Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to send to you the IKI China Update 10 (January-March 2021).

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Best regards from China

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**POLICY NEWS**

14th Five-Year Plan Outline Sets Framework for the Next Five Years of China’s Energy Transition, Detailed Sectoral and Provincial Plans will Follow

On March 5, 2021, Premier Li Keqiang presented the main outlines of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) at the 13th National People's Congress in Beijing. The plan includes new targets for increased use of non-fossil energy, an increase in forest coverage rate and new measures of sustainable urban development.

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**Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) Released Updated Draft Ordinance of Chinese Carbon Emission Trading**

MEE released the second version of the draft Ordinance related to the ETS to seek a higher legislation hierarchy (State Council level) for the national ETS. It stated that the ETS is now one of the policy measures to achieve the climate goals of carbon peaking and carbon neutrality.

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MEE Released Verification Guideline for GHG Emission (trial), Monitoring and Reporting Guideline of GHG Emissions for Power Generation Sector and GHG Emission Reporting Working Notice

The first compliance cycle of China’s national ETS for power generation sector is on schedule, MRV work is being further refined.

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Lawmakers Commented on the Current Stage of China’s ETS

Deputies and members of the NPC and CPPCC have commented on the national ETS and have formulated possible future developments for the carbon market during the two sessions 2021.

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MEE Released Administrative Measure for National ETS (Trial)

MEE released an interim administrative measure for the national ETS, which came into force on February 01, 2021.

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The NDRC held a press conference on China’s economic and social development in 2020 and the outlook for 2021. In this course, the NDRC also looked back on China’s urban development 2020 and key goals for 2021.

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China’s Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MoHURD) published the "Green Construction Pilot Work Program"

MoHURD aims for improving the sustainability of China’s building stocks with new pilot projects in the Eastern and Southern provinces.

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Opinions on Promoting the Wastewater Resource Utilization of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)

The NDRC issued new measures on improving wastewater treatment in an attempt to fight water pollution.

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National Comprehensive Three-dimensional Transportation Network Planning Outline Published

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the State Council of the People’s Republic of China issued the “National Comprehensive Three-dimensional Transportation Network Planning Outline”.

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China’s Central Environmental Inspection Team (CEIT) Criticized the Central Government’s National Energy Administration (NEA) for Lack of Environmental Efforts
The NEA was publicly criticized by CEIT on January 29 for its failure to fulfill environmental protection requirements of the Party Central Committee and the State Council.

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Xie Zhenhua Returns as China’s New Special Envoy on Climate Issues

Xie Zhenhua appointed as China's Special Envoy for Climate Change Affairs by the central government.

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Illegal CFC Emissions in China have Stopped

Illegal CFC emission in China have stopped thus avoiding delay in ozone layer recovery.

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Volkswagen’s Roadmap to Becoming CO₂-neutral

Volkswagen is committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2050 and adhering to the Paris climate targets.

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Carbon Neutral Bonds, as a Type of Green Bonds, Support China’s Efforts to Achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2060

Carbon neutrality bonds as a type of green bonds can support China’s efforts in achieving its climate goals. Proceeds raised from these bonds should be used to fund projects that reduce emissions.

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Opinions on Fully Implementing the Forest Chief System

The guideline outlined policy measures to promote the mechanism, in which officials at provincial, city, county or township levels will assume the role of forest chief in their areas of administration.

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China’s State Council Calls for Green, Low-carbon and Circular Development

China’s State Council calls for building an economic system featuring green, low-carbon and circular development, and to promote an overall green transformation of the economy and society.

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New Law to Protect Yellow River Basin Ecosystems

A law to improve the conservation of Yellow River Basin ecosystems is being drafted to strengthen protection of the watercourse and prevent environmental pollution.

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New Date Announced for CBD COP 15 in Kunming
The 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will now be held from 11 to 24 October 2021, in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China.

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PROJ ECT NEWS

» Sino-German Cooperation on Climate Change – Climate Partnership & NDC Implementation

IKI Workshop: Cooperating on China’s 2030/2060 Vision within the 14th Five-Year-Plan (2021-2025)

What does the 2030/2060 emission target mean for China’s national and regional economies? Experts from multiple German, Chinese and international organizations and research institutes met on March 25 to discuss possible roadmaps to China’s vision of carbon neutrality by 2060.

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A Just Transition Towards Carbon Neutrality: Exchange on Carbon Phase-out Strategies in Beijing

Which lessons for a successful carbon phase-out can be drawn from the German example? Experts and stakeholders from Chinese and German regions met on March 25 to exchange strategies and discuss policies for transforming the energy sector.

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China’s Carbon Neutrality Target at the Beijing Climate Talks

Beijing Climate Talk convenes scholars and practitioners to discuss policy advice and sectoral implications under China’s carbon neutrality vision

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The SGCCC-NDCI Project Met with Representatives from Potential Partner Provinces

After meeting with representatives from different provinces Shandong and the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region have been selected as partner provinces.

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SGCCC-NDCI Project Organized First Workshop on Cement Sector Mitigation

GIZ and NCSC organized a workshop on cement sector mitigation to kick-off sectoral mitigation activities.

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Launch Event of the Sino-German Cooperation on Climate Change (SGCCC)

On January 29, 2021, the Launch Event of the Sino-German Cooperation on Climate Change (SGCCC) took place. The event marked the start of three different projects within the cooperation.

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The Potential for Scaling Innovative Climate Finance in China: Online Workshop by CPI and GIZ

What is the state of climate finance in China, and how can innovative financial instruments help scale up green investment in the country? GIZ and CPI co-hosted a workshop with researchers and practitioners from the financial sector to discuss the above topics.

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Sino-German Environmental Partnership

Virtual seminar for the preparation of a sustainable COP

The Environmental Partnership Project organised a virtual seminar on the preparation of a sustainable COP for the members of the Chinese Committee for the preparation of the CBD COP 15 at national level from the MEE, as well as at local level from Yunnan Province.

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The China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED)

Dr Christian Stärz has been nominated to be the International Expert of the CCICED Special Policy Study (SPS) “Major Green Technology Innovation and Implementation Mechanisms”. The Environmental Partnership Project in Phase VII will support the German membership in CCICED.

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Sino-German Cooperation on Low-Carbon Transport
Membership in the China Clean Transportation Partnership (CCTP)

The IKI-projects Sino-German Cooperation on Low Carbon Transport (CLCT) and NDC Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA) have become members of the China Clean Transportation Partnership (CCTP).

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Kick-off Workshop Active Mobility Alliance

Together with national partners, the establishment of the China Active Mobility Alliance, a research and planning institution for the promotion of active mobility, was initiated.

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Kick-off Workshop Smart Logistics

On March 9, 2021, the kick-off workshop for the study “Theory and Policy Research on Developing Smart Logistics for Sustainable Transport” was held together with the Research Institute of Highway (RIOH) of the Ministry of Transport (MoT).

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Supporting the Low Carbon Development of the Jiangsu Province

Road Show for The Plus Energy Building and Community Research

On February 03, 2021, the GIZ Jiangsu project and CABR held a virtual road show to present the results of the Plus Energy Building and Community Research.

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Kick-off Meeting: Support CUMT SDC2021 Competition Team with Plus Energy Technology

Representatives from GIZ, CUMT and Energy Design Shanghai Co. Ltd. laid the foundations for technical cooperation in the finals of the Solar Decathlon China 2021.

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Symposium on Sustainable Industrial Area Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality in Industrial Parks

The hybrid event convened over 5700 participants to discuss policies, financing, and technologies for reaching carbon peaking and neutrality in industrial parks.

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Strategic Partnerships for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPIPA)

China-EU Expert Dialogue on Climate Risks, Impacts and Adaptation

On March 16, 2021 the Strategic Partnerships for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPIPA) held an Expert Dialogue on “Economic assessment of impacts and risk management” in Beijing. This Expert Dialogue was the third in a series of workshops along the themes of “Climate Risks, Impacts and Adaptation”.

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Sino-German Urbanisation Partnership
**Preparation of an Innovative Digital Training Format for the Sino-German Mayors’ Program 2021**

With a digital training format, SGUP shares insights and experiences from Germany’s cities and their local sustainable initiatives and actions. We aim to find out how sustainability and climate protection goals are guiding urban development in German municipalities.

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**Webinar “Sustainable Urban Renewal” with the City of Chengdu**

Chengdu aims at sustainable urban development with its “Park City Initiative” – an environmentally oriented development strategy of Chengdu which puts climate protection in the focus of its urban planning.

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Sino-German Chemicals Management Joint Research Project Report

The Sino-German Chemicals Management Joint Research Project Report is the very good result of a successful bilateral research cooperation on behalf of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMU) and the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People’s Republic of China (MEE).

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