

The Ambassador
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To Professor LIN Zhiqin
Executive Vice-President &
Secretary-General of China Energy and Environment Summit (CEES)
Beijing, PR of China

Dear Professor LIN Zhiqin,

From my current duty station Brasilia I am pleased to send my warmest greetings and wish you a full success for the up-coming CEES.

I recall vividly the important presentations and discussions during last year's CEES when I was privileged to contribute to the proceedings in my capacity as Austria's Ambassador to the PR of China and Vice-President of the International Policy Network REN21. I am very glad that the director of the Office for Science and Technology, Minister Philipp Agathanos, has committed to contribute to the 10th CEES this year.

All of us who were following the Bonn Climate Talks were alarmed by the news that - after a few years without increase of global CO₂-emissions - we are witnessing a new increase of industrial greenhouse gas emissions as of late. It is therefore more important than ever to mobilize all actors who can contribute to green development and accelerate market reform with a view of enabling a rapid transition to low-carbon energy systems. I believe CEES will make an important contribution to this effect.

I am also glad to share with you a new initiative aimed at promoting more participation of women at all levels of the energy system: GWNENET – Global Women Network for the Energy Transition (www.globalwomennet.org). The co-founders and myself believe that a more equal participation of women in all issues pertaining to energy could hasten the much needed energy transition. GWNENET will therefore offer advocacy, mentoring and technical services. Perhaps there will be an opportunity next year for me to present this initiative at CEES 11 and it would be fantastic to inaugurate a China Chapter for GWNENET (we already have a number of regional cooperation agreements, please revert to our web-site for more information).

I look forward to staying in touch and remain with my best wishes



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