



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 NCSG 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