CHINA ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Convener and Catalyzer for U.S.-China Energy & Environment Cooperation

Since 1997, the China Environment Forum (CEF) has been the “go-to” resource for convening policy, business, research, and NGO practitioners on the most pressing energy, water, and pollution problems facing China. Through meetings, publications, and exchanges, we play a unique nonpartisan role in creating multi-stakeholder dialogues around China’s energy and environmental challenges, identifying new areas of collaboration.


CEF Makes a Splash in China

In August 2013, CEF convened a group of U.S. and Chinese experts in Beijing along with top government think tanks, business groups, and NGOs to discuss opportunities for U.S.-China cooperation on China’s water-energy challenges. The team that led these groundbreaking discussions also traveled to China’s “coal engine” Inner Mongolia, a province that produces 26% of the country’s coal with only 1.6% of its water resources. At the Wuhai City coal base (pictured above) a vast cluster of coal mines, coal washing facilities, power plants, and coal-to-chemical plants are overtapping groundwater and polluting air and water.
The New York Times lists the China Environment Forum as one of the top resources on China and the environment.

CEF’s current core projects:

**Cooperative Competitors**
*Building US-China Clean Energy Networks*

CEF brings together U.S. and Chinese energy experts to identify obstacles and opportunities for joint research, investments, and policy collaboration around renewables, cleaner coal, and energy efficiency. Over the past two years we have emphasized alternative energy and governance reforms that can help reduce China’s dependence on coal and improve air quality. Our work on natural gas, solar, and clean energy investment flows between the two countries has catalyzed new research and policy discussions.

**Choke Point: China**
*Addressing Water-Energy-Food Confrontations*

In partnership with multimedia reporting NGO Circle of Blue, CEF creates stories, infographics, and videos that illustrate the intensifying confrontation between growing energy demand, food needs, and declining freshwater supplies in China. Our Choke Point work informed the creation of a water-energy track under the landmark 2014 U.S.-China Climate and Clean Energy Agreement. The Choke Point model received the 2012 Rockefeller Foundation Centennial Innovation Award.

**From Farm to Roundtable**
*Engaging on Food Safety and Supply Chain Management*

For years China has been rocked by a series of food safety scandals—from melamine-laced milk to spoiled meat and cadmium-contaminated rice. Since 2009, CEF has conducted a series of workshops and research exchanges with food safety practitioners from China and the U.S. with the aim of better informing business, government, and NGOs on the shared food safety challenges. Our food safety articles and infographics have been featured in Politico, Forbes, and chinadialogue. We aim to identify opportunities for cooperative partnerships to set new global norms for food safety and supply chain management.