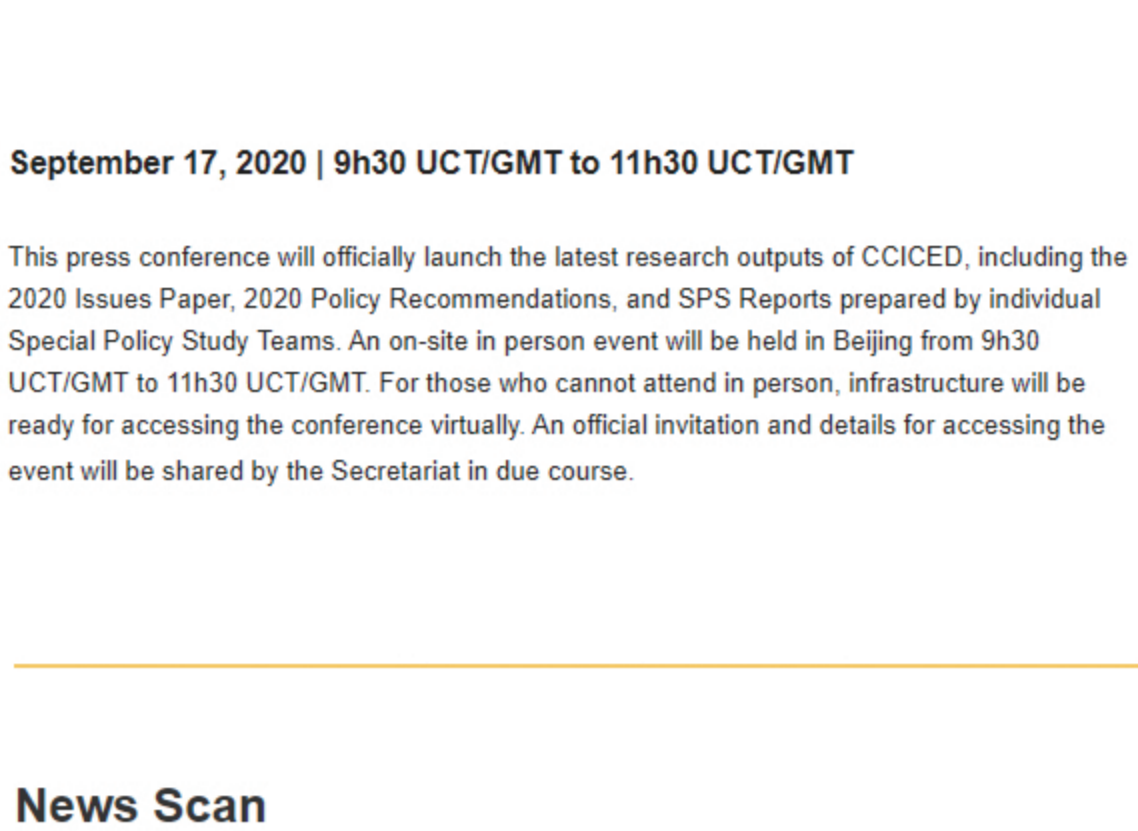




## Upcoming Event

### Press Conference and Launch of CCICED 2019-2020 Research Outputs



### September 17, 2020 | 9h30 UCT/GMT to 11h30 UCT/GMT

This press conference will officially launch the latest research outputs of CCICED, including the 2020 Issues Paper, 2020 Policy Recommendations, and SPS Reports prepared by individual Special Policy Study Teams. An on-site in person event will be held in Beijing from 9h30 UCT/GMT to 11h30 UCT/GMT. For those who cannot attend in person, infrastructure will be ready for accessing the conference virtually. An official invitation and details for accessing the event will be shared by the Secretariat in due course.

## News Scan

### Global Governance and Ecological Civilization



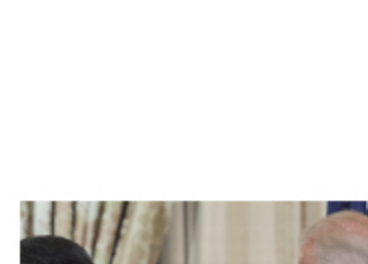
#### The EU can 'catalyse' Chinese thinking on key environmental issues

**Aug 17, China Dialogue** - The world is increasingly looking at the EU-China relationship for answers to the pressing challenges of economic recovery, climate change and general environmental degradation. As a facilitator of EU-China environmental policy exchanges based in Beijing, Dimitri de Boer explains to China Dialogue how bilateral collaborations between the two sides are still moving forward on the operational level and beyond. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### China five-year plan: state media invites public submissions as Xi Jinping calls for 'wisdom of the people'

**Aug 17, South China Morning Post** - Chinese state media has begun soliciting views from citizens ahead of the country's 14th five-year plan, with scores of people flocking online to ask for improvements in everything from health care to pollution. China's 14th five-year plan will lay out the blueprint for economic and development targets for the period covering 2021-25. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### Xi concept on ecology helps guide world

**Aug 15, China Daily** - Under the guidance of Xi's Thought on ecological civilization, China has started to conduct central environmental inspections and has carried out guidelines to control air, water and soil pollution, published its own plans to realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and is implementing a national plan to tackle climate change. "The environment itself means the economy. If you protect the environment, you will receive rewards from the environment," said the Chinese President. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### We Can't Fight Climate Change Without China

**Aug 12, The New Republic** - "While it's an optimistic vision, there's some historical reason to believe cooperation on climate could facilitate broader cooperation between the U.S. and China. This cooperation was seen as a key precursor to the creation of the Paris Agreement. The total implosion—that cooperation could leave the future of that document—flashed as it is—in question. In the future to the zero-sum competition gaining steam on both sides of the aisle," writes Kate Aronoff for *The New Republic*. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### China's economy firms against twin shocks of floods, epidemic

**Aug 18, Xinhuanet** - While uncertainties remain regarding the outlook of the global economic recovery, China's resilient economic performance has outshone the impact of the twin shocks. How did China secure the safety and well-being of its people as the country fought on the two fronts of the floods and the virus? The answers range from the resilience of its economy to the edges of its governance system. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

### Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



#### After 500 Years Trying to Tame Fatal Floods, China Tries a New Way

**Aug 13, Bloomberg News** - China's National Climate Center has records of natural disasters going back 500 years, and in almost every one of them there was a major flood. The "sponge city" initiative, launched in 2015, is an attempt to reverse that — soak up heavy precipitation and release it slowly into the river and reservoirs. Using features such as rooftop gardens, scenic wetland parks, permeable pavements and underground storage tanks, the plan is to eventually absorb or reuse 70% of the rainwater that falls on four-fifths of China's urban land. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### China air pollution falls 10.8% because of coronavirus slowdown

**Aug 14, Reuters** - China saw average concentrations of lung-damaging airborne particles known as PM2.5 fall by 10.8% from January to July as industry slowed because of the coronavirus, though levels were still well above WHO recommendations. Average PM2.5 stood at 33 micrograms per cubic metre over the seven months, according to data collected from monitoring stations in more than 300 cities, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment said. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### China issues new sustainability rules for its notorious fishing fleet

**Aug 14, Mongabay** - China has made the first major revisions to regulations governing its distant-water fishing fleet in 17 years. The new rules aim to curb illegal activity, increase transparency and improve sustainability in commercial fishing. They will take effect between January 2020 and January 2021. Leaving less space for illegal activities, the changes are geared toward promoting more sustainable practices. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### China's smart system guards 300 wild Asian elephants

**Aug 15, China.org.cn** - A leading smart system is monitoring about 300 wild Asian elephants in Xishuangbanna, Yunnan province. The Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve and Inspur Co., Ltd have joined hands to develop a world-leading system for the conservation and ecological protection of Asian elephants. The Asian elephant is one of the endangered species in Asia designated by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List for its small population size. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### River protection efforts bear fruit

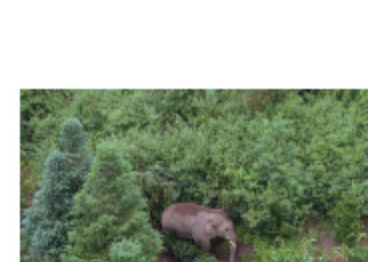
**Aug 17, China Daily** - President Xi Jinping chaired two symposiums about the Yangtze River Economic Belt, in January 2016 and April 2018. At both conferences, he demanded concerted efforts to protect the Yangtze and avoid excessive development. "We must proceed from the long-term interests of the Chinese nation to put restoring the ecological environment of the Yangtze in a dominant position, making all-out efforts to protect it, and forbidding large-scale development of the river," he said. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

### Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



#### War against food waste heats up in China

**Aug 15, The Strait Times** - Campaigns against food waste were reiterated nationwide after President Xi Jinping reiterated the need for greater awareness of the risks posed to the country's food security and called for resolute efforts to promote thrift and combat food waste. "We will make new laws that give clear instructions on avoiding waste in every part of food production, purchasing, storage, transportation, processing and consumption," said Mr Zhang Guilong, senior counsel for the Legislative Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### War against food waste heats up in China

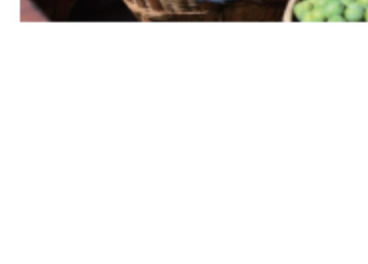
**Aug 18, China.org.cn** - China will impose a phase-out ban on the production, sales and use of daily chemicals that contain plastic microbeads with a diameter of less than 5 millimeters, according to an official document issued last month. "These policies show that China is taking solid actions in global environmental governance," said Li Yang, an associate professor at the School of Environment, Beijing Normal University (BNU). [FULL ARTICLE](#)

### Green Energy, Investment and Trade



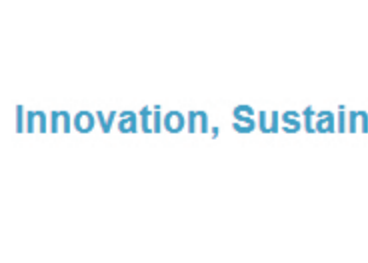
#### State Grid in Tianjin develops smart energy to promote smart city

**Aug 18, China Daily** - The State Grid in North China's Tianjin is making every effort to build a pioneer city in the energy revolution and help Tianjin radiate new vitality for high-quality development. With smart energy supporting the construction of smart cities, electric energy plays a more valuable role in serving social governance, upgrading industries, and improving people's livelihood needs. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### Clariant, Chemtex join forces to boost biofuel production in China

**Aug 18, Biofuels News** - The announcement was made on 15 August during a joint presentation at the 7th Asia-Pacific Biomass Utilisation Summit in Guangzhou. Under the partnership, the two firms will collaborate to market and sell Clariant's sunliquid® technology licenses, as well as services and supplies for advanced biofuel plants in China. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



#### Pakistan, China to strengthen cooperation in agricultural sector

**Aug 13, The Nation** - China has many technologies suitable for crops in Pakistan, including compound planting, smart agriculture, water-saving irrigation and greenhouse. Now green pesticides and organic fertilizers are being promoted to reduce pollution from agricultural non-point source. [FULL ARTICLE](#)