



Recovering Forward - 2020 Policy Recommendations and Issues Paper



Over the past few months, the COVID-19 pandemic has deeply affected many of CCICED's planned activities. This includes the 2020 Annual General Meeting, which has been cancelled, along with most other activities and events requiring international travel. Although pandemic posed many challenges to our usual practices, with the continuous support from the CCICED community, CCICED has been able to proceed its work as planned, especially those related to policy researches. Based on the outcomes of 10 Special Policy Studies and the feedback from our Members and Special Advisors, the CCICED Issues Paper and Annual Policy Recommendations to the Chinese Government has been finalized and submitted to the State Council. The Secretariat would like to express our sincerest appreciation to our community for your support during this process. You may find the link to the Policy Recommendations below and on our website: <https://cciced.eco/>

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News Scan

Global Governance and Ecological Civilization



ClientEarth co-hosts Fourth EU – China Biodiversity Workshop

Aug 3rd, ClientEarth Press Release - On 14 – 15 July, ClientEarth and the Office of the Executive Committee for CBD COP15 co-hosted a virtual workshop on biodiversity on behalf of the EU – China Environment Project. The workshop was the fourth in a series focused on dialogue towards the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to be agreed upon at COP15 in Kunming next year. The workshop was split into a high-level segment and several in-depth discussions on priority topics such as the next steps in the process, the 2030 milestones and the 2050 visions, protected areas, access and benefit sharing, resource mobilisation and implementation mechanisms.

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China completes field calibration test of ocean observation satellites

Aug 5th, China Daily - Field calibration test of two ocean observation satellites has been completed in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, sources with the Ministry of Natural Resources said. The test included the calibrations of microwave scatterometers, which are key payloads carried by China's HY-2B satellite and China-France Oceanography Satellite. The microwave scatterometer is a radar instrument that enables scientists to observe ocean surface winds and waves simultaneously. It is crucial in the study of the global marine environment and climate change.

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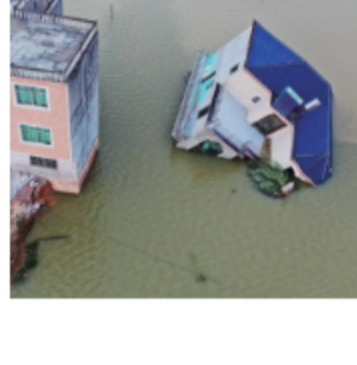


Natural gas output rises as clean energy efforts gain traction

Aug 5th, China Daily - Unconventional natural gas resources, like tight gas and shale gas, saw higher output last year and accounted for a third of the total natural gas production, according to an annual report on China's energy development released by the China Electric Power Planning and Engineering Institute, a research institute. According to BloombergNEF, a research firm, natural gas output is expected to see further traction in the subsequent years as the government is striving toward a cleaner energy mix.

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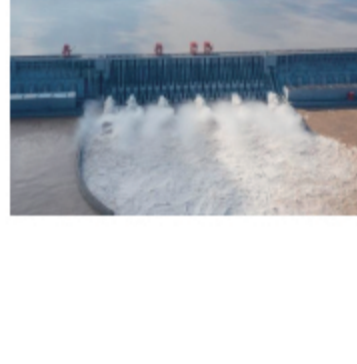
Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



Why it's time to build climate resilience into Chinese manufacturing

Aug 4th, chinadialogue - Data from the United Nations shows that between 1998 and 2017, global economic losses caused by climate-related disasters amounted to US\$2.2 trillion, with floods being the most frequent type of disaster (43% of all recorded events). The situation underscores the importance of incorporating climate resilience into infrastructure planning and the development of the manufacturing sector, especially at a time when China is upgrading its industries and transitioning towards a greener economy.

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What the Potential Crisis on the Yangtze Means for China and the World

Aug 5th, The Heritage Foundation - For much of the past several weeks, central China has been inundated by massive rainstorms, which have generated the country's third major flood for 2020. The massive runoff into the Yangtze has led to concerns that the Three Gorges Dam will be overstressed beyond its capacity to withstand the inflow. The flooding of the Yangtze will have enormous effects in China and beyond, especially since the threat of dam collapse coincides with several other domestic crises.

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Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



University of Nottingham Ningbo China Scholar Dedicated to Developing Sustainable Materials

Aug 4th, businesswire - Xiaosu Yi, a Li Dak Sum Chair Professor in Advanced Materials and Composites at the University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC), has gained - along with his research team - various achievements in developing sustainable materials, multifunctional composites and advanced aeronautical composite technology. Last year, a joint China-Europe project "ECO-COMPASS" was completed. The project aimed to evaluate the potential applications of ecologically improved composite materials in the aeronautics sector through international collaboration.

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Green Energy, Investment and Trade



Infusing investment with sustainability

Aug 3rd, China Daily - Clouds are said to have a silver lining, but could "ESG" prove to be the golden edge to the dark COVID-19 cloud, transmuting the pre-pandemic profit craze of investors into a heart-felt desire for socially responsible, environmentally conscious investing? Yang Yuebin, associate director of Sino-French joint venture AXA SPDB Asset Managers, believes so. He manages a 1.9 billion yuan (\$271.2 million) fund that prefers financial assets offering sustainable returns with focus on ESG.

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China promotes grid price parity for new energy

Aug 6th, Asia Times - China will implement subsidy-free projects for wind and solar power to further increase installed capacity and power output by renewables to boost energy transformation, according to a circular jointly released by the NEA and the National Development and Reform Commission. In 2020, the installed wind power connected to the grid will hit 11.4 million kilowatts, with solar reaching 33.1 million kilowatts. These projects will drive investment totaling about 220 billion yuan (US\$31.54 billion) and create new jobs, the NAE said.

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