This newsletter aims to provide a platform that allows the CCICED community to stay connected and be informed of the latest development in their field of interest.

SPS Research Update

End of March

Dear CCICED colleagues,

From early this week, the Chief Advisors have been and will continue to be in touch with each of the 10 SPS Teams via conference calls to follow up on their respective research progress and identify broad focus areas for policy recommendations. After these individual calls, the Secretariat will assist the Chief Advisors in organizing a joint conference call with all the SPS Teams to identify synergies among the teams.

Despite the challenges posed by the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we do not foresee any changes to the timeline of submission and publication of SPS Reports: Submission of 1st Draft February 20

Submission of 2nd Draft

These meetings are organized in lieu of the postponed in-person quarterly CHAD meetings.

 April 20 Submission of 3rd (final) Draft May 5 Publication of Final Report Through this difficult time, we want to thank our CCICED colleagues for your continuous cooperation and support. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards, Secretariat International Support Office

SPS/BRI Working Meeting, February 7th The Working Meeting of SPS on Green BRI and 2030 SDGs for Team Leaders and CCICED

Event Recap

International Chief Advisor was held on Feb 7th, 2020. The meeting discussed the up-to-date

progress of the SPS, major content of the SPS Report (Zero Draft), framework of policy recommendations, field trip schedule, and next-step timetable. See <u>HERE</u> for meeting minutes.

7th - 16th SPS Working Meetings

Upcoming Events

17th - March 6th

FEBRUARY

18th Joint SPS Meeting, 1:30-4:00 PM (GMT)

24th - 29th Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Preparatory Meeting, Rome, Italy

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

National Adaptation Planning Expo 2020, Gaborone, Botswana

2020 Spring Meetings of the World Bank and IMF, Washington DC, USA

International Seabed Authority, 26th Assembly, Kingston, Jamaica

30th - April 3rd

13th - 19th

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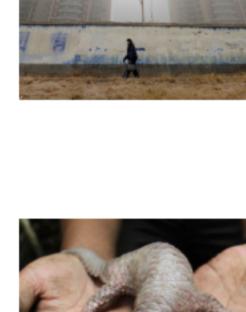
APRIL

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

Global Governance and Ecological Civilization

News Scan

targets, for 2013-17, focussed on its three biggest city



were easily achieved. The tough measures taken, and their impact on businesses have been coming under the microscope of public opinion, all while the government tries to "fine tune" its policies. FULL ARTICLE China amend wildlife law on protection Feb 11th, Xinhua News - China's top legislature will amend the law on the protection of wildlife this year in an effort to fight the novel coronavirus outbreak. Efforts will also be made to accelerate the amendment of laws on animal

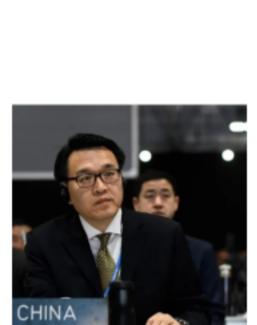
China's anti-smog policies this winter

Feb 5th, Chinadialogue - China first set of smog-reduction

clusters: Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, the Pearl river delta and the

Yangtze delta. Those targets, which included a 33%

reduction in Beijing of average fine particle pollution (PM2.5),



China has positioned itself as a leader in the fight against climate change, but is it really prepared for the role?

Feb 9th, South China Morning Post - China likes to cast

itself as a world leader in tackling climate change – witness

the recent initiative to ban single-use plastics – particularly in

the wake of US President Donald Trump's withdrawal from

the 2016 Paris climate agreement. As the deadlock at the

recent COP25 conference shows, Beijing has other plans.

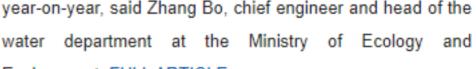
press conference in Beijing. FULL ARTICLE

epidemic prevention and other areas, Wang Ruihe, an official

with the Legislative Affairs Commission of the National

People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, said at a

Water quality of Yangtze improves in 2019 Jan 18th, CGTN - Yangtze River, China's longest waterway, saw continuous improvement in its water quality in 2019 as the country continues a campaign for the river's protection, a senior environmental official said. In 2019, the quality of the water in 91.7 percent of the Yangtze's sections stood above Grade III, the third-highest in the country's five-tier water quality system. This is an increase of 4.2 percentage points



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Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement

Environment. FULL ARTICLE

Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



electricity source Jan 11th, South China Morning Post - China's biggest technology companies, such as e-commerce giant Alibaba and search-engine provider Baidu, are using more renewable energy to power their businesses. But they have a long way to go if they wish to be corporate leaders in the shift

fuels

warming. "There's explosive growth and demand for data,

servers and data centres in China, so the power

consumption in this industry is also skyrocketing,"

Greenpeace East Asia climate and energy campaigner Ye

blamed for

global

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China tech giants wake up to renewable

energy, but fossil fuels still dominate as

Green Energy, Investment and Trade China Development Bank could be a climate bank Feb 6th, Chinadialogue - China Development Bank (CDB) has an opportunity to become the world's most important climate bank, driving the transition to the low-carbon economy. CDB supports Chinese investments globally, often in heavily emitting sectors. Some 70% of global CO2 emissions come from the buildings, transport and energy sectors, which are all strongly linked to infrastructure



covering 2016-2020 mandated influencing capital flows for

In Asia, finance may be the most

Feb 7th, Eco-business - China's 13th five-year plan

sustainable development. With a green financial system that now promotes green credit, green bonds and green funds, credits supporting the green sectors from 21 major Chinese banks reached 10.6 trillion RMB (\$1.54 trillion) in the first half of 2019. FULL ARTICLE

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