

Call for Proposals

CHINA ENVIRONMENT SERIES 13

SPECIAL ISSUE ON CHINA'S
URBAN ENVIRONMENT

The Editor of the Woodrow Wilson Center's China Environment Forum (CEF) is pleased to announce a call for proposals for feature articles, commentaries, boxes and infographics for the next issue of our annual *China Environment Series* publication. This publication will not only dive deep into the air, water and waste challenges facing Chinese cities but will also focus on grassroots solutions to problems at the local level. Here is a chance to share an idea of your own! Below are some possible themes for contributions (but please only use these as a guideline). If you have a pertinent topic related to China's energy and environmental issues, particularly about successful international cooperative initiatives, feel free to pitch it to us.

The *China Environment Series* is distributed both in print and electronically to 5000+ energy and environmental experts in our network. Those in the CEF network are engaged in research, projects and campaigns on pressing Chinese environmental issues. Issue 13 will be published in September 2014.

I. Feature Articles and Commentaries

Powering and Polluting the Cities: Coal is still king in China and is used to power the steel, cement and other industries that help China build its cities. Thus we are interested in articles that link coal to cities, from pollution challenges to low carbon policies and clean energy innovations. Insights into the new coal-free zones and coal consumption caps policies and other articles on China's great urban energy challenges will be of great interest.

Choke Point: Cities: CEF and Circle of Blue began the exploration of water-energy nexus issues in China three years ago in our *Choke Point: China* reporting and convening initiatives. Many have started examining the issue of energy's water footprint. However, energy use for water is a relatively understudied issue in China and we hope to shine a light in this area with articles that consider the energy footprint of the expanding wastewater

treatment, supply, and desalination industries that serve China's burgeoning cities.

Waste Not Want Not: Air and water pollution issues in China often dominate the headlines, while other significant challenges, such as municipal waste, are sometimes neglected. Therefore, articles that explore the growing issue of urban waste are highly encouraged.

Taking it to the Streets, the Courts, or Weibo: We are also looking for articles on public participation in cities, and how citizens and NGOs are successfully advocating for better enforcement of air and water quality in cities through environmental impact assessments (EIAs), greater information disclosure, etc.

II. Boxes

The *China Environment Series* always features a rich collection of boxes that provide a compelling landscape of the numerous environmental and energy trends and projects in China. For those who are word averse, we invite you to create an infographic that captures an environmental or energy issue in China that is of interest to you.

Spotlight Boxes: We are seeking proposals from individuals working in NGOs (Chinese or international) in China who can propose an anecdote-rich box that highlights their group's energy or environmental work in China for the 13th issue of the *China Environment Series*. Spotlight boxes may be submitted in Chinese.

Feature Boxes: These boxes are our carte blanche section that succinctly covers a broad range of topics, sometimes focusing on an international organization's environmental or energy work in China, or a short overview of a seldom-reported trend or issue. It would be of interest to have some boxes focus on urban issues, but let us know your ideas.

III. Chinese City Infographic Challenge

This year we at CEF thought it would be fun to challenge some of you to create an infographic

that highlights some important energy or environmental issue in Chinese cities (one, several, all cities or compared to U.S. cities). These infographics will be published on our website and widely promoted as part of a supplementary webpage that will launch with the publication.

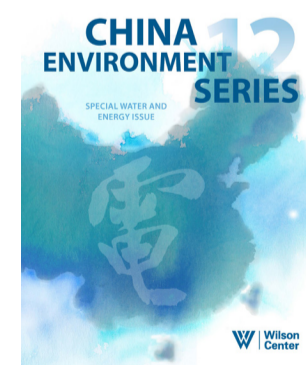
Please email proposals for features, commentaries, boxes, or infographics to Jennifer L. Turner at jennifer.turner@wilsoncenter.org and Susan Chan Shifflett at susan.shifflett@wilsoncenter.org by December 13, 2013. We will respond to all submissions within a week. Final submissions will be due in March 2014.

Authors will be given style guidelines after proposals are accepted. Good luck!

Sincerely,

The CEF Team

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