

Jennifer – thanks for this. Very interesting. We are all hands on deck for the next 5 days, but we'll put our minds to this very soon. Thanks! Best, Todd

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With correct address for Clare.

On Apr 15, 2015, at 8:30 AM, Jennifer Morgan <[\[REDACTED\]@wri.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@wri.org)> wrote:

Dear Todd and Clare,

Hope you are doing very well despite the immensely busy time. We wanted to be in touch about an exciting opportunity that has come to WRI. This builds on all of the excellent work already underway between the US and China and considers where institutes could play a supportive, complementary role in the coming year (s). We have been approached by NCSC in China to pursue a dialogue (potentially track 2) that would bring together top experts from the US and China. We are in the very early stages of thinking this through and would benefit immensely for your inputs on how such a dialogue could support the vital processes underway now and also what it could do to think through the longer-term issues to be considered. We think the interest stems from the Chinese recognition that this Administration is coming to an end soonish and their desire to open up channels in DC that are additional to the ones that are working well now. As you will see, they are also interested in longer-term ideas that one could imagine being discussed with the next Administration (depending of course who it might be).

The thoughts right now are to have three potential areas of work:

- ? Consider longer-term ideas that are not now included in the formal dialogue that could inspire collaboration in years to come.
- ? Respond, as think tanks, to the the needs of governments around the national policy dialogues now in the formal process and provide ideas for what topics could be fruitful for discussion. This new part of the S&ED is very exciting and I think that think tanks could assist in providing analysis they discuss and then sharing that analysis and discussions with the two governments
- ? Potentially share ideas around the Paris Agreement. As this is such a short-term task and the dialogue is meant to focus on the longer-term, we would need to see if there is any role here or not. If included, it would likely be focused on the various think tank ideas on what different approaches or packages could look like for Paris that would be offered as inputs to the government

The Chinese team would be led by Zou Ji. He has identified a number of experts he would like to engage. He has also been in touch with Su Wei for inputs who has indicated his support and interest in participating, when appropriate, along the way. We would be very grateful if you, and other US agency experts, would provide input now, at this formulative stage on what kind of work would be useful for you? What longer-term issues are worth deeper consideration by institutes and what technical work could be done in the shorter-term to support the formal process? Would it be possible to set up a call soon to discuss? And hopefully that you would find this useful for your work and participate in the governmental sessions when possible along the way.

Thanks for your time in considering this. I hope this can help support the excellent work done thus far, and keep US-China cooperation moving productively far into the future. It is such a critical part of addressing this problem. We have also been in touch with Kelly Sims Gallagher as well in parallel due to her engagement in the US-China work.

Best regards,

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