Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to send to you the IKI China Update 17 (October – December 2022).

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Best regards from China,

IKI China Team

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**Policy News**

**China Approves over 20 GW of New Coal Fired Power Plants Meant to Operate in Conjunction with Renewable Sources**

China approved 23 coal power projects in September 2022. The new approvals represent a significant increase compared to 2021 approvals, as China looks back on a period of power shortages and seeks to strengthen supply security through coal, but the new projects also are better adjusted to operate jointly with renewables.

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**Report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China**

The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China opened on October 16, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Xi Jinping delivered a report to the congress on behalf of the 19th Communist Party of China Central Committee, including Section X on green transition and development, pollution prevention and control, ecosystems enhancement, and carbon peaking and neutrality.

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“Yellow River Protection Law of the People’s Republic of China” Issued

The “Yellow River Protection Law of the People’s Republic of China” aims to strengthen the protection of the Yellow River and enhance the development of the Yellow River cultural tourism belt.

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NDRC and NEA: “Fossil fuels used as raw materials for chemical products are excluded from total energy consumption control.”

The newly released notice clarifies the definition of “energy used as raw material” in previous government documents.

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China at COP27

The 27th Conference of the Parties was held from November 6 - 20 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. China supported the inclusion of loss and damage on the conference’s agenda culminating in the establishment of an historic loss and damage fund.

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“Notice on Pilot Work of Urban Landscaping Waste Treatment and Resource Utilization” Issued

On November 7, the General Office of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MoHURD) issued the notice which required relevant provincial authorities to prepare a work plan by November 30, 2022.

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“Guide for Promoting the Construction of Municipal Solid Waste Incinerators in Counties” Released

On November 28, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MoHURD), Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), Ministry of Finance (MoF), and the People’s Bank of China (PBC) jointly released the guide.

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“Judicial Protection of Biodiversity in China” Released

On December 5, the Supreme People's Court released the report “Judicial Protection of Biodiversity in China” and 15 typical cases on judicial protection of biodiversity.

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NDRC: “Thematic analysis of the impact of carbon emissions and ‘dual carbon’ targets should be added to feasibility studies of government investment projects.”


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Key Outcomes of the UN Biodiversity Conference

The second phase of the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was successfully concluded on December 20, in Montreal, Canada.

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PROJECT NEWS

» China Integrated Waste Management NAMA Support Project

4th Carbon Training on Integrated Waste Management

The training on October 25 - 27, covered the interpretation of China’s Dual Carbon Goals, carbon market construction, carbon asset management, green finance, and carbon finance development.

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2022 RISE UP Sustainable Fashion Design Challenge Held

The Expo was co-organized by IWM NAMA and R.I.S.E Sustainable Fashion Lab in Shanghai on October 14. The venue continued its sustainable fashion exhibition with the theme titled "Design for Nature" for two weeks post conclusion of the show.

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» Sino-German Cooperation on Climate Change – Climate Partnership & NDC Implementation
Adaptation Fourth Quarterly Exchange Meeting

On December 6, representatives from National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (NCSC) and the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), along with experts from Climate Analytics (CA) met virtually to exchange knowledge and best practices on the use of indicators in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of climate adaptation goals.

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NDCI Team Organizes Seminar on Carbon Emission Mitigation of Agriculture Sector

The Sino-German Cooperation on Climate Change NDCI team organized a seminar on approaches to mitigation of carbon emissions in livestock production in China, which was held on December 2. Dr. DONG Lifeng, of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), presented an overview of livestock carbon emission, followed my emission monitoring and calculation techniques, concluding with mitigation approaches and discussion among attendees.

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Sino-German Track II Dialogue Hosts COP 27 Side Event

The Chinese National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (NCSC) and the German Environmental Agency (UBA) co-hosted “Green Transitions – How international cooperation can contribute to the NDC’s and long-term strategies: a case from the Sino-German Track II Dialogue” side event at COP27. The discussion was hosted in the China Pavilion in Sharm el-Sheikh on November 10.

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

GIZ and NCSC Jointly Host Capacity Building Trainings on Industry-related Nitrous Oxide Emission Mitigation

In November and December, GIZ and NCSC hosted two capacity building training sessions under the guidance of the Department of Climate Change (DCC) of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE). The virtual trainings provided an overview of the German experience of mitigating N2O emissions from the industrial sectors and relevant policies for similar mitigation in China.

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Supporting the Low Carbon Development of the Jiangsu Province

Workshop on Addressing Climate Change and Carbon Transition Risk
On December 23, the Disaster Risk and Insurance Academic Lecture of Nankai University and the Disaster Reduction Lecture of Beijing Normal University jointly organized the first virtual academic workshop on the topic ‘Addressing Climate Change and Carbon Transition Risk.’

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Jiangsu Sino-German Low Carbon Networking: Dual-Carbon Forum No. 2
On November 21, GIZ Jiangsu Project held the second series forum on Low Carbon Networking in Nanjing.

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2022 Renewable Energy International Cooperation Forum in Wuxi
The 2022 Renewable Energy International Cooperation Forum was held on November 17, in Wuxi City of Jiangsu Province.

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2022 City Energy Internet Industry Development Forum in Changzhou
On November 10, the 2022 City Energy Internet Industry Development Forum was held in Changzhou. Various professional and academic experts presented relevant topics including low carbon energy technology examples spanning Germany and China.

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Capacity Building Workshop Series for Selected Industrial Parks in Jiangsu Province
The capacity building workshop series for selected industrial parks in Jiangsu province was held throughout October 2022 in various cities in Jiangsu Province. The workshops covered circular economy transformation based on Green and Ecological Development in Industry Parks Guidebook.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Livestreaming on IWM business model
February 8, 2023
Beijing & Online

5th Carbon Management Training on Integrated Waste Management
February 22 - 24, 2023
Beijing & Online

PUBLICATIONS

Towards a Climate, Environmental, Social and Governance (C-ESG) Disclosure Guidance for Companies in China

This guide provides in-depth research on theories, methods, standards and frameworks of climate and environmental risk disclosure from both domestic and international resources. The guide collects and summarizes research reports and reviews based on international best practices and latest domestic trends. Given the research results of the project team and the communication with relevant pilot enterprises, this report supplies guidance to China-listed companies on disclosing C-ESG issues. It includes dominant global frameworks, national and international best practice examples, and some C-ESG challenge questions to be considered.

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