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Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to send to you the IKI China Update 19 (April - June 2023).

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Best regards from China,

IKI China Team

POLICY NEWS

Seven ecological and environmental policies issued on 13 April

The seven policies issued by the Chinese Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) include one Measure (National Ecological Quality Supervision and Monitoring Measures), four Standards for emission units, and two Guidelines for water ecosystem supervision.

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Five departments jointly issued the 'Key Basin Water Ecological Protection Plan' on 21 April

The Plan proposed that by 2025, the total discharge of major water pollutants should be reduced, the water ecosystem should be improved, the system of water ecology and environmental protection should be further optimized. By 2035, the water ecological environment should be fundamentally improved, and a healthy ecosystem cycle should be achieved.

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Revised draft of ‘Measure for Administrative Penalties for Ecology and Environment’ issued on 13 April

The revised Measures provide a guarantee for the further implementation of the ecological environment related guidelines, laws, and regulations, which instructs the enforcement of ecological laws as well as regulation of the administrative penalties. MEE stressed the importance or trainings on related topics to ensure the Departments of Ecology and Environment (DEEs) at all levels fully grasp the main contents of the revision.

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China released ‘Guideline for Developing a Standard System to Achieve Carbon Neutrality’

Eleven ministries jointly issued the guideline on building a holistic standard system to achieve China’s carbon peaking and neutrality goals. Due to lack of standardization in terms of China’s dual carbon targets, the Guideline includes basic general standards (such as carbon emission accounting and verification, low-carbon management assessment, and carbon information disclosure), carbon emission reduction standards, and carbon removal standards.

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Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) issued ‘Requirements for Strictly Adhering to the Bottom Line and Standardizing the Implementation of Comprehensive Land Remediation Pilot in the Whole Region’

The new requirements aim to promote rural revitalization and prevent the infringement of protected ecological spaces and the rights and interests of local people through effective spatial planning and comprehensive land management. The regulation, released on 23 April 2023, strictly forbids alternation of “red lines,” denoting ecologically protected areas, and any destruction of land in these zones as part of the overall effort to prevent breaching the ecological “bottom line.”

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Carbon impact analysis required for all new investment projects in China

Beginning 1 May 2023, governmental entities and enterprises will be required to include carbon impact analyses in all feasibility studies for new projects in China. Feasibility studies are required to obtain government approval and funding. Among other requirements, the carbon impact analyses will include an estimate of total annual carbon emissions from the project.

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Shandong spot power market dropped below zero during the national holiday in May

The Shandong electricity spot market saw negative prices for 22 consecutive hours (20:00; 1 May- 17:00; 2 May) during national holidays in May 2023. The dip in price was attributed to a combination of decreased demand due to national holidays and an excess of supply of renewable energy.

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‘Several Opinions on Establishing a National Land Spatial Planning System and Supervising Its Implementation’ published

On 23 May 2023, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council proposed the Opinions in order to establish a national spatial planning system and supervise its implementation. The document integrates different aspects of spatial planning into unified national spatial planning to achieve “multi-planning integration.” Prioritization of ecology and green development, management of ecological and environmental zoning, protection of ecological barriers, construction of wildlife corridors and ecological networks, and protection and restoration of ecosystems are also emphasized.

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Shandong Province launched ‘Implementation Plan for Synergizing Pollution Reduction and Carbon Mitigation’

In line with national strategies and reflecting the resolve for a sustainable future, Shandong Province has released an ‘Implementation Plan for Synergizing Pollution Reduction and Carbon Mitigation.’ This step, taken in collaboration with seven departments, is aimed at achieving the local carbon peak goal. With targets set for 2025 and 2030, the plan signifies a landmark in the province's environmental governance and carbon management efforts.

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Revised ‘Ten Codes of Conduct for Ecological and Environmental Protection’ released on 5 June

With the aim of guiding citizens in their duty and responsibility to protect the environment, the new revised Ten Codes adopted more promotional materials such as posters, videos, and expert explanations. The revision officially implements ten principles which have been in the test phase since 2018. The final version further clarifies and operationalizes goals of protection behavior to meet the specific environmental concerns of the public and changing circumstances.

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‘Cooperation Arrangement on Carrying Out Marine Ecological and Environmental Protection Work’ signed on 16 June

Jointly signed by the National Marine Environmental Monitoring Center and the Environmental Protection Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in Beijing, the Cooperation Arrangement would help strengthen the cooperation in relation to the marine ecological protection and water quality management, especially in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

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'Joint Declaration of Intent regarding the Cooperation in the Field of Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development' signed on 19 June

On 19 June 2023, during the 7th Sino-German inter-governmental consultation, the Chinese MEE and German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) held a bilateral meeting and signed the joint declaration, which reaffirmed the commitment from both sides to the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, agreeing to strengthen future cooperations in environmental protection, green finance, biodiversity protection, ecological restoration, plastic pollution control, and chemicals and solid waste management.

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PROJECT NEWS

» China Integrated Waste Management NAMA Support Project



IWM NAMA closing event successfully held in Beijing

Over 150 representatives from local governments, environmental protection departments, housing and construction departments, scientific research institutes, financial institutes, universities, and enterprises in the waste sector joined the meeting onsite.

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IWM NAMA project website's domain name changed

The project website was officially handed over to the project partner China Association of Urban Environmental Sanitation (CAUES) for maintenance in March 2023.

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



6th Meeting of the Sino-German Track-II-Dialogue (T2D) on Climate Change and Sustainable Development

The 6th meeting of the of the Sino-German T2D was held in person in Beijing from 26 to 27 April 2023. The meeting included discussions about the success of the first phase of the T2D and potential areas for cooperation in the second phase.

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12th Sino-German Working Group Meeting on Environment and Climate

The 12th meeting of the Sino-German Working Group on Environment and Climate Change was held virtually on 27 April 2023. The Chinese and German ministries held discussions on domestic and international climate policies and cooperations, especially in the context of IKI projects.

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Promoting the Guangdong Youth Low-Carbon Education Program through IKI Small Grants

On 25 May 2023, Zhongshan Xiaolan Low-Carbon Development & Promotion Center hosted a kick-off event for the Guangdong Youth Low-Carbon Education Program as part of the first IKI Small Grants project in China. The project targets climate change education and mitigation in primary schools in Guangdong province.

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2023 China International Forum on Climate Investment and Finance: Subforum on International Experiences and China Practices

On 6 April 2023, GIZ and the World Resources Institute (WRI) successfully co-organized the subforum on International Experience and Chinese Practices as part of the 2023 China International Forum on Climate Investment and Finance.

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» Sino-German Environmental Partnership



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Kick-off meetings of Cooperation on Chemicals Management, Marine Litter, and Biodiversity

Three kick-off meetings on the topic of cooperation on chemicals management, marine litter and biodiversity were held this quarter by the Sino-German Environmental Partnership (Phase III) and the MEE. During the meetings, both sides had friendly exchanges and expressed clear intentions for future cooperation.

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

Industry-Related N₂O Mitigation Closing Workshop



On 7 June 2023, the industry-related N₂O work stream's closing workshop took place at the National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (NCSC). Representatives and experts from the institutions such as the Department of Climate Change of MEE, NCSC, GIZ, China Nitrogen Fertilizer Industry Association, and Tsinghua University attended the workshop. Participants discussed the project outcomes and future mitigation policies based on the information exchanged during the project and the comprehensive handbook on mitigation experiences in Germany/the EU.

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» Integrated Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities (Urban-Act)



Expert Workshops on 'Integrated Climate Resilience Planning' and 'Systematization of Climate Resilience Laws and Policies'

Integrated Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities (Urban-Act) Project expert workshops on 'Integrated Climate Resilience Planning' and 'Systematization of Climate Resilience Laws and Policies' were successfully held online on 7 and 16 June 2023, respectively.

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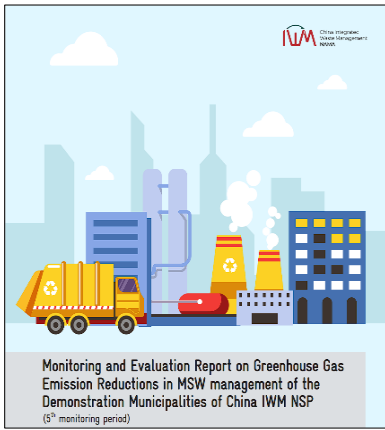
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International Experience of Full Cost Accounting (FCA) in Municipal Solid Waste Management

This report systematically introduces the definition, functions, and methodology of Full Cost Accounting (FCA), summarizes the international experience of FCA with the cases of Bayawan City and Qalqilya, aiming to help governments or enterprises sort out, calculate, and summarize all the cost categories involved in Municipal Solid Waste Management (MSWM). The report layout was finalized in May 2023.

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5th Monitoring and Evaluation Report on GHG Emission Reductions in MSW management of the Demonstration Municipalities

This report, finished by Sino Carbon Innovation & Investment Co., Ltd., China Municipalities Construction Design and Research Institute Co., Ltd., China Environmental Resources Technology Co., Ltd., and the GIZ IWM NAMA project team in December 2021, introduces the 5th monitoring period of greenhouse gas emission reductions in municipal solid waste management of the 5 demonstration municipalities. The report layout was finalized in May 2023.

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2022 Annual Report of IWM NAMA Project

The 2022 annual report, finished by the ISM NAMA project team in December 2022, includes a review of the project activities and outputs in 2022 and outlook for 2023. The report layout was finalized in May 2023.

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Brochure of Project Practices and Outcomes

This project brochure, finished by the IWM NAMA project team in May 2023, includes an overview of the project practices and outcomes during the project implementation period from 2017 to 2023. The report layout was finalized in June 2023.

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