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## **Climate Change and Environment**

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CAREC BRANCH IN THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS 05/04 /2021**

**On March 31, 2021**, the annual meeting of the CAREC branch in the Republic of Kazakhstan with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) was held with the aim of uniting common efforts to develop the policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the 26th

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Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.

The event was opened by a member of the CAREC Board of Governors from NGOs, the chairman of the Association Civil Alliance of Pavlodar region, the chairman of the EcoForum, Svetlana Mogilyuk, who greeted all participants and emphasized the important role of CAREC in summarizing the practices that are promoted at the level of local communities. **Svetlana Mogilyuk** outlined a range of issues that should be addressed. Among them - the challenge of incineration of household waste, which increases greenhouse gas emissions; the challenge of fuel poverty - the use of low-quality fuel, the incineration of plastic waste. Mrs. Mogilyuk drew the attention of the participants to the need to promote climate issues in environmental education. She also emphasized that today the EcoForum of Kazakhstan is the Association of the EcoForum of Kazakhstan, and is an officially registered legal entity

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### **Transition to “green” economy in Europe and Central Asia was discussed by Ministers of Finance 07/04/2021**

Virtual meetings on the side-lines of annual spring meetings of the World Bank group and the International Monetary Fund proceed. On Tuesday, April 6, the delegation of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan at the head of the minister took part in the meeting of nine countries of representation of the WBG and IMF.

Executive directors Piotr Trabinski and Katarzyna Zajdel-Kurowska presented their reports on the work in the Group, and then the floor was given to the head of the delegation.

Minister Muhammetgeldi Serdarov, characterising the current economic situation in Turkmenistan, noted that it is one of the few countries which kept positive dynamics of economic growth in 2020 and 2021. It was promoted in many respects by government measures on diversification of economy, transition to the model of innovative-industrial type.

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### **DSSAT model: high accuracy yields forecast in climate change conditions crop 08/04/2021**

April 8, 2021 - the final workshop "On Adaptation of the DSSAT Model for Predicting Yields in the Central Asian Region" " took place in online mode.

A series of workshops - 18 sessions in all - was organized by the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) under Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB) with the financial support of the World Bank. The

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professors and teachers of the US University of Florida conducted the workshop.

Participants – representatives of the hydrometeorological services of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan – exchanged their experience in applying the DSSAT model for harvest forecast on the example of the specific territories.

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### **Participation of the IFAS Executive Committee Chairman at a high-level virtual event in the framework of the Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund 08/04/2021**

On 8 April 2021 Chairman of IFAS Executive Committee Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda made a speech at the High-Level public event “Key Green Transitions: How Systems Are Changing for People and Planet”, held in the framework of the Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund

This event reviewed the actions required to ensure sustainable recovery, important environmental issues, and global climate crises.

The President of the World Bank Group Mr. David R. Malpass, United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Mr. John Kerry, The Duke of Cambridge Prince William, COP26 President Mr. Alok Sharma, and others also made a speech at the event.

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### **FAO and Uzbekistan sign agreement guiding collaboration on food and agriculture through 2025 08/04/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** – A roundtable meeting marked the official launch of the FAO–Uzbekistan Country Programming Framework (CPF), covering the period 2021–2025 and giving impetus and further guidance to their partnership. In line with national sustainability priorities, FAO signed up to support the Government in implementing the 2030 Agenda and help Uzbekistan achieve sustainable food systems along the entire agrifood value chain.

The framework agreement foresees the transformation of the production, aggregation, processing, distribution, consumption, and disposal of food products originating from agriculture, forestry, and fisheries towards more sustainability, taking into consideration the wider economic, social, and natural environment. The total resource budget for implementation of the CPF is expected to be approximately USD 17 million.

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### **Kazakh Information and Social Development Ministry proposes to hold**

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## **environmental campaign with youth of UN countries 09/04/2021**

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - On April 7-8, 2021, the X Youth Forum of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) entitled «Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, contributing to the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development» was held in an online format, Kazinform cites the press service of the Kazakh Ministry of Information and Social Development.

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## **Meeting of the FAO / GEF Project Coordination Committee “Sustainable Forest Management in the Mountain and Valley Areas of Uzbekistan» 09/04/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** – The State Forestry Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), organized a regular meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the project "Sustainable Forest Management in the Mountain and Valley Areas of Uzbekistan" with the participation of representatives of various ministries and departments, as well as representatives of the private sector, forestry research institutes and scientific and industrial organizations. The meeting was organized within the framework of the FAO project "Sustainable Forest Management in Mountain and Valley Areas of Uzbekistan".

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## **Uzbekistan becomes a member of GSP+ program 09/04/2021**

**Uzbekistan will be able to supply a number of products to the EU on preferential terms. Uzbekistan’s membership in the EU GSP+ program makes this possible, the Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade Sardor Umurzakov said, Kun.uz correspondent reports.**

So far, Armenia, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka are full members of the EU GSP+ program.

The program provides incentives for the export of agricultural and some other types of products from developing countries to EU markets.

A country that is a full member of the program will be able to export about 3,000 products to EU markets without customs duties, and 3,200 types of products at reduced rates.

Accession to the GSP+ program requires the country concerned to meet certain conditions. In particular, it must ratify and effectively implement 16 international

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conventions in the field of human rights and basic labor standards, **and 11 in the field of environmental protection** and good governance – a total of 27.

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## Water resources

### Joint cooperation is a guarantee of high results 08/04/2021

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** - International cooperation plays an important role in the development of many industries. The introduction of foreign technologies into the field, attraction of international experience and specialists helps to achieve good results in the planned work. This was reported by the press service of Uzsuvtaminot.

Uzsuvtaminot in its daily activities pays special attention to creating favorable conditions for the citizens of the country, establishes cooperation with foreign partners and seeks to make changes in its work in order to achieve new goals. This is evidenced by the agreement on cooperation in the field of wastewater disposal and wastewater treatment, signed the other day between Uzsuvtaminot, Ekolos-Proektsroy (Russia) and UzEkolos.

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## Energy sector

### FM Muhridin Holds an Online Meeting with UAE Minister of Energy and Infrastructure 08/04/2021

**DUSHANBE, 08.04.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Today, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhridin held an online meeting with the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of the United Arab Emirates Suhail al-Mazrui.

The ministers expressed satisfaction with the dynamic development of relations between Tajikistan and the UAE.

They also stressed the need to strengthen cooperation between Dushanbe and Abu Dhabi in the economic, trade, investment, humanitarian, and aviation spheres.

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### Uzbekistan to develop hydrogen energy 09/04/2021

**President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has signed a decree “On measures to develop renewable and hydrogen energy in Uzbekistan”.**

The proposals of the Ministry of Innovative Development, the Ministry of Energy, the Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction

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on the establishment of the followings have been approved:

The decree pledges the “widespread introduction of innovative technologies to develop hydrogen energy and renewable energy sources.” It has created a research center for hydrogen energy, and a laboratory for testing and certification of renewable and hydrogen energy technologies, as part of a newly-created national research institute.

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## Afghanistan’s multilateral relationship with CA countries

### Medical tourism will develop between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan 04/04/2021

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 3 April 2021, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the State committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for tourism development Aziz Abdulkhakov met with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Afghanistan to Uzbekistan Ahmad Khalid Elmi.

The meeting was also attended by B.Nizami, director of “PrivaZorg Maastricht”, co-owner of “Nobama care” (the Netherlands), and A. Hami, co-founder of “Jawzjan Al-Hayot” hospital (Afghanistan). The foreign guests were familiarized with the reforms in the tourism sector of Uzbekistan, new directions and tourist products, the system of sanitary and epidemiological safety “Uzbekistan SafeTravel GUARANTEED”, as well as the measures taken to diversify tourist destinations in Uzbekistan.

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### Tajik and Afghan Aviation Bodies Sign Procedure Agreement Between Air Traffic Services Centers 07/04/2021

**DUSHANBE, 07.04.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – The aviation authorities of Tajikistan and Afghanistan signed an agreement between the air traffic services centers of Dushanbe and Kabul.

The agreement was signed in Dushanbe by the Director of the Civil Aviation Agency Ikrom Subhonzoda and the head of the Civil Aviation Department of Afghanistan Kasim Vafazoda.

The agreement will serve to establish cooperation on the exchange of information on traffic, regulation, coordination, and use of airspace.

The centers will inform each other about any changes in the operational status that may affect the movement of the operational procedure. This includes the availability of equipment and services, meteorological information, communication links and capacity

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limitations for ATS systems.

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## **Tajikistan, Belarus and Afghanistan Expand Trade and Economic Cooperation 07/04/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 07.04.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Trade between Tajikistan and Belarus has increased twofold between 2019 and 2020. This was noted yesterday at the forum of business circles of Tajikistan, Belarus and Afghanistan which took place in Dushanbe. Over 200 people, including heads of state bodies, enterprises, organizations, entrepreneurs, business circles of Tajikistan, Belarus, and Afghanistan were in attendance.

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## **Cooperation between Central Asian countries**

### **Uzbekistan donates tons of wheat and cotton seeds to Kyrgyzstan 06/04/2021**

Uzbekistan has provided Kyrgyzstan with 1,000 tons of wheat seeds and 500 tons of cotton seeds. Kyrgyz Prime Minister Ulugbek Maripov made the announcement during a live broadcast on Facebook.

According to him, if half of the wheat and cotton seeds given by Uzbekistan is a donation, the other half should be returned by the Kyrgyz side in the form of wheat and cotton. Tashkent also donated 10,000 tree seedlings to Bishkek.

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### **Tajik and Kyrgyz Interior Ministers Meet in Sughd Region 07/04/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 07.04.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Yesterday, the Minister of Internal Affairs Ramazon Rakhimzoda met with his Kyrgyz counterpart Ulan Niyazbekov. The meeting focused on a wide range of issues related to bilateral cooperation between the internal affairs bodies.

The parties expressed support for joining effort to promote security and stability in the border areas.

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The ministers also discussed issues of strengthening cooperation in the field of combating crime, terrorism, extremism, drug trafficking, cross-border crime, as well as topical issues of mutual interest.

Special attention was also paid to strengthening ties between the heads of the internal affairs bodies of the border regions and specialized units of the two ministries.

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## **President Emomali Rahmon Made a Working Visit to Sughd Province 09/04/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 09.04.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon is visiting Sughd Province to review the socio-economic development of the region, and to take part in the opening of the facility commemorating the 30th anniversary of independence.

His visit began in Buston, where he opened the first phase of the Fayzi Buston polyethylene plastic production company valued at 3 million somoni, and built by domestic entrepreneur Mukaddas Kodirova within the framework of the fourth national goal — rapid industrialization.

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## **President Emomali Rahmon: Exchanging Vorukh with Another Territory Is Not Possible 09/04/2021**

**VORUKH, 09.04.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – The government of Tajikistan has been negotiating with Kyrgyzstan since 2002 and the delegations of the Intergovernmental Commission on Delimitation and Demarcation have held more than 100 meetings to date. «During the entire period of negotiations, we have never considered exchanging Vorukh with any other territory,» said President Emomali Rahmon at a meeting with the residents of the village of Vorukh in Isfara.

As Isfara borders Kyrgyzstan plays, it plays an important role in strengthening friendly relations between the two countries.

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## **Speech by the President Emomali Rahmon at the Meeting with Residents of Vorukh Village in Isfara 09/04/2021**

Dear representatives of the noble residents of ancient city of Isfara and the village of

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Vorukh!

My visit to the city of Isfara and our meeting is taking place within the celebration of the International Navruz Grand Holiday and the truly historic year for our beloved Tajikistan — the 30th anniversary of our state independence.

Let me take this opportunity to offer my sincerely congratulations to all the residents of ancient Isfara, the village of Vorukh and each of you on the occasion of Navruz and thank you for your creative and patriotic work and your warm and sincere welcome.

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