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Climate Change and Environment

Cabinet of Kyrgyzstan and FAO sign agreement on Green Climate Fund project 09/03/2022

Bishkek, March 9, 2022 / Kabar /. The signing ceremony of an agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan represented by Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on the Green Climate Fund (GCF) project "Carbon sequestration through climate investments in forests and pastures in the Kyrgyz Republic (CS-FOR)" was held in Bishkek on Wednesday. The project was approved at the GCF board meeting on November 14, 2019 in Songdo, South Korea.

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Tajikistan, Global Environment Facility discuss issues of increasing project financing 09/03/2022

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Bishkek, March 9, 2022 . / Kabar / . On March 4, Mr. Bahodour Sheralizoda, Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan, met in Nairobi with Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), according to the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP) press center, ASIA-Plus reported.

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EBRD to help to extinguish gas crater in Darvaza Turkmenistan 10/03/2022

Bishkek, March 10, 2022 . / Kabar / . The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is willing to cooperate with Turkmenistan in reducing harmful emissions into the atmosphere and is ready to help stop the leakage of natural gas in the crater, which is located in the Darvaza region, ORIENT reported.

The head of the EBRD Odile Renaud-Basso writes about this in a letter addressed to the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov. The contents of the message were published today in the official Turkmen press.

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NEXUS Gains for the Aral Sea Basin: Realizing Multiple Benefits Across Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystems 11/03/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A new CGIAR Initiative, NEXUS Gains, will be introduced to the broad, Aral Sea Basin's audience during the discussion workshop on 11 March 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The NEXUS Gains is a wholistic approach that utilizes systems thinking across water, energy, food and ecosystems, with a focus on forests and biodiversity for the ecosystem component, in the Aral Sea Basin's context. To help identify synergies and tradeoffs across the interconnected systems, the NEXUS Gains will develop and share tools, guidelines, training and facilitate analysis and research for development. This novel approach will strengthen climate resilience and lead to tangible benefits for rural men and women living in Central Asia.

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Water resources

EU supports integration of Water-Energy-Food Nexus approach into educational curricula in Tajikistan 07/09/2022

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

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approach through an interactive Nexus Simulation for faculty staff at the leading universities and civil service academies in Central Asia.

The EU Delegation to Tajikistan says the second training took place on 3-4 March in Dushanbe.

During the last meeting of the Central Asian Network of Academic Societies (NAS) in October 2021, representatives of the leading universities in the region reportedly 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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Central Asian countries discuss topical issues on regulation of water-energy balance 09/03/2022

Bishkek, March 9, 2022. / Kabar /. Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan discussed topical issues on regulation of water-energy balance, Minister of Energy of Kyrgyzstan Doskul Bekmurzaev wrote on his page in social networks.

He noted that a meeting was held his counterparts from Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan on the instruction of Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov.

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1st meeting of Water Council takes place at Government 11/03/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Alikhan Smailov held the first meeting of the Water Council discussing the issues of electricity exchanges between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan and water provision of the southern regions of Kazakhstan, Kazinform cites the press service of the Kazakh PM.

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EBRD and SECO secure sustainable water supply in Fayzobod district 11/03/2022

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Switzerland (through the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, or SECO) are contributing to a greater sustainability of water supply and water treatment services in Tajikistan by providing fresh funds to a regional utility in Fayzobod, according to the EBRD Dushanbe Resident Office.

A long-term EBRD sovereign loan of €1.8 million and a €2.6 million capital grant from SECO will be extended to Khojagii Manziliyu Kommunali (KMK – the state holding company for public utilities) supplying water to 33,000 residents of Fayzobod, some 50 kilometers to the east of Dushanbe.

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Tajikistan's Delegation Attends Second Meeting of the Water and Climate Coalition Leaders 11/03/2022

DUSHANBE, 11.03.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On March 8, second meeting of the Water and Climate Coalition Leaders took place at the headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva, where the official delegation of Tajikistan was represented by Minister of Energy and Water Resources Daler Juma and Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan Bahodur Sheralizoda.

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Energy sector

A thermal power plant with a capacity of 174 MW was commissioned in Khorezm region 10/03/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Today, a new gas piston power plant with a capacity of 174 MW was put into operation and began to supply power to the unified energy system of Uzbekistan in Khorezm region.

The project was implemented by the Turkish company Odash Enerji CA.

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By April 2022, a PV power plant with a capacity of 100 megawatts to be commissioned 11/03/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Ministry of Energy of Uzbekistan organized a press tour with the participation of journalists to the construction site of a solar photovoltaic station (FES) with a total capacity of 100 megawatts in Nurabad district of Samarkand region.

By now, all infrastructure works have been carried out in the area of the station. The station is being built on 353 hectares of land, and the installation of solar panels is currently in full swing, the total number of which will be more than 295,000.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghanistan is fully prepared for the implementation of the TAPI project 10/03/2022

Acting Minister of Mines and Oil of Afghanistan Shahabuddin Delawar said on Tuesday that delegates from Turkmenistan plan to visit Kabul on March 10 to discuss the TAPI

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project.

Delaware stressed that Afghanistan is fully prepared for the implementation of the TAPI project. “There are no problems from the Afghan side, we will do our best to resume work in the near future. There used to be a security problem, but now security in Afghanistan is fully ensured, and TAPI partners are aware of this,” he said, reports Tolo news.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Border Rep of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan agree to return to points of permanent deployment of forces 10/03/2022

Bishkek, March 10, 2022. / Kabar /. Negotiations were held between the border representatives of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on March 10.

According to the press service of the Border Service of the State Committee for National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic, following the results of the negotiations, the sides reached decisions that each side will conduct its own investigation into the armed incident that occurred on March 10, 2022. The preliminary results of the investigation will be announced at the meeting of the heads of the border agencies of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, scheduled for March 12, 2022 and to continue to carry out explanatory work among the residents of border villages.

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Public debt of Kyrgyzstan amounts to over USD 5.1 bln 10/03/2022

Bishkek, March 10, 2022 . / Kabar / . As of Jan. 31, 2022, the amount of public (external + internal) debt of Kyrgyzstan made up USD 5 billion 137.36 million (KGS 435 billion 643.97 million).

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Skirmish occurs at Kyrgyz-Tajik border 10/03/2022

Bishkek, March 10, 2022. / Kabar /. An incident with the use of weapons occurred at the Kyrgyz-Tajik section of the state border on March 10, the Border Service of the State Committee for National Security of Kyrgyzstan said.

An incident with the use of weapons occurred on the Kyrgyz-Tajik section of the state border at about 10:50 local time, while at an undescribed section of the border in the Teskei area of Batken Oblast of Kyrgyzstan, the border guard of Tajikistan, having

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changed the previously used route, went to a new border guard line and demanded the border guards of Kyrgyzstan to leave this section, the report said.

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Foreign ministers of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan discuss topical issues of cooperation 11/03/2022

Bishkek, March 11, 2022. / Kabar /. A meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Ruslan Kazakbaev and Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov was held in Antalya on Thursday as part of participation in the Second Antalya Diplomatic Forum.

The press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic reported that during the meeting, the sides discussed topical issues on the agenda of Kyrgyz-Uzbek cooperation and further ways to strengthen cooperation, both in bilateral and multilateral formats.

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Gunfire at border. Negotiations between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan completed 11/03/2022

Bishkek, March 11, 2022 . / Kabar /. A meeting of border representatives of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan was held Friday in the town of Eki-Tash, Batken region of Kyrgyzstan's Batken Oblast, the press service of the Border Service of the State Committee for National Security of Kyrgyzstan reported.

"During the meeting, the Kyrgyz side stated that night shooting was provoked by Tajik servicemen and showed the area where the soldiers of the Border Service of the Tajik State Committee for National Security threw stones at the cars of Kyrgyz citizens.

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EU, Uzbekistan launch a new Multi-Year Indicative Program to enhance cooperation for 2021-2027 11/03/2022

Bishkek, March 11, 2022 . / Kabar / . Today, a conference was held to launch a new Multi-Year Indicative Program for 2021-2027 of the European Union for Uzbekistan, KunUz reported citing a Dunyo correspondent.

Deputy PM – Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Sardor Umurzakov and EU Commissioner for International Partnership Jutta Urpilainen addressed the participants.

The event was also attended by Deputy Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade

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Badriddin Abidov, EU Ambassador Charlotte Adrian, representatives of ministries and departments of Uzbekistan, diplomatic missions of EU countries and international organizations.

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The results of the Presidential elections 12/03/2022

On March 12, 2022, an important socio-political event - the election of the President of Turkmenistan - was held in an organized, festive and cheerful manner. From 7:00 to 19:00 on election day, eligible citizens took part in the voting. Of the 3.460.080 registered voters across the country, 3.362.052 cast their ballots, with a turnout of 97.17%. A total of 9 candidates competed in the elections which was held in democratic conditions. About this reports Central Commission for Holding Elections and Referendums in Turkmenistan.

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