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NEW CONCEPT PROPOSED TO ACCELERATE SUSTAINABLE HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT

The International Hydropower Association (IHA) is partnering with Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) to explore options for a new model which would accelerate sustainable hydropower development worldwide. The two organisations signed a partnership agreement this week at the COP23 climate change conference in Bonn, Germany. It will see them consult on the concept of a Hydropower Preparation Facility (HPF), which would work with national governments to prioritise potential hydropower project sites according to their sustainability.

Read more at:

<https://www.hydropower.org/news>

PARIS TO HOST WORLD HYDROPOWER CONGRESS IN MAY 2019

Paris will host the next World Hydropower Congress between 14 and 16 May 2019, the International Hydropower Association announced today. The biennial event sets priorities for the future direction of the hydropower sector. It brings together leaders from business, industry, government, finance, UN agencies, academia and civil society organisations. The seventh World Hydropower Congress is to be hosted in partnership with UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme. With the theme of 'The Power of Water for a Sustainable World', the Congress will focus on hydropower's role in delivering on the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Read more at:

<http://www.waterpowermagazine.com/news/newsparis-to-host-world-hydropower-congress-in-may-2019-5971719>

NEPAL CANCELS DEAL WITH CHINESE FIRM TO BUILD 1200MW HYDRO PROJECT

Nepal has cancelled a US\$2.5 million deal with China Gezhouba Group Corporation to build a 1200MW hydroelectric project on the Budhi Gandaki river, Reuters has reported. Lapses in the award process were cited as reasons for the cancellation, although no further details were immediately available. Nepal has cancelled a major deal with a state-owned Chinese company to develop a 1,200 MW hydroelectric plant, the biggest hydropower project in the landlocked country facing acute energy crisis.

The agreement for the USD 2.5 billion Budhi Gandaki Hydroelectric Project, which could have nearly doubled Nepal's current hydropower production, was signed in June.

Read more at:

http://www.ptinews.com/news/9236338_Nepal-cancels-mega-hydro-project-deal-with-Chinese-firm

MEXICO SEEKS BETTER WAY TO EVALUATE IMPACTS OF POTENTIAL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

To improve the sustainable development of energy infrastructure in Mexico, a new project has been launched that is supported by US\$700,000 in funding from the Inter-American Development Bank. The project involves Mexico's Secretary of Energy (SENER), the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE), The Nature Conservancy Mexico (TNC) and the Mexican Association of Hydroelectric Energy (AMEXHIDRO). The project will involve using "scientifically-developed tools" to evaluate and identify ways to reduce the risk of investment in hydroelectric infrastructure projects, according to a press release from TNC. Social and environmental considerations, which are frequently overlooked in traditional planning processes, will be included in the early stages of hydropower development.

Read more at:

<http://www.hydroworld.com/articles/2017/11/mexico-seeks-better-way-to-evaluate-impacts-of-potential-hydroelectric-projects.html>

INDIA'S NHPC COULD BID FOR NEPAL'S \$2.5 BILLION POWER PROJECT PULLED FROM CHINA

Indian power company NHPC Ltd BSE -0.19 % could bid for a \$2.5 billion hydropower project in Nepal, its chairman told Reuters, after Kathmandu cancelled a deal with China Gezhouba Group Corp. China and India jostle for influence over infrastructure projects in Nepal and the

deal with China was scrapped after it was criticised for being handed to the company without any competitive bidding. State-run NHPC could look at developing what will be the country's biggest hydropower plant, its Chairman Balraj Joshi told Reuters.

Read more at:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/power/indias-nhpc-could-bid-for-nepals-2-5-billion-power-project-pulled-from-china/articleshow/61693209.cms>

DEADLY IRAN-IRAQ EARTHQUAKE DAMAGES DARBANDIKHAN DAM

A magnitude 7.3 earthquake that hit the border region between Iraq and Iran yesterday has killed more than 400 people, injured more than 6,600 and caused cracks in Darbandikhan Dam. Darbandikhan Dam is on the Diyala River in the northern As Sulaymaniyah Governate of Iraq. It was completed in 1961 and is a rockfill embankment dam with a central clay core. The dam is 420 feet tall and 1,460 feet long. The dam's purposes are irrigation, flood control, hydroelectric power production and recreation. The 249-MW power station was commissioned in 1990 and contains three 83-MW Francis turbine-generator units. In 2013, repairs were completed related to damage from bombing in 1990.

Read more at:

<http://www.hydroworld.com/articles/2017/11/deadly-iran-iraq-earthquake-damages-darbandikhan-dam.html>