead of the Paris climate change agreement of 2015, but implementation has been repeatedly delayed amid concerns about transparency and the quality of the nation's emissions data. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Ecological industry powers growth in northwest China

Jan 27th, Xinhua News - The ecological industry has powered growth in northwest China's Gansu Province. Last year, the industry saw its added value increase 7.8 percent year on year to more than 206 billion yuan, contributing to more than 20 percent of Gansu's GDP, according to the provincial bureau of statistics. Gansu authorities have been developing the ecological industry based on its resources and geographical advantages. The industry includes 10 major sectors, including culture tourism, circular agriculture and clean energy. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Sanjiangyuan National Park enjoys better ecological environment

Feb 3rd, CGTN - The Sanjiangyuan National Park in northwest China's Qinghai Province has enjoyed a better ecological environment in recent years, phased research results from the country's second comprehensive scientific expedition to the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau have shown. The park was established to protect the headwaters of the Yangtze, Yellow and Lancang (Mekong) rivers. It covers 123,100 square km and is home of many rare species. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



China wildlife trade ban 'should be permanent'

Feb 4th, BBC News - A report by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) found that one million species are at risk of extinction. With the planet's sustainability as a major global agenda, China is under scrutiny not only for what it is doing within its territory but also outside. Campaigners say that China's demand for wildlife products, which find uses in traditional medicine, or as exotic foods, is driving a global trade in endangered species. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



China to curb farming near rivers in push to reverse water pollution

Jan 17th, South China Morning News - China is in the middle of a campaign to restore the environment of the Yangtze River, which has been damaged by decades of land reclamation, water diversion and the dumping of toxic waste. The government is planning to restrict farming that encroaches on major rivers, restore wetlands and ecosystems and tackle excess water consumption in its 2021-25 five-year plan, said Zhang Bo, head of the water department at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Single-use plastic: China to ban bags and other items

Jan 20th, BBC News - China, one of the world's biggest users of plastic, has unveiled a major plan to reduce single-use plastics across the country. Non-degradable bags will be banned in major cities by the end of 2020 and in all cities and towns by 2022. The restaurant industry will also be banned from using single-use straws by the end of 2020. China has for years been struggling to deal with the rubbish its 1.4 billion citizens generate. The country's largest rubbish dump - the size of around 100 football fields - is already full, 25 years ahead of schedule. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Expert says China ready to share experience in towns construction with other countries

Jan 27th, Xinhua News - China is ready to share its experience in urbanization and towns construction with other countries while it is working to achieve sustainable development; China has accumulated some good experience during the process of urbanization to address the ailments of cities, or what is better known as “urban diseases,” said Chen Yanbing, vice chairman and general-secretary of the International Towns Federation (ITF), in an interview. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



Which Chinese tech firm is leading the pack in clean energy adoption?

Jan 15th, Eco-Business - China's energy-guzzling internet and data centre giants are using more clean energy, but remain woefully behind their global peers, a new study by environmental advocacy group Greenpeace and the North China Electric Power University has found. Data centre operator Chindata and internet giants Alibaba and Tencent emerged the frontrunners in the study's ranking of China's 15 biggest internet and data centre players. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Green Energy, Investment and Trade



China contributes to sustainable global development, says Han Zheng, Chinese Vice Premier and CCICED Chairperson

Jan 21st, Xinhua News - Chinese Vice Premier and CCICED Chairperson Han Zheng said that China is a beneficiary of economic globalization, and more importantly, a contributor to sustainable global development. Han also noted at the 2020 annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, that China has become a main anchor and leading engine of the world economy, contributing around 30 percent to global growth in recent years. [FULL ARTICLE](#)