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The national meeting in the Republic of Kazakhstan with representatives of CSOs took place on March 31, 2021, in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan in online mode.

Uniting the common efforts to develop the policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the 26th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC has become a priority goal of a large-scale online meeting of representatives of civil society organizations. Representatives of the Department of Climate Policy and Green Technologies, Department of Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Environmental non-profit organizations, OSCE Center in Nur-Sultan, UNDP, embassies in the Republic of Kazakhstan together with leading experts on environmental protection enjoyed live communication and exchange of experience. Participants kept their focus on opportunities and tools in terms of their effectiveness and involvement of the broad public in the discussion of legislative initiatives on the environment throughout the meeting.

Read more: [here](#)

CLIMATE RISKS IN TAJIKISTAN: NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS RESULTS AND VULNERABILITY MAPS 02/04/2021

"Assessment of climate risks and vulnerability in Tajikistan: presentation of national assessment results and vulnerability maps and preparation of an assessment in the pilot area" – this is the topic of the online webinar in Dushanbe, 1

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April 2020. Experts and professionals of relevant ministries and departments of Tajikistan, CAREC representatives, international consultants working in the field of climate change assessment attended the webinar. 23 participants attended the event.

International consultants of the regional project “Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin” (CAMP4ASB), members of the consortium of international consulting companies SIM, Hydroc, and Hydronova assessed climate change vulnerabilities of Central Asian countries. The assessment comprises agriculture, energy, water resources, health, and climate-induced disasters.

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Meeting of the Chairman of the IFAS Executive Committee with Directors of EC IFAS branches 02/04/2021

On 2 of April 2021, the meeting of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS with the Directors of the branches of EC IFAS was held virtually.

During the meeting, the Chairman informed the participants about the activities of the Executive Committee of IFAS for the first quarter of 2021, including the progress of the approval of ASBP-4 and the resuming of the work of the Regional Working Group on improving the organizational structure and legal framework of IFAS.

The branch directors provided brief information on their activities for the first quarter of 2021. Issues of further interaction of EC IFAS with its branches were discussed for the successful implementation of functions and tasks that are assigned to EC IFAS and its structural divisions.

Read more: [here](#)

Water resources

USAID launches a new regional water and environment activity in Uzbekistan 31/03/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Today, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) launched its new five-year water and environment activity in Uzbekistan, “USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment.”

The program covers the five countries of Central Asia and Afghanistan and will strengthen regional cooperation on the management of shared water resources in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya river basins.

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Energy sector

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Energy Week Central Asia & Mongolia 2021 to be held in late in late April 29/03/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The high-level international investment conference Energy Week Central Asia & Mongolia 2021 will take place on a virtual event platform on 27-29 April bringing together the authorities, project operators of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Mongolia, as well as IFIs/DFIs, multinational energy companies.

Among international companies and institutions regularly attending Invest In Network's events are EBRD, World Bank, IFC, ADB, AFD, KfW, AIIB, FMO, ACWA Power, Total Eren, NBT AS, Acciona Energia, ContourGlobal, SkyPower Global, Universal Energy, Risen Energy, FRV, Siemens, Vestas, Voltalia, Scatec Solar, Grupo Cobra, and many others.

Read more: [here](#)

The Ministry of Energy to hold the Industry Youth Forum for the first time 31/03/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan will hold the first Youth Forum of the fuel and energy complex on 19-23 May 2021.

This initiative was first announced during the meeting of the Minister of Energy Alisher Sultanov with young specialists of the fuel and energy complex, which took place on February 27 this year in the city of Shirin, Syrdarya region.

Read more: [here](#)

Two thermal power plants are being built by a Turkish investor in Tashkent region 01/04/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In Tashkent region, together with the Turkish company Aksa Enerji, investment projects are being implemented for the construction and operation of two thermal power plants with a total capacity of 470 MW.

Thermal power plants, which will use combined-cycle plants (CCGT) and gas piston plants (GPU), are being built on 7 hectares of land in Kibray district to the west of the operating Tashkent TPP.

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Masdar starts construction of the first wind farm in Uzbekistan and signed an agreement to expand its design capacity 02/04/2021

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - Masdar (UAE) has signed an agreement to increase the design capacity of its wind farm project in Uzbekistan to 1.5 GW from 500 MW.

In this regard, an event was held in Tashkent on 1 April, dedicated to the adoption of a decision on the construction of the largest wind park in Central Asia. It was attended by a video message Sardor Umurzakov - Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Investments and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber - Special Envoy of the UAE for Climate Change and Minister of Industry and Advanced Technologies, Alisher Sultanov - Minister of Energy of the Republic Uzbekistan, E. Suhail Al Mazruei - Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of the UAE.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani Arrives in Tajikistan 29/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 29.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – This morning, the President of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani arrived in Tajikistan on an official visit and to attend the Heart of Asia — Istanbul Process Ninth Ministerial Conference.

Prime Minister Kohir Rasulzoda and other officials welcomed him at the Dushanbe International Airport.

Today, Ghani will attend the high level meeting and talks with the President Emomali Rahmon.

He also is expected to meet with Prime Minister Rasulzoda, Representatives Assembly Speaker Mahmadoir Zokirzoda, as well as teachers and students of the Tajik National University.

Read more: [here](#)

Representatives Assembly Speaker Meets Afghan President 29/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 29.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, Representatives Assembly Speaker Mahmadoir Zokirzoda met with the President of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, who is on an official visit in Dushanbe.

The meeting focused on issues of strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation between Dushanbe and Kabul.

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PM Rasulzoda Meets Afghan President Ghani 29/03/2021

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DUSHANBE, 29.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Prime Minister Kohir Rasulzoda met with the President of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, who is on an official visit in Dushanbe.

The officials discussed important issues of bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

They stressed that Tajikistan and Afghanistan promote the activities of the Intergovernmental Commission on Economic, Trade, Social and Technical Cooperation and support mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani Lays a Wreath at the Ismoili Somoni Monument in Dushanbe 29/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 29.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, President of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, as part of his official visit to Tajikistan, visited the main square of Dushanbe.

Ghani paid laid a floral wreath at the monument of the founder of the first Tajik state Ismoili Somoni.

In this ceremony, Ghani was accompanied by the Minister of Transport Azim Ibrohim and other officials.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan — Afghanistan Talks 29/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 29.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – In Palace of the Nation, the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon held talks with the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammed Ashraf Ghani, who arrived in Dushanbe on an official visit and to take part in the 9th Ministerial Conference Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process.

An official welcoming ceremony and introduction of members of the two delegations was held before the talks. The counterparts met in a restricted format before continuing talks with the participation of their respective delegations.

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Press Statement by FM Muhridin on the Outcomes of the Heart of Asia — Istanbul Process Ninth Ministerial Conference 30/03/2021

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Dear Mr. Minister,

Dear colleagues,

Media representatives,

On 30 March 2021, the Ninth Ministerial Conference «Heart of Asia — Istanbul Process» under the title of «Strengthening Consensus for Peace and Development» was held in Dushanbe with participation of participating countries, supporting countries and regional and international organizations in presence format and via videoconference.

Read more: [here](#)

President Emomali Rahmon: We Will Never Forget This

30/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 30.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, while delivering his speech at the Heart of Asia — the Istanbul Process Ninth Ministerial Conference, President Emomali Rahmon reminded those present about the peace process in Tajikistan in 1990s.

“The wealth and blessings of independence have come at a high price. The process of national reconciliation in our country lasted five years,” he said.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajik and Afghan Interior Ministers Discuss Strengthening Cooperation Against Terrorism 30/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 30.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, Minister of Internal Affairs Ramazon Rahimzoda met with his Afghan counterpart Hayatullo Hayot.

They noted the importance of strengthening cooperation in the fight against terrorism, extremism, drug trafficking and transnational crime.

The meeting focused on assistance in strengthening peace and stability in Afghanistan.

The ministers also exchanged views on regional and global matters.

The officials noted that joint and collective cooperation of law enforcement agencies can help in the fight against modern threats and challenges.

The parties expressed hope that relations between the Tajik and Afghan power structures will continue to develop and strengthen.

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Afghan President Receives an Honorary Doctorate from the Tajik National University 30/03/2021

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DUSHANBE, 30.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, the President of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani met with the staff of teachers and students of the Tajik National University (TNU) in Dushanbe.

Ghani was met by the Minister of Education and Science Muhammadyusuf Imomzoda, the rector of TNU Kobiljon Khushvakhtzoda, and representatives of the diplomatic structures.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan and Afghanistan Expand Bilateral Trade Ties 31/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 31.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, Minister of Industry and New Technologies Sherali Kabir, Minister of Economic Development and Trade Zavki Zavkizoda held a working meeting with the Minister of Industry and Trade of Afghanistan Nisar Ahmad Faizi Ghoryani.

The meeting focused on issues of expanding and deepening bilateral and multilateral trade relations between the two countries.

Read more: [here](#)

FM Muhridin Receives Special Representative of UN Secretary General for Afghanistan 31/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 31.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhridin received the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Afghanistan, head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) Debora Lyons, who is in Dushanbe to attend the Heart of Asia- Istanbul Process Conference.

The meeting focused on issues relating to the peace process in Afghanistan and cooperation to promote its socio-economic development.

They also expressed views on the importance of the joint fight against security threats and challenges, including terrorism, extremism and radicalization.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajik, Iranian and Afghan FMs Hold Trilateral Meeting 31/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 31.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, Foreign Minister Sirojiddin Muhridin, Iran Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and their Afghan counterpart Mohammad Hanif Atmar discusses a number of issued during a trilateral meeting.

The meeting focused on cooperation in the spheres of security, combating drug trafficking, expanding political, economic, trade, scientific and cultural ties, energy and infrastructure, transportation of goods, as well as training of specialists in various sectors of the economy of Afghanistan.

They agreed on the creation of a joint working group of the three countries to discuss

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these issues in detail.

The parties voiced their hope that this meeting will mark the beginning of a new stage in the relations of friendship and cooperation between the three countries.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Tajik and Uzbek Travel Agencies Develop New Tourist Routes 26/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 26.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajik and Uzbek travel agencies have decided to develop new tourist routes. This was noted at a meeting of the heads and representatives of travel agencies of the two countries, which was held during Navruz celebration days in Dushanbe.

The meeting was also attended by officials of the Committee for Tourism Development and the Tourism Department of Tashkent.

The parties exchanged views on the development of bilateral relations in the field of tourism and, while considering the reduction of the COVID-19 risk, made useful proposals for the reception and departure of Uzbek and Tajik tourists.

The officials noted the expedience of developing new tourist routes and organize meetings of travel companies of both countries in the future.

Read more: [here](#)

Free Economic Zones Produce \$3 Million Worth of Products 27/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 27.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan's free economic zones yielded nearly 35 million somoni or \$3 million in the first two months of this year.

About 60 domestic and foreign companies are registered in five free economic zones.

Currently, out of the total number of entities registered, 22 are engaged in the production and provision of services.

Eleven enterprises manufacture products in the Sughd FEZ, nine in the Dangara FEZ and two in the Panj FEZ.

Sughd FEZ entities alone produced 30.1 million somoni worth of products. Dangara FEZ yielded over 4.7 million somoni.

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Dushanbe Declaration of the Heart of Asia — Istanbul Process Ninth Ministerial Conference 30/03/2021

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**The Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process
Ninth Ministerial Conference
“Strengthening Consensus for Peace and Development”
Dushanbe Declaration
Preamble**

We, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and high-level representatives of the Participating Countries, joined by the high level representatives of the Supporting Countries and of the Supporting Regional and International Organizations, having met in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 30th March 2021 at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process (HoA-IP), under co-chairmanship of H.E. Sirojiddin Muhridin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan and H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan;

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Dushanbe Hosts the Heart of Asia — Istanbul Process Ninth Ministerial Conference 30/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 30.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, the Heart of Asia — Istanbul Process Ninth Ministerial Conference was held in Dushanbe with the participation of the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon and the President of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani.

The meeting was also attended by the foreign ministers of the Member States of the Process, the heads of delegations of donor countries, as well as regional and international organizations participated via videoconference.

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INDISPUTABLE TRUTH. Vorukh Is the Heritage of Arya and Part of the Historical Territory of Tajikistan 30/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 30.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Kyrgyz media claims that historically the village of Vorukh had served as the border of the country, and therefore their claim to it is just and correct. Famous Tajik poet, researcher, philologist, Dr. Nurali Nurzoda contests such claims by citing numerous sources, from ancient to current. Below is his latest essay on the subject.

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Namangan to launch road traffic with Kyrgyzstan’s Jalal-Abad 30/03/2021

Between Namangan region of Uzbekistan and Jalal-Abad region of Kyrgyzstan, road traffic will be launched within three months, the Ambassador of the Kyrgyz

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Republic to Uzbekistan Ibragim Junusov said.

According to Junusov, when he started his career as an ambassador, there were only 4 checkpoints between the countries and now their number has reached 8. He noted that during the meeting between Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Sadyr Japarov, it was instructed to open all 15 checkpoints.

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President Emomali Rahmon Attends Ninth Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process, Titled Strengthening Consensus for Peace and Development 30/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 30.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon took part in the opening of the ninth Ministerial Conference of the Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process, titled Strengthening Consensus for Peace and Development, which co-hosted by Tajikistan and Afghanistan in Dushanbe.

The conference has kicked off with statements delivered by President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon and President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani.

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Uzbek Foreign Minister holds a meeting with the Executive Director of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia 30/03/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 30 March 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov, participating in the IX ministerial conference of the Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process Forum, held a meeting with the Executive Director of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Kairat Sarybay.

During the meeting, issues of interaction between Uzbekistan within the framework of the Meeting were discussed.

K. Sarybai highly appreciated the cooperation of Uzbekistan with SVDMA, noting its long-term nature.

Currently, 27 states are members of the SVDMA: Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Vietnam, Egypt, Israel, India, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Cambodia, China, Republic of Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, UAE, Pakistan, Palestine, Russia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan.

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Tajik and Kazakh FMs Discuss Prospects for Further Development of Strategic Partnership 31/03/2021

DUSHANBE, 31.03.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, on the sidelines of the Heart of Asia — Istanbul Process Ministerial Conference, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Mukhriddin met with his Kazakh counterpart Mukhtar Tleuberdi.

The ministers exchanged views on bilateral cooperation, as well as between the two countries within the framework of international organizations such as the UN, SCO, CIS, CSTO and CICA.

Noting the positive results of the official visit of President Emomali Rahmon to Kazakhstan in March 2018, the parties discussed the schedule of high-level contacts planned for the current year.

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Uzbek delegation attends the Ministerial Conference “Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process” 31/03/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A delegation of Uzbekistan led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulaziz Kamilov has taken part in the 9th Ministerial Conference “Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process”, in Tajikistan’s capital city Dushanbe.

According to the Uzbek Foreign Ministry, the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon and the President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani also attended the conference.

Read more: [here](#)

Jizzakh Hosts a Meeting of the Tajik and Uzbek Working Groups on Demarcation Issues 01/04/2021

DUSHANBE, 01.04.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – From March 26 through March 31 in Jizzakh, the working groups of Tajik and Uzbek governmental delegations held a meeting within the Joint Demarcation Commission.

The meeting focused on the demarcation work on the Tajik-Uzbek state border.

The parties exchanged views on the project demarcation line and the establishment of border

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Road connecting Rishtan and Sokh opened 01/04/2021

The Rishtan-Sokh road, which opened in the summer of 2019 and was closed two

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days later at the request of the EAEU, has been reopened today, April 1.

The opening of the “Rishtan” customs checkpoint was attended by officials led by the khokim of Fergana region Khayrullo Bozorov and the governor of Batken region Omurbek Suvonaliyev.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajik and Kyrgyz Foreign Ministers Meet in Moscow 02/04/2021

DUSHANBE, 02.04.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, on the sidelines of the CIS Ministerial Council meeting in Moscow, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhridin met with his Kyrgyz counterpart Ruslan Kazakbaev.

The meeting focused on the current state and prospects of Tajik-Kyrgyz cooperation in the political, trade, economic, cultural, and humanitarian spheres.

The ministers exchanged views on cooperation in the field of transport and use of water resources of transboundary rivers.

Read more: [here](#)

Prime ministers of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan open Korday-Ak Zhol modernized checkpoint 02/04/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Askar Mamin and Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan Ulukbek Maripov held the IX meeting of the Intergovernmental Council and took part in the opening ceremony of the Korday - Ak Zhol modernized checkpoint on the state border of the two countries, Kazinform has learnt from primeminsiter.kz.

At the meeting of the Intergovernmental Council, topical issues of cooperation in trade and economic, investment, agricultural, water and energy, transit and transport, tourism, space and IT spheres, industrial cooperation, as well as in the field of education, culture, health care, social protection of the population and labor migration, environmental protection, interregional and cross-border cooperation, interaction within the EAEU and other integration associations were considered.

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