Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to send to you the IKI China Update 15 (April - June 2022).

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Best regards,

IKI China Team

**POLICY NEWS**

**“Guidance on Strengthening the Enforcement and Regulation of Emission Permits”**

On 29 March, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) issued the “Guidance on Strengthening the Enforcement and Supervision of Emission Permits”.

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**“14th Five-Year Plan for the Implementation of Environmental Impact Assessment and Emission Permits”**

On 02 April, the MEE issued the “14th Five-Year Plan for the Implementation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Emission Permits”. The Plan will continue to improve access to the ecological environment and further enhance the effectiveness of EIA in terms of prevention at the source.

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**“Technical Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment – Ecological Impact”**

On 08 April, the MEE issued the “Technical Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment – Ecological Impact”.

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China released its 14th Five-Year Plan for Renewable Energy with quantitative targets for 2025

China sets out quantitative targets and principles for renewable energy development in the period of its 14th Five-Year Plan. The role of developing distributed renewable energy is highlighted in the document.

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Shandong Province Releases 14th Five-Year Climate Change Plan

On 07 April, the Shandong Provincial Government Information Office announced the release of the “14th Five-Year Plan for Climate Change” during a press conference.

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“Regulations on the Administration of Compensation for Ecological and Environmental Damage”

On 28 April, MEE, together with a total of 14 other relevant state agencies, issued the “Regulations on the Administration of Compensation for Damage to the Ecological Environment”.

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Beijing Publishes Action Plan for Plastic Pollution Control in 2022

On 28 April, the Beijing Municipal Development and Reform Commission and the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Ecology and Environment jointly issued the Action Plan for Plastic Pollution Control in 2022, proposing 23 specific measures for the capital city. These include the reduction of single-use plastics, accelerating the recycling of plastic waste, and establishing a reporting system for the biggest plastic product users such as delivery services.

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MEE, NDRC and Other Ministries Publish China’s National Adaptation Strategy for 2035

China aims to build a “climate resilient society” by 2035. The new national adaptation strategy seeks to improve China’s adaptation ability, especially in climate-change monitoring, early warning, and risk management.

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New Urbanization Policy Puts Focus on Counties with Smaller Populations

On 06 May, the General Office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the General Office of the State Council issued the “Advice on Promoting Urbanization with Focus on Counties”. China has been promoting urbanization for many years and, with this new policy, is placing more attention on counties with smaller populations and on their infrastructure development. Four paragraphs are dedicated specifically to waste management and circular economy.

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More Than 100 Companies Failed to Meet Their Surrender Obligation in the First Compliance Cycle of the National ETS

According to the release of data from the first compliance cycle of the national ETS from 24 provinces, 113 companies had not surrendered allowances as of 07 May. The companies are from Beijing, Tianjin, Jilin, Jiangsu, Guangdong, Tibet and Xinjiang.

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China's ETS is Expected to Include More Sectors after 2023

Experts foresee the aluminium and cement sector to be included in the national ETS first.

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Beijing is Taking Steps to Stabilize Economic Development: Energy Supplies are to be Secured, Coal Production is to be Ramped Up

Premier LI Keqiang announced China would drastically increase its coal production to secure the country’s energy demand on 25 May at an extraordinary meeting of the State Council.

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“Action Programme for the Treatment of New Pollutants”

The General Office of the State Council recently issued the “Action Plan for the Treatment of New Pollutants”, which provides a comprehensive plan for the treatment of new pollutants. Currently, the main new pollutants of widespread concern at home and abroad include persistent organic pollutants, endocrine disruptors and antibiotics, which are controlled by international conventions.

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Plan to Implement “1+N” in Inner Mongolia Issued

Timeline targets for 2025, 2030, and 2060 and action steps for several sectors for implementing the “1+N” policy in Inner Mongolia were released in June.

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“Wetland Protection Law of China” Officially Came into Force

On 01 June, the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Wetland came into force. Based on the overall protection and restoration of wetland ecosystems, this Law is China’s first legislation dedicated to the protection of wetlands.

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MEE Postpones Deadline for Reporting 2021 Emissions Data to September
The deadline for the reporting of verified emissions data for power generation companies under the national ETS for 2021 will be extended by three months to the end of September, the MEE said on 08 June.

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**Targets for Low Carbon Development by 2025 and 2030 Have been Set**

On 13 June, seven entities including the NDRC and the MEE jointly issued the “Implementation Plan for Synergizing the Reduction of Pollution and Carbon Emissions”. The plan proposes target goals for 2025 and 2030. Additionally, the plan aims to achieve results in the key areas of pollution prevention and control, including, solid waste management and the quality of air, water and soil.

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**The Convention on Wetlands in Wuhan**

The 14th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (COP 14) will be held from 05 to 13 November 2022, with a main venue in Wuhan, Hubei and a sub-venue in Geneva, Switzerland.

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**CBD COP 15.2 will be held in Montreal**

The second part of the 15th Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 15.2) will convene from 05 to 17 December 2022 in Montreal, Canada. As a special guest of MEE, the Sino-German Environmental Partnership participated in the first part of the CBD COP 15 onsite in Kunming.

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**PROJECT NEWS**

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

**Adaptation Work Package Quarterly Exchange Meeting**

Experts and key implementers from China’s National Centre for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (NCSC), Chinese Academy for Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Climate Analytics (CA), and GIZ addressed the cooperation plans and potentials of the NDC Implementation consortium with CAAS.

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» 4th Meeting of the Sino-German Track II Dialogue (T2D) on Climate Change and Sustainable Development

In May, NCSC and the German Federal Environment Agency (UBA) organized the fourth meeting of the Sino-German T2D.
Exchanges on Climate Modelling with Partners from Inner Mongolia

In April, May, and June Climate Analytics Australia and the NDC Implementation project organized several workshops on emission pathway modelling with partners in Inner Mongolia. Further events and cooperation are planned throughout 2022.

Workshop on Sino-German Experiences on Climate Governance

On 12 May team members from NCSC, New Climate Institute, CA, and GIZ, organized a technical workshop on climate governance in China and Germany.

Sino-German Cooperation on Emission Trading Systems, Carbon Market Mechanisms, and Industry-Related N2O Mitigation

Workshop on How to Update Emission Factors of Regional Power Grids in China

The workshop was held on 06 May by representatives of NCSC with support from the GIZ and focused on the completion of a study on updating emission factors.

Sino-German Environmental Partnership

The Final Meeting of the Sino-German Biodiversity Component

On 29 April, the final meeting of the Sino-German Biodiversity Component (SGBC), under the Sino-German Environment Partnership (SGEP) Phase II was successfully held online.

CCICED Annual General Meeting 2022

The China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) & CCICED 30th Anniversary Celebration took place from 13 to 16 June.
Supporting the Low Carbon Development of the Jiangsu Province

Training Workshop on Climate and Environment Risk Disclosures

Best practices on climate and environmental risk disclosure and guidance on compiling climate and environmental risk disclosure reports were discussed during an online training workshop organized on 15 April by the Jiangsu Project.

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Expert Evaluation Workshop on the “Report on the History and Achievements of Ten Years of Low-carbon Development and Combatting Climate Change in Jiangsu”

Goal of the Report is it to provide a better understanding of Jiangsu’s improvement in low-carbon development over the past ten years.

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Jiangsu Sino-German Low Carbon Networking: Dual-Carbon Forum No. 1

The goal of the Dual Carbon Forum is to provide a platform for exchange on Jiangsu’s path towards carbon emission and carbon neutrality. The first Forum took place on 20 May.

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Sino-German Industry Workshop on Waste Recycling

Providing a platform for promotion of cooperation in the field of waste management between industry and research in Jiangsu and Baden-Württemberg the workshop was held on 25 May.

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Sino-German Cooperation on Low Carbon Transport (CLCT) & NDC Transport Initiative for Asia
From ‘Mobility-on-Demand’ to ‘Mobility-as-a-Service’: Promoting China’s Transition Towards Sustainable Transport Integration

The advancements in information and communication technologies (ICT) have unlocked new opportunities for innovative urban mobility services. Smartphone-based Mobility-on-Demand (MoD) services such as ride-hailing, dockless bike-sharing or car-sharing have exploded in China on a scale incomparable to that of any other country. However, survey data shows that MoD services such as ride-hailing not only decrease the usage of traditional taxi services but also public transport, which potentially leads to more congestion, air pollution, and higher carbon emissions.

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Transport and Climate Change Week 2022: Insights & Experience from China Shared at Global Sustainable Transport Conference

The 5th Transport and Climate Change Week (TCCW) is an international conference focused on knowledge-sharing and peer-to-peer exchange on the challenges and best practices for achieving sustainability goals and decarbonization in the transport sector. Around 1,500 experts and decision-makers from around the world joined the week-long conference through its online platform, where they could follow and engage with the events, as well as connect in online networking spaces.

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Interim Workshop – Establishing an Active Mobility-friendly City Indicator Framework for Chinese cities

As a key milestone of the research project “Active Mobility Friendly Cities Assessment Indicators and National Active Mobility Strategy”, the interim workshop aims at presenting the interim output of the study, collecting expert feedback, and discussing the challenges and solutions in promoting active mobility in China with different stakeholders.

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SUMP Foshan Pilot Area Implementation – Stakeholder Discussion on Key Measures

Ever thought of how to increase passenger volumes in public transport to achieve a greener mobility system in your city? SUMP can offer solutions. The Southern Chinese city of Foshan is currently working towards achieving its aim of a green transport modal share of 70% — including public transport, cycling and walking — and is applying the SUMP methodology to identify potential strategies.
and measures for the city and the centrally located Chancheng District.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Adaptation Work Plan Quarterly Exchange Meeting
21 July 2022
ZOOM Meeting

China Environment Sanitation Expo
4 - 8 August 2022
Xiamen, Fujian Province

PUBLICATIONS

Interactions between Carbon Markets, Green Certificate Trading and Green Power Trading in China

With the announcement of its 2030/2060 emissions control targets, China’s climate policy has entered a new era. The carbon market is identified as one key policy tool to help reduce emissions, while the trading of green electricity/power certificates (REC) that promote renewable energy development, is of particular importance given the overlap in scope with the carbon market. In this context, the study gives insights into the interactions between the carbon market, green power trading and REC trading in China, aiming to support the harmonization of carbon pricing signals, avoid double counting of emission (reductions), make the best use of market-based tools to achieve 2030/2060 targets and address a potential international carbon tax.

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Developing Smart Logistics for Sustainable Transport

This study focuses on smart logistics’ influence on sustainable and low carbon development, differences as well as similarities in the understanding and application of smart logistics in China and Germany. Based upon this research, a common understanding of smart logistics is proposed, and an analysis of key driving factors and future development trends of smart logistics applications in China and Germany is provided. Finally, recommendations for further effective development and implementation of smart logistics are put forward based on the findings of this study.

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Optimization of Chinese Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Plants for Restaurant/Kitchen Waste

The IWM NAMA project team commissioned GOPA Infra GmbH to complete a thematic summary report on the Optimization of Chinese Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Plants for Restaurant/Kitchen Waste. The report was finalized in May 2022.

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Improvement in the Formulation/Implementation of Policies/Standards for IWM

The thematic summary report on the Improvement in the Formulation/Implementation of Policies/Standards for IWM was finalized in May 2022. The report gives an overview of policy and standards of integrated waste management in China and identifies existing problems as well as suggestions for policies and standards in the field.
Energy Efficiency Optimization of Chinese Waste to Energy Plants


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