



DIALOGUE TO FOSTER SYNERGIES AMONG SPS TEAMS

In light of the unprecedented number of concurrent Special Policy Studies (SPS) actively running during the 2019-2020 research season, and considering the pivotal importance of CCICED's research work to China's and global environmental governance, on February 18th, 2020, CCICED organized a Dialogue to Foster Synergies Among SPS Teams. Due to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, the Dialogue took place in the form of a virtual conference, and was attended by over 80 participants from more than 30 partnering organization, including 8 Council Members, 7 Special Advisors, and 15 Team Leaders and other core experts representing all of the 10 SPS teams.

With the purpose of aligning the research progress of the SPS teams and encouraging high quality and practical policy recommendations, the meeting was structured into five sections, each focusing on a crosscutting theme emerged from the ongoing SPS researches: 1) climate mitigation/low-carbon transition/green technologies; 2) green BRI; 3) financial standards and safeguards; 4) green supply chain and green consumption; and 5) biodiversity/natural capital/large-scale spatial planning.

The secretariat has prepared a meeting summary to capture the salient points discussed during the session, click [HERE](#) for the report.

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

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



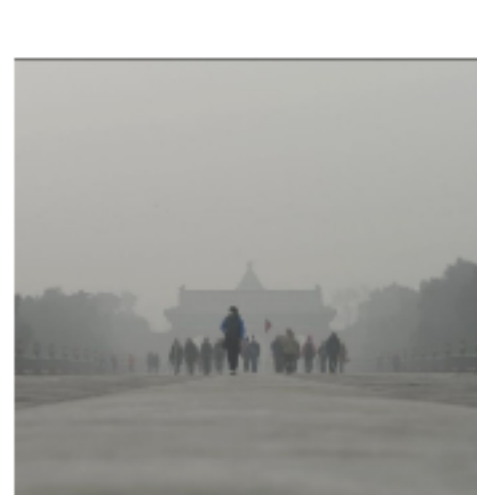
A plan to save Earth's oceans

Feb 24th, **Science Daily** - At least 26 per cent of our oceans need urgent conservation attention to preserve Earth's marine biodiversity, a University of Queensland-led international study has found. Key regions for conservation included the Northern Pacific Ocean near China and Japan, and the Atlantic between West Africa and the Americas. "The world's nations will be coming together in China this year to sign an agreement that will guide global conservation for the next ten years," Director of Science at the Wildlife Conservation Society and UQ scientist Professor James Watson said. [FULLARTICLE](#)



China to end multi-billion wildlife trade, consumption to prevent epidemics

Feb 25th, **CGTN** - Consumption of wild animals as food and captive breeding would be totally prohibited, announced the National People's Congress (NPC), late Monday evening. Hunting, trading, or transporting of wild animals shall also be banned to prevent animal-to-human transmission of diseases, it added. "It is necessary to update the wildlife protection list and forbid the captive breeding of wildlife, except those that can be legally bred and sold in the market," said Li Zhang, a professor with Beijing Normal University. [FULLARTICLE](#)



Micro-pollution ravaging China and South Asia

Feb 25th, **Phys.Org** - Nearly 90 percent of the 200 cities beset by the world's highest levels of deadly micro-pollution are in China and India, with most of the rest in Pakistan and Indonesia. Particulate matter of 2.5 microns or less in diameter—roughly 1/30 the width of a human hair—is the most dangerous type of airborne pollution. China's average urban PM2.5 concentration dropped 20 percent in 2018 and 2019, but last year it still counted 117 of the 200 most polluted cities in the world. [FULLARTICLE](#)

Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



The new neighborhood: creating new community around sustainability and social well-being

Feb 25th, **UNEP** - At the 2020 10th World Urban Forum, the UNEP presented its new guidelines for integrated approaches for sustainable neighborhoods. A handful of "eco-cities" around the globe are developing demonstration green neighborhoods to showcase the latest in green technologies and practices. Canada, China, Korea, Scandinavia, the United Arab Emirates and the United States all have transformative projects that integrate a variety of energy, water, transportation and waste management strategies on a neighborhood scale. [FULLARTICLE](#)

Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



Offshore wind farms could power much of coastal China

Feb 21st, **Science Daily** - If China is to meet and exceed its Paris Climate Agreement goal by 2030, it's going to need to find a way to increase its wind capacity. Researchers found that offshore wind could be a big part of the solution. "This is an important new contribution, recognition that China has abundant off-shore wind potential that can be developed and brought on shore to the power hungry coastal provinces at costs competitive with existing coal-fired polluting power plants," said Michael McElroy, CCICED Council Member and the Gilbert Butler Professor of Environmental Studies at SEAS. [FULLARTICLE](#)

Green Energy, Investment and Trade



Unilever and JD Logistics have signed MOU to provide sustainable solutions in the supply chain

Jan 27th, **Global Cosmetic News** - Building on its existing partnership with JD.com, the Anglo-Dutch FMCG giant will work more closely with the JD Group's digital supply chain and logistics services arm to create a framework to identify opportunities for innovation and sustainable growth. The agreement is grounded on a shared commitment to sustainability – namely Unilever's Sustainable Living Plan and JD's Green Stream Initiative. [FULLARTICLE](#)



Scaling up sustainable finance in Asia

Feb 21st, **Business Times** - How involved should central banks and regulatory authorities be in the climate debate? China has emerged as one of the leading countries in the world when it comes to encouraging the green and low carbon financial sector. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) has set out mandatory disclosures for banks to categorise what is "green", "brown" and "neutral" lending in their portfolios. Banks are able to earn green "points" that contribute to the PBOC's risk assessments. [FULLARTICLE](#)