

Action Beyond Borders: Parks, Deltas & Kazakhstan: With the One Belt One Road summit kicking off in Beijing, we look at action on water stewardship that goes beyond borders this month. Industrial parks generate 22.5% of China's GDP but can this last given water risks? Find out how Tianjin's Economic-Technological Development Area (TEDA) mitigates such risks from TEDA Eco Center's Chen and Alliance for Water Stewardship's Xu. Looking beyond parks into regional action, we turn to the Pearl River Delta (PRD). This region is a key target area of the Water Ten as dazzling economic success has brought about water challenges. See why we think businesses should take the lead on water stewardship to ensure continued prosperity. Get started with our 5 must-knows about water in the PRD. It's important that actions from businesses are in the right direction. Shiao from the Pacific Institute shares a new context-based approach to setting corporate water targets. Also, get on top of the switch from guidelines to the first global sustainability reporting standards at the Global Reporting Initiative with their Hjaltadóttir. Moving beyond national borders, Dr Ho from the National University of Singapore expands on China and Kazakhstan sharing transboundary rivers. It's clear that actions on water stewardship are going beyond borders and working together is the way forward.



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Industrial parks have been instrumental in driving growth in China. Today, they generate 22.5% of the nation's GDP but can this last given water security and pollution concerns? Are actions taken within and beyond the park walls? Tianjin's Economic-Technological Development Area (TEDA) is a leader in this space; find out how the park mitigates such risks from TEDA Eco Center's An Chen and Alliance for Water Stewardship's Zhenzhen Xu.

Looking beyond parks into regional action, we turn to the Pearl River Delta (PRD). This region which accounts for close to 10% of China's GDP is a key target area of the Water Ten as dazzling economic success has brought about water challenges. See why we think businesses should take the lead on water stewardship to ensure continued prosperity. Get started with our 5 must-knows about water in the PRD.

It's important that actions from businesses are in the right direction. Tien Shiao from the Pacific Institute shares a new context-based approach to setting corporate water targets. Also, get on top of the switch from guidelines to the first global sustainability reporting standards at the Global Reporting Initiative in our interview with their Ásthildur Hjaltadóttir.

Moving beyond national borders, Dr Selina Ho from the National University of Singapore expands on China and Kazakhstan sharing transboundary rivers; the history and why issue-linkages is a good strategy for co-operation.

It's clear that actions on water stewardship are going beyond borders and working together is the way forward. Water stewardship can't be achieved alone.

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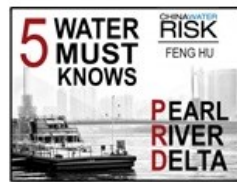
Industrial parks generate 22.5% of China's GDP but can this continue given water risks? Chen from TEDA & Xu from AWS show how Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area leads

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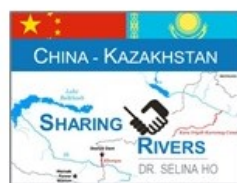
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