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Climate Change and Environment

Preparing agrarian businesses to better deal with climate change 18/04/2022

The European Union (EU) Delegation to Tajikistan notes that in times of interrupted regional and global value chains and rising food prices due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent conflict between Ukraine and Russia, the necessity of producing and processing food items in Tajikistan reaches another level of urgency.

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KAZAKHSTAN MINISTRY OF ECOLOGY, GEOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CAREC ESTABLISH NEW COOPERATION 18/04/2022

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On April 18, the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

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WB to grant Uzbekistan $20 million for digitalization of agriculture 18/04/2022

Bishkek, April 18, 2022 . / Kabar / . The projected system will include management of land, water and financial resources, KunUz reported citing Spot.

The World Bank will provide Uzbekistan with funds to create a digital system for agriculture.

On April 13, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Kakhramon Yuldashev and Director of the Center for Digitalization of Agro-Industry Saidazam Alimov met with representatives of the WB. The meeting was attended by representatives of research institutes, as well as developers from BePro.

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DAMAGE BY CLIMATE CHANGE TO APPROACH $507 MILLION ANNUALLY BY 2050 IN CENTRAL ASIA 20/04/2022

"The experts of the Asian Development Bank assessed the average damage by climate change will approach 507 million annually by 2050 in the countries of Central Asia," said in the speech on behalf of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS) Sulton Rakhimzoda at the Sixth Meeting of the Representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Parliamentarians in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

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World Bank allocates USD 150 mln to Kyrgyzstan 20/04/2022

Bishkek, April 20, 2022. / Kabar /. Representatives of the World Bank held a series of meetings with the Kyrgyz delegation headed by Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Akylbek Zhaparov.

The meeting discussed a wide range of issues, including development priorities and World Bank support for human capital and energy reforms in the country, including the development of renewable energy sources, the WB press service said.

Particular attention was paid to private sector development and protection of vulnerable

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populations. New financing agreements were signed for two projects:

- $50 million for a project to develop Batken Oblast;

- $100 million for a project to improve water services resistant to climate change.

Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Akylbek Zhaparov is in Washington, DC for a working trip.

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UN Certificate – recognition of the success of Turkmenistan's environmental policy 23/04/2022

Today, the Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a solemn conference dedicated to awarding Ashgabat an International Certificate for assistance and contribution to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Trees in Cities Challenge through landscaping actions. The forum was attended by representatives of international organizations working in Turkmenistan, teachers and students of higher educational institutions of the country, as well as employees of domestic mass media.

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Water resources

Embassy of Tajikistan in Egypt Hosts Press Conference on Dushanbe Water Conference 19/04/2022

DUSHANBE, 19.04.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On April 16, the Embassy of Tajikistan in Egypt held a press conference with the participation of local experts and a wide range of journalists on the preparation and content of the International Water Conference, which will be held in June 2022 in Dushanbe.

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President Emomali Rahmon Attends Opening Ceremony of the Fourth Asia-Pacific Water Summit 23/04/2022

DUSHANBE, 23.04.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On April 23, the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon delivered a video address at the opening ceremony of the Fourth Asia-Pacific Water Summit, which was held in Kumamoto, Japan.

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President Emomali Rahmon Invites Participants of the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit to Dushanbe 23/04/2022

DUSHANBE, 23.04.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – In his speech at the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit, President Emomali Rahmon invited all those present to participate in the Second International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028," which will be held from June 6 through June 9 in Dushanbe.

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Speech by President Emomali Rahmon at the Opening Session of the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit 23/04/2022

Excellency Chairman,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I at the onset would like to extend sincere appreciation to the Government of Japan for the arrangement of this Summit.

It is gratifying to note, that today's Summit will be held under the theme of "Water for Susutainable Development – Best Practices and the Next Generation".

Yet in 2007 at the First Asia – Pacific Water Summit in the beautiful city of Beppu I stated, that "… global development processes are taking shape in a such way, that the price for water may outweigh the cost of oil, gas, coal and other key resources essential for the sustainable development of each state and region".

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President of Turkmenistan took part in fourth Asia-Pacific Water Summit 23/04/2022

Today, President Serdar Berdimuhamedov, at the invitation of Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida, took part digitally in the Fourth Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS).

The agenda of the forum included aspects of the implementation of the recommendations of the Yangon Declaration, adopted at the third APWS, aimed at achieving the SDGs, as well as various issues related to water resources.

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Energy sector

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AFD to allocate €150 million to Uzbekistan for transition to a "green" economy 20/04/2022

France and Uzbekistan agreed to assist in the transition to a "green economy", Spot reported with reference to the press service of the French Development Agency.

The parties entered into an agreement on April 19. On behalf of Uzbekistan, it was signed by Deputy Minister of Finance Odilbek Isakov, and on behalf of the French side, by Ambassador Aurelia Bouchez and head of the AFD office in Central Asia, Vanson Copen.

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Uzbekistan plans to build 15 new hydroelectric power plants until 2026 22/04/2022

In 2022-2026, it is planned to build 15 new hydroelectric power plants (HPPs) and upgrade five existing HPPs, which will allow additional production of 868,000 kWh of electricity per year.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghanistan to continue cooperation with Uzbekistan Railways JSC 18/04/2022

Earlier, Afghan media reported that the "Khayratan – Mazar-i-Sharif" railway, which is currently managed by Uzbekistan Railways JSC, will be gradually transferred to the Afghan Railways, TOLOnews reported with reference to representatives of the Afghan railway company.

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"ISIS tried to launch missiles to Uzbekistan, but shells did not reach the target" – Taliban 21/04/2022

The Taliban has commented on reports that a rocket was fired from Afghanistan to Termez.

Earlier, social media circulated reports that militants of a terrorist group fired missiles at military facilities in the Uzbek city of Termez from the territory of Afghanistan.

Later, the spokesperson for the President of Uzbekistan, Sherzod Asadov, issued a

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statement denying that missiles had hit Termez from Afghanistan.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan discuss issue of idling trucks at border 17/04/2022

Bishkek, April 17, 2022 . / Kabar / . First Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Arzybek Kozhoshev met with Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Trade and Intergration of Kazakhstan Bakhyt Sultanov.

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President Emomali Rahmon: Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan Can Resolve Border Issues Only Peacefully 18/04/2022

DUSHANBE, 18.04.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan can resolve border issues only through negotiations. This was stated yesterday by President Emomali Rahmon during a meeting with the leadership of Isfara bordering Kyrgyzstan.
President Emomali Rahmon noted that the Tajik government is interested in holding talks on the demarcation of the state border between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan as soon as possible.

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Osh city of Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan's Andijan to strengthen co-op in field of tourism 21/04/2022

Osh, April 21, 2022 . / Kabar / . Kyrgyzstan's Osh city and Andiajn Region of Uzbekistan will strengthen cooperation in the field of tourism

Thus, to implement the Road Map on further deepening and expanding cooperation between Osh and Andijan for 2022-2023, a delegation of the Osh Mayor's Office, headed by First Deputy Mayor Mars Isayev visited Andijan Region.

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Kyrgyz FM Kazakbaev relieved of his post 22/04/2022

Bishkek, April 22, 2022. / Kabar /. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov signed a Decree according to which, Ruslan Kazakbaev has been relieved of his post as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, the press service of the head of state reported.

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Kyrgyzstan appoints new acting foreign minister 23/04/2022

Bishkek, April 22, 2022. / Kabar /. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov signed a Decree on appointing Jeenbek Kulubaev as acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic and he was relieved of his previous position of head of the Foreign Policy Department of the Presidential Administration, the press service of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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