



## **WORLDWATCH PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS “ENERGY TIPPING POINT” AT WORLD PETROLEUM CONGRESS**

In September, Worldwatch President Chris Flavin gave a plenary speech to the 18th World Petroleum Congress in South Africa. Flavin spoke to some 5,000 delegates from the oil industry and national energy ministries, including Exxon Mobil President Rex Tillerson and Saudi Oil Minister Ali Al-Naimi. The speech contended that global energy markets were “at a tipping point,” with renewable sources poised to begin replacing oil and other fossil fuels.

The World Petroleum Congress, held in Africa for the first time, is attended by hundreds of oil industry leaders as well as energy ministers. This year’s conference, which comes at a time of soaring oil prices, focuses on “Shaping the Energy Future: Partners in Sustainable Solutions.”

## **WORLDWATCH LAUNCHES CHINA WATCH NEWS SERVICE**

<http://www.worldwatch.org/features/chinawatch/>

In October, the Worldwatch Institute launched its *China Watch* news service, which reports on developments in energy, agriculture, population, water, health, and the environment in China. This new online feature is a joint initiative of Worldwatch and the Beijing-based Global Environmental Institute (GEI), made possible through the support of the Blue Moon Fund.

Momentous developments in the past year illustrate China's increasingly crucial role in shaping the global future. “With its relatively modest endowment of natural resources, China is now using its foreign exchange earnings from manufacturing to draw in resources from around the globe,” notes Worldwatch Institute President Christopher Flavin. “China is now the world’s largest consumer of steel and cement and the second largest emitter of carbon dioxide. Only the United States will have a greater impact on the ability to sustain a healthy global economy in the coming decades.”

*China Watch* will draw the world's attention to new developments in China that

could have a major global impact. The new service builds on the Worldwatch Institute's internationally respected research to provide busy decision-makers in government, business, and non-governmental organizations with timely updates and hard-hitting analysis of trends in China. "*China Watch* fills a key gap in global reporting of issues vital to China's economic, social, and environmental health," says Jennifer L. Turner, head of the China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars and a contributor to the service.

By distilling compelling data and analysis on China's emerging economic, policy, and advocacy landscape into easy-to-read, Web-friendly news, *China Watch* updates will reflect the latest information available from both Chinese and English language sources including academic experts, research institutes, the media, policymaking organizations, and NGOs. Key developments in China will be reported and analyzed for *China Watch* by the project's Fellows, Yingling Liu and Zijun Li, and contributor Lila Buckley will provide on-the-ground reporting from Beijing. The project is also supported by Worldwatch's Senior Editor, Lisa Mastny; Communications Manager, Darcey Rakestraw; and Web Manager, Stephen Conklin.

## **Google News**

And in a new development that will boost the visibility of Worldwatch and its partners, Google News has chosen to distribute *China Watch* and Worldwatch News products in the future. Google News will begin indexing *China Watch* in the coming weeks. As the Institute develops additional dynamic Web news content, it will also be featured on Google.