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Climate Change and Environment

Office of the Global Green Growth Institute opens in Uzbekistan 22/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 22 February 2022, the official opening of a representative office of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in Uzbekistan took place at the State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection.

The GGGI country office in Uzbekistan is the first representative office of the Institute among the CIS countries, in particular in Central Asia.

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Nature conservation – a scientific approach 23/02/2022

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The Laboratory of Technology for Environmental Protection of the Technology Center of the Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan conducts research work on methods for maintaining the purity of soil, water, air and cleaning them from various harmful substances. The laboratory received a license from the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan. The permit for environmental activities, issued to the laboratory in January of this year, entitles the specialists of the Center to carry out a set of research works on environmental protection in the use and development of natural resources, while ensuring an increase in the efficiency of their extraction, conservation and prevention of environmental pollution.

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Shavkat Mirziyoyev visits the dry bottom of the Aral Sea 23/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President Shavkat Mirziyoyev got acquainted with the ongoing work on afforestation of the dried bottom of the Aral Sea.

The solution of this problem depends on the ecological and economic well-being of the people of Karakalpakstan and the vast region as a whole. Once the sea and the rivers flowing into it, agricultural land provided people with work and income. But thoughtless interference with the laws of nature, blocking the watercourses along the Amudarya and Syrdarya led to one of the most serious environmental disasters in the world. The region began to rapidly desertify, and the soil began to saline. The flora and fauna suffered great damage.

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Turkmenistan at the Thematic Workshop on Vulnerability Modeling for Central Asia 24/02/2022

Turkmenistan is participating in a thematic four-day online seminar “Vulnerability Modeling for Disaster Risk Assessment on a Regional Scale: Applied to Central Asia”.
This is the seventh in a series of workshops on risk assessment and its components in Central Asia held under the program “Strengthening Financial Resilience and Accelerating Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia” funded by the European Union. This program is being implemented by the World Bank in close collaboration with the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) managed by the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR).

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Science to help practice 25/02/2022

Not so long ago, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, in order to further enrich the beautiful nature of the country, as well as the successful implementation of the National Forest Program, signed a resolution instructing the ministries, sectoral departments and the Ashgabat hakimlik to ensure planting this year of three million (deciduous, coniferous, fruit trees, grapes) seedlings.

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Meeting with representatives of the Global Green Growth Institute 25/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 25 February, First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Ilkhom Norkulov met with Deputy Director General of the International Organization Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Helaen McLeod.

The meeting was attended by GGGI Representative in Uzbekistan Aaron Russell, Chief Specialist on Green Growth and Investment Policy Azizjon Rasulov, Director of the Institute for Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research Umid Obidkhodjayev, Director of the Green Economy Development Department of the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Utkirjon Holbadalov and other responsible persons.

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Kenya to host the United Nations Environment Assembly 25/02/2022

Kenya will host the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) from February 28 to March 2, and a special session to mark the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) 50 years in Nairobi.

This year's theme is "Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals".

The event brings together representatives of the 193 Member States of the UN, businesses, civil society and other stakeholders to agree on policies to address the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

The Assembly will also hold a Special Session of the Assembly on 3-4 March 2022, which is devoted to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of the UN Environment Programme in 1972.

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Water resources

Meeting of the Board of IFAS was held in Dushanbe 22/02/2022

Today 22nd of February 2022 the meeting of the Board of IFAS was held in Dushanbe.

Within the framework of the meeting, important issues of the regional agenda were discussed, including the activities of the Executive Committee of IFAS during the period of Tajikistan's chairmanship, the progress in implementing the projects of the Action program to assist the countries of the Aral Sea Basin (ASBP-4), the achieved results of the activities of the Working Group to improve the organizational structure and legal framework of IFAS, the progress of preparation of the countries of Central Asia for the 9th World Water Forum, participation of IFAS in the Second International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028, which is scheduled for 6-9 June 2022, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, as well as the approval of the "Regional program on environmental protection for Sustainable Development in Central Asia".

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EU SUPPORTS INTEGRATION OF WATER-ENERGY-FOOD NEXUS APPROACH INTO EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA 22/02/2022

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN – The European Union (EU) funded project "Nexus Dialogue in Central Asia" has launched a series of training sessions on the application of the water-energy-food (WEF) Nexus approach through an interactive Nexus Game for faculty staff at the leading universities and civil service academies in Central Asia. The first training took place on 21-22 February in Bishkek.

During the last meeting of the Central Asian Network of Academic Societies (NAS) in October 2021, representatives of the leading universities in the region expressed great interest in integrating the WEF Nexus approach into the curricula for teaching future professionals in water, energy, agricultural and environmental sectors.

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ADB plans to provide $193 million in grants to Tajikistan this year 23/02/2022

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) considers granting 193 million US dollars to Tajikistan in 2022, Ms. Shanny Campbell, the ADB Country Director for Tajikistan, told reporters in Dushanbe on February 22.
According to her, the plan for this year includes projects to support further development of the urban infrastructure in Dushanbe, improve energy and financial sectors, build disaster resilience and improve road maintenance.

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The ADB Country Director noted that the Bank last year two new grant projects: a US$25 million grant to help Tajikistan procure and deploy COVID-19 vaccines and strengthen the country's vaccination program and *a US$30 million grant to support the modernization of irrigation and drainage infrastructure in Yovon district*.

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IFAS Board members discuss issues of regional cooperation in water management 23/02/2022

A meeting of the Board of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) was held on February 22, via videoconference.

The event was attended by Deputy Heads of Government of the founding states – members of the IFAS Board. Uzbekistan delegation was led by Deputy Prime Minister Shukhrat Ganiyev.

The participants discussed the current issues related to the Fund's activities and prospects for further cooperation between the founding States within the Organization.

The parties exchanged views on preparations for the upcoming 9th World Water Forum to be held on 21-26 March 2022, in Dakar, Senegal.

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Tajikistan and Kazakhstan Expand Water and Energy Cooperation 24/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 24.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday in Nur-Sultan, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Kazakhstan Khairullo Ibodzoda met with the Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan Bolat Akchulakov.
The meeting focused on the development and expansion of bilateral cooperation in the water and energy, implementation of energy projects, and other topical issues.

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Energy sector

Share of renewable energy sources to reach 23% by 2035 23/02/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM «International organizations refuse to fund construction of coal power plans,» power energy development department director Aidos Daribayev told a briefing. «Given instability of renewable sources it is necessary to consider backbone sources in the country's power network. As soon as international financial organizations globally give up coal power plants construction projects, there is little scope for coal generation. To this end a nuclear power plant with a capacity of 2.4 GW is considered as

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a new source of core generation,» he said.

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Construction of wind power station energy launched in Karakalpakstan 24/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 24 February, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev arrived in Beruni district of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.

The construction of a wind farm is planned here in cooperation with the Saudi company ACWA Power. The ceremony of laying the first stone of this complex has taken place.

“Karakalpakstan has hardworking people, rich land. Now the winds of this region will benefit the economy. If we say that we are going to build large enterprises, our partners will first ask: “Do you have energy, roads, infrastructure?” Therefore, the construction of a wind farm with a capacity of 100 megawatts will become additional support for the region’s economy”, Shavkat Mirziyoyev said.

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Afghanistan’s multilateral relationship with CA countries

A conference of special representatives of the EU and Central Asian countries on Afghanistan was held in the capital 23/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A conference of special representatives of the European Union and Central Asian countries on Afghanistan was held today in Tashkent.

During the event, international and regional efforts were discussed for the peaceful resolution of the Afghan crisis, the active involvement of Afghanistan in regional integration processes, the economic recovery of the country and the implementation of various infrastructure projects on its territory.

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Afghanistan to support infrastructure projects of Uzbekistan in the Central Asian region 23/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In Kabul, a meeting was held between Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov and Deputy Head of the Interim Government of Afghanistan Abdul Salam Khanafi.

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During the meeting, the implementation of the agreements reached during the stay of the Afghan delegation in Termez in October 2021 in the areas of border security, cooperation in investment, trade, energy, international cargo transportation and transit, education and the humanitarian field was considered.

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Issues of expanding Uzbek-Afghan cooperation discussed 23/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- An expanded meeting of the delegations of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan took place in Kabul. The Uzbek side was headed by Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov, and the Afghan side - by Deputy Head of the Interim Government of Afghanistan Abdul Gani Baradar.

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Kyrgyz MFA delegation takes part in conference of EU and Central Asia special reps on Afghanistan 23/02/2022

Tashkent, Feb. 23, 2022 . / Kabar / . A Kyrgyz delegation headed by Ambassador at Large, special representative of the Kyrgyz Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Afghanistan Avazbek Atakhanov took part in a conference of special representatives of the European Union and Central Asian countries on Afghanistan held in Tashkent, Kabar News Agency has learnt from the press service of the Kyrgyz Embassy in Uzbekistan.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Import from Kyrgyzstan to Kazakhstan increases by 2.5 times 22/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 22, 2022. / Kabar /. Minister of Finance of Kazakhstan Yerulan Zhamaubayev spoke about the consequences of strengthening administration on the border with China, Kazinform reported.

“In connection with the strengthening of administration at the border with China, there is an overflow of imports of goods from China to Kyrgyzstan. Since the beginning of this year, there has been a 5-fold increase in Chinese imports to Kyrgyzstan, and a 2.5-fold increase in imports from Kyrgyzstan to Kazakhstan,” Yerulan Zhamaubayev said at a government meeting.

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CEC registered three new candidates for post of President of Turkmenistan 22/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 22, 2022 . / Kabar / . The Central Commission for Elections and Referenda in Turkmenistan registered three new candidates for the highest state post at a meeting held today, Turkmenportal reported citing the Information Program "Watan" of the Turkmen Television.

According to the functioning legislation in the country, the CEC issued a corresponding Certificate to the nominee from the Party of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Turkmenistan (PPPT) – the Director of the Economic Society Vepaly Gurlushik Babamyrat Meredov. Candidates from the Initiative Groups of Citizens of the Akhal and Mary Regions – the Head of the Sanitary and Epidemiological Service of the Babadaykhan District of the Akhal Region Maksatmyrat Ovezgeldiev and the Director of the Research and Production Center Renewable Energy Sources of the State Energy Institute of Turkmenistan Kakageldi Saryev were also registered as candidates for the post of the President of Turkmenistan.

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Turkmenistan completes presidential candidate registration campaign 23/02/2022

Turkmenistan's Central Election Commission (CEC) has registered the last two candidates for the snap presidential election to be held on March 12, Trend reports citing Turkmenportal.

The CEC issued a presidential candidate certificate to Khydyr Nunnaev, Vice-Rector for Research at the Turkmen State Institute of Physical Culture and Sports from Ashgabat's initiative groups of citizens and Maksat Odeshov, Chairman of the Democratic Party of Turkmenistan's district committee named after Saparmurat Turkmenbashi from the Dashoguz's initiative groups.

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EU Special Rep for Central Asia, Ambassador Terhi Hakala to visit Kyrgyzstan 24/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 24, 2022. / Kabar /. European Union Special Representative for Central Asia, Ambassador Terhi Hakala will visit Kyrgyzstan from 24 February to 27 February, Political, Press and Information section of the Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

The EU special representative will hold meetings with senior leadership of the Kyrgyz

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Republic to discuss EU - Central Asia relations and cooperation as well as developments in the region. Ambassador Hakala will also visit Osh and Batken. In addition to the official meetings, she will meet with the international community and the civil society.

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