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Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to send to you the IKI China Update 18 (January-March 2023).

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Best regards from China,

IKI China Team

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Implementation plan for carbon dioxide peaking in Shandong Province issued

On 28 December, the Shandong Provincial Government issued the 'Carbon Peaking Implementation Plan for Shandong Province.' The Plan specifies the main objectives of achieving carbon peak in Shandong Province.

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MEE has built an online helpdesk and published Frequently Asked Questions on the national ETS

In January, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) began publishing FAQs collected from an online helpdesk set up as a resource for stakeholders to address their questions regarding the national emission trading system (ETS).

The help desk is manned by ETS experts; now the FAQs and answers are available to the public.

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New policy proposes three progressive steps to develop China's new renewable-based power system

On 6 January, China's National Energy Administration (NEA) released the draft policy 'Blue Book on Developing the Renewable Energy-based Power System' for public comment. The policy sets 2030, 2045 and 2060 as milestones and suggests a 'three-step' roadmap for the development stages of China's new power system.

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'Implementation Plan on Accelerating the Shortage and Deficiency of Municipal Waste Incineration and Treatment Facilities in County Areas' released

On 12 January, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MoHURD) jointly released the implementation plan to accelerate the shortage and deficiency of county-level municipal waste incineration and treatment facilities. By 2025, the municipal solid waste collection and transportation system in counties will be improved nationwide.

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White Paper titled 'China's Green Development in the New Era' released

China's State Council Information Office released a white paper titled 'China's Green Development in the New Era' on 19 January, which mainly focuses on seven aspects of China's green development, including the country's commitment to green growth, a green territorial configuration, adjustment and improvement of the industrial structure, application of green production methods, eco-friendly living, institutions and mechanisms for green development and efforts to build the earth into a beautiful home. It systematically summarises China's actions and achievements in green development over the past decade and expounds the country's ideas and experience of green development.

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'Ecological Protection Red Line Eco-Environmental Supervision Measures' issued

The MEE has issued the administrative regulation 'Ecological Protection Red Line Eco-Environmental Supervision Measures.'

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'The Wildlife Protection Law of the People's Republic of China' will come into force

The 38th Session of the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress adopted the revised 'Wildlife Protection Law of the People's Republic of China,' which will come into force on 1 May 2023.

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'Notice on Implementing the Implementation Opinions of the General Office of the State Council on Strengthening the Supervision and Management of Sewage Outlets into Rivers and the Sea' issued

The MEE and the Ministry of Water Resources (MWR) jointly issued the 'Notice on Implementing the Implementation Opinions of the General Office of the State Council on Strengthening the Supervision and Management of Sewage Outlets into Rivers and the Sea'.

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Pilot project for the full electrification of public sector vehicles

On 7 February, MoHURD and seven other ministries published a notice on the nationwide pilot project for the full electrification of public-sector vehicles in pilot zones, which will run from 2023 to 2025. The application deadline for the first group of pilot projects was 31 March 2023. The notice requests that the share of new-energy vehicles in the new and modernised vehicles in the pilot areas should be significantly increased. In the areas of city buses, taxis, sanitation, postal express, urban logistics, and distribution; a share of 80 % is targeted.

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MEE released 'Notice on the Management of GHG Emissions Reporting for Power Generation Sector from 2023 to 2025'

On 7 February, the MEE released the notice to provincial Departments of Ecology and Environment (DEEs). The notice outlined the role of the DEEs in emission data collection and verification to assist in the emission reporting for the upcoming years.

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2022 energy statistics show rapid development of renewable energy in China

China's 2022 energy data shows significant increase in incremental renewable capacity. It also shows that coal consumption increased, while crude oil and natural gas consumption declined.

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'Guidance on Coordinating Energy Saving and Carbon Reduction/Recycling to Accelerate the Renewal of Products and Equipment in Key Areas' issued

On 20 February, the NDRC, jointly with eight other departments, issued the 'Guidance on Coordinating Energy Saving and Carbon Reduction and Recycling to Accelerate the Renewal of Products and Equipment in Key Areas.' The guidance states that by 2030, the energy efficiency of products and equipment in key areas should be further improved, the energy efficiency in key industries and areas as well as the carbon emission level should reach the international advanced level. The renewal and recycling of products and equipment should be further enhanced, the resource saving level should be further improved.

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'List of New Pollutants under Priority Control (2023 Edition)' issued

The MEE and five other institutions have issued the 'List of New Pollutants under Key Control (2023 Edition).'

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2023 Government Work Report and National Economic, Social Development Plan

The '2023 Report on The Work of the Government' and the '2023 Draft Plan for National Economic and Social Development' were released on 5 March during China's 14th National People's Congress. Low carbon transition is on top of government's agenda this year for both the 2023 report and the 2023 plan.

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Report on the Work of the Government | Ecological and Environmental Protection

Li Keqiang delivered a 'Report on the Work of the Government' on behalf of the State Council at the opening meeting of the first session of the 14th National People's Congress.

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MEE released the 'Notice on the Allowance Allocation Tasks' and issued the allocation plan for the year 2021 and 2022

On 15 March, the MEE released the 'Notice on the Allowance Allocation Tasks' and issued the 'Implementation Plan on National ETS Allowance Allocation for the year 2021 and 2022.' The notice and plan set deadlines and requirements for provincial authorities for the allocation of allowances and compliance in the national ETS.

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MEE calls for public proposals for the Chinese Certified Emissions Reduction scheme (CCER) methodology

As the CCER registry and trading systems are ready for acceptance check, the MEE has requested proposals for CCER project methodologies in order to continue rebuilding the national voluntary carbon market in China.

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PROJECT NEWS

China Integrated Waste Management NAMA Support Project



'IWM and Low Carbon development – business model tool' livestreaming held online

The event was co-organised by IWM NAMA and China Association of Urban Environmental Sanitation on 16 February. The 'IWM NAMA Business Model Tool' was officially launched at the online event.

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5th Carbon Training on Integrating Waste Management

The training on 22-24 February covers the interpretation of China's Dual Carbon Goals, carbon market construction, carbon asset management, and carbon finance development.

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



5th Meeting of The Sino-German Track-2-Dialogue (T2D) On Climate Change and Sustainable Development

On 24 February, the 5th Steering Committee Meeting of the Sino-German Track II Dialogue (T2D) on Climate Change and Sustainable Development was held online. Prof Xu Huaqing from the National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (NCSC) and Dr Dirk Messner from the Umweltbundesamt (UBA) led the Steering Committee in reviewing the achievements of the first phase of the T2D and mapping out working format and timelines for its next phase.

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Capacity-Building Workshop on Climate Finance held in Chengdu, Sichuan

On 24 February, a capacity-building workshop on climate finance was held successfully in Chengdu of Sichuan Province under the guidance of the provincial Department of Ecology and Environment of Sichuan and the People's Bank of China (PBoC) Chengdu Branch.

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Mitigation Workshop in Shandong

On 23 March, the GIZ and NCSC jointly organised the workshop on the topic 'Mitigation in Provinces/Cities' in Jinan, Shandong Province.

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Cement Sector Conference in Zhejiang

On 30 March, Sino-German Cement Sector Low Carbon Development Forum was organised by the China Cement Association (CCA) with the support by GIZ and AHK Greater China in Huzhou, Zhejiang Province.

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Sino-German Environmental Partnership



Hybrid Workshop | CCICED SPS 'Promoting Digitization and Green Technologies for Sustainable Development'

On 6-7 February, the SPS on Promoting Digitization and Green Technologies for Sustainable Development held a hybrid workshop in Geneva.

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



Sino-German Joint Technical Workshop on MRV in the Emission Trading System successfully held

On 27 March, GIZ and NCSC jointly hosted the technical workshop online addressing technical and administrative aspects of monitoring, reporting, and verifying (MRV) greenhouse gas emissions data within the Chinese ETS and the EU ETS.

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>> Urban Act: Integrated Urban Climate Action for Low Carbon & Resilient Cities



Regional Kick-off Workshop 'Urban-Act: Integrated Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon & Resilient Cities'

From 20 to 24 March, the regional kick-off workshop was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The kick-off was attended by GIZ Germany staff and five other implementing countries, along with technical experts and representatives from international organizations.

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International Low-carbon Integrated Waste Management Symposium & IWM NAMA Closing Event

18-19 May, 2023 Beijing and Online



Handbook on N₂O Mitigation Experience in Germany/Furone

Handbook on N20 Mitigation Experience in Germany/Europe

The German/European Nitrous Oxide (N_2O) Emission Reduction Experience manual, written by the experts from FutureCamp, has been published. The manual assesses and presents different policy tools aimed at creating a favourable environment for potential N_2O reduction actions among China's industries.

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