

## China Desk at urgewald e.V.

**urgewald e.V.** starts where the problems begin: in company and bank boardrooms.

**urgewald e.V.** uncovers the **financiers of environmental destruction and human rights violations**. “Follow the Money” is the strategic approach of our campaigns. Those who provide funding, must be held **responsible**.

In our **China work**, we make fossil project financing by Chinese players visible.

We show:

- Which finance institutions support the fossil industry,
- Which project funding results in forced resettlement,
- Which loans destroy nature and biodiversity,
- Which banks are involved in the deprivation of human rights.

**We give affected people a voice. We work with regional groups throughout the world.**



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**urgewald e.V.** is a climate and human rights organization that, since 1992, has been keeping a close eye on banks and corporations when their activities harm people and the environment. Urgewald reveals which banks finance the coal industry, accelerate climate change with their loans or finance the arms industry with their customers' money. urgewald's campaigns address the decision-makers in companies and politics and encourage citizens to become active and use their power as consumers.

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Protecting our climate without China is impossible –  
Protecting our climate without securing human rights  
doesn't work either

# China Desk



China is the world's largest investor in **renewable energies**.

China is the world's largest **bilateral lender** in development finance.

Chinese firms belong to the world's largest **fossil companies** and are expanding.

Chinese banks are the **biggest financers of the global coal industry**.

Burning coal, oil and gas **destroys biodiversity and the environment**.

The climate crisis endangers the younger generation's **fundamental rights**.

**Human rights protection** is being undermined by the **expansion of fossil energies**.

China challenges the **understanding of human rights** within the United Nations.

## Analysis

During the next decades, both China and the EU plan to invest heavily in worldwide infrastructure, above all in energy, (see Belt-and-Road Initiative, EU Global Gateway).

urgewald's China Desk analyzes the [Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank \(AIIB\)](#) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) standards, talks in [articles](#) on fossil investments along the Silk Road, cooperates in analyzing investments by the [AIIB in Bangladesh](#), explains China's role in the coal/oil and gas business and explains who is [financing Chinese coal](#). We show what the [Chinese international coal exit](#) and the increasing [massive national coal investments](#) mean.

A [Newsletter](#) provides information specifically about civil society perspectives on China's climate policy and its investments in fossil energies and nuclear and hydropower.

[Supply chain responsibility](#): Where does China stand in the development of due diligence obligations, especially in the mining industry?



## Trainings/digital tools

- We coordinate the [AIIB-Watch](#) network, that collects case studies concerning violations of environmental and social standards by the AIIB.
- We systematically provide information in many languages on the special features of Chinese lending, its instruments and players (Series ["Who is who in Chinese lending"](#)).
- Together with partners worldwide, we offer [Trainings and Webinars](#) on China's energy structure investments and due diligence obligations in Asia, Africa and South America.
- Together with partners, we are developing a [digital dictionary](#) of China's endeavours to change applicable human rights standards.

## Advocacy

- **urgewald's China Desk** prepares [Briefings](#) on the AIIB for the German federal government and advocates for **high environmental and social standards** in investment banks.
- We are committed to universal human rights.
- We support a fact-based discussion regarding **China's key significance for sustainable, global supply chains**.
- "No Nukes": China is building nuclear power stations in Europe. **urgewald e.V.** works to ensure that nuclear power and (fossil) gas are not classified as sustainable energies for finance investments.

