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Climate Change and Environment

EBRD is promoting climate finance and SME lending in Tajikistan 10/05/2022

Bishkek, May 10, 2022 . / Kabar / . The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is providing fresh funds and creating new growth opportunities for grassroot businesses in Tajikistan by offering a financial package of US$7 million to one of the country's largest lenders Bank Arvand, ASIA-Plus reported.

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Climate change a major factor contributing to the world's worsening refugee crisis 12/05/2022

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi has called for action to tackle climate change, which is considered a major factor contributing to the world's worsening refugee crisis.

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The head of state approved the Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) of Turkmenistan under the Paris Agreement 12/05/2022

In order to further improve the efficiency of the work being carried out during the Revival of the New Epoch of the Powerful State to protect the environment, prevent climate change, timely implement the provisions arising from the National Strategy of Turkmenistan on Climate Change, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, the President Turkmenistan signed the Decree approving the Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) of Turkmenistan under the Paris Agreement.

The document instructs the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to send an example of the above-mentioned contribution (NDCs) of Turkmenistan to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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The last in the series of national consultations ahead of "Stockholm +50" takes place in Uzbekistan 13/05/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 13 May 2022, the State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan jointly with the United Nations Development Programme held the fourth (final) national consultation in

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preparation for the international meeting ‘Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity’.

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Uzbekistan elected vice-chairman of CEP Bureau of UN Economic Commission for Europe 14/05/2022

On May 9-12, a delegation of Uzbekistan consisting of representatives of the State Committee on Ecology and Environmental Protection and the Permanent Mission of our country in Geneva took part in an extraordinary meeting of the Bureau of Committee for Environmental Policy of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

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Water resources

Ashgabat to host international seminars on sustainable development of the Caspian Sea 11/05/2022

International training seminars of the cycle "Caspian Sea - sustainable development and management" will be held in Ashgabat from May 16 to 27. The trainings, which will be held by the Institute of the Caspian Sea (Turkmenistan) and the International Institute of Oceans, will be attended by specialists from relevant structures of Turkmenistan and representatives of the embassies of the countries of the Caspian basin.

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Installation of "smart" water meters allowed to reduce water consumption by three times 11/05/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- This year, within the framework of the Investment Program, the Obod Qishloq and Obod Mahalla state programs, it is planned to install 225,000 water meters, and 121,000 meters were installed in January-April, the head of the information service of Uzsuvtaminot Akmal Murodov presented information on the work to provide consumers with water meters.

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Registration Period for the Second Dushanbe Water Conference Extended to May 20 12/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 12.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – At the request of the official delegations of theUN member states, the deadline to register for the Second Dushanbe Water Conference has been extended until May 20, 2022. This was stated on May 4 at the

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second organizational meeting of the Organizational Committee, which took place under the chairmanship of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Sharaf Sheralizoda and with the participation of the leadership of state agencies.

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EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS SILTATION OF RESERVOIRS IN CENTRAL ASIA 12/05/2022

URGENCH, UZBEKISTAN – The inter-sectoral working group composed of experts from

Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan to study the issue of siltation at the Tuyamuyun Hydroelectric Complex (THC) within the transboundary demonstration project in the framework of the **European Union funded "Central Asia Nexus Dialogue"** visited the Ruslovoe reservoir to learn about the practical results of the silt composition biological and chemical analysis and experiments on how it could be utilized.

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UNDP provides grant to ensure people living in remote mountain villages of Shahrisabz have access to drinking water 12/05/2022

Many people in cities take water for granted – they turn on the tap, and it flows out. But not the women of Chukur, who – together with their daughters, had to, until recently, carry buckets of water along treacherous mountain passes day after day just to meet the needs of their families. With a small grant from the office of the Global Environment Facility at the United Nations Development Program, the village of 1,477 people was able to install a 6.5 km pipeline that now brings water to 285 households.

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Ankara Hosts Briefing On Second International Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development" 13/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 13.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – More than 160 diplomatic missions, consular offices and representative offices of international organizations accredited in Turkey participated in an in-person and virtual format in a briefing at the UN Office in Turkey on the theme of the Second High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable development, 2018-2028."

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Experts provide information about most polluted water facilities in Uzbekistan 14/05/2022

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In Uzbekistan, only 10% of water facilities are classified as clean water.

This was told by specialists of Uzhydromet during a press conference on the topic “Actual issues of hydrometeorology, climate change and environmental monitoring and ways to solve them”.

According to them, monitoring of surface waters is carried out every month at 59 water facilities, 85 stations, at 107 observation points, on 43 components.

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Energy sector

Kyrgyzstan, UAE and Saudi Arabia agree on implementation of joint energy projects 11/05/2022

Bishkek, May 11, 2022. /Kabar/. Kyrgyzstan, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia have reached an agreement on implementation of joint energy projects, the Kyrgyz Ministry of Energy of Kyrgyzstan said.

Energy Minister of Kyrgyzstan Doskul Bekmurzaev participates in the international strategic conference World Utilities Congress in the UAE.

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UzAssystem to help Kyrgyzstan with development of projects in field of RES 12/05/2022

The parties will cooperate in the design of solar and wind power plants.

UzAssystem will promote the development of renewable energy in Kyrgyzstan, Spot reports referring to Renewables Now.

The joint venture signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Energy Holding Company of Kyrgyzstan. The document indicates the intentions to implement joint energy projects in the republic.

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Roadmap for the development of green hydrogen energy discussed at OSCE-organized roundtable in Turkmenistan 12/05/2022

On May 11, 2022, the Centre in Ashgabat organized an online roundtable to discuss the pilot project of the roadmap for the development of green hydrogen energy in

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Turkmenistan. The event is a continuation of a series of events aimed at the development of hydrogen energy in the country. The event aims to review and identify the main objectives and priorities of the pilot project, and to discuss the further development of the Roadmap.

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Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan consider strengthening ties in transport, energy and tourism 13/05/2022

On May 13, the Acting Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov held talks in Dushanbe with his counterpart from Kyrgyzstan Jeenbek Kulubaev.

According to the MFA press service, the event was organized within the framework of the CIS Council of Foreign Ministers meeting.

The parties noted that "thanks to personal contacts, open and trusting dialogue and the strong political will of the leaders of the two countries, Uzbek-Kyrgyz relations have risen to a qualitatively new level."

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Attention of the international community to the situation in Afghanistan is decreasing – Vladimir Norov 14/05/2022

In his speech at the CIS Council of Foreign Ministers meeting, the Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov stressed that at present there is a decrease in the attention of the international community to the situation in Afghanistan.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Tajikistan, Uzbekistan intend to create joint pharmaceutical enterprises 11/05/2022

Bishkek, May 11, 2022 . / Kabar / . The creation of joint pharmaceutical enterprises and the development of medical tourism were among the issues discussed at the meeting in Tashkent between the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Uzbekistan Abdujabbor Rahmonzoda and the Minister of Health of Uzbekistan Bekhzod Musaev, Khovar reported.

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Kyrgyzstan participates in int'l conference of Council of Europe and Central Asia 12/05/2022

Tashkent, May 12, 2022 . /Kabar/. Representatives of Kyrgyzstan are taking part in the international conference of the delegation of the Council of Europe and Central Asian countries entitled "Modernization of the Public Administration and Respect for the Rule of Law Principles".

The conference aims at facilitating dialogue and exchanges between the state institutions of Central Asian countries on how to improve the functioning of the public administration.

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Turkmenistan, Tajikistan agree to strengthen inter-parliamentary dialogue 13/05/2022

Bishkek, May 13, 2022 . / Kabar / . Chairman of the Halk Maslakhaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and Chairman of the Majlisi Milli of the Majlisi Oli of Tajikistan Rustam Emomali signed an agreement on cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries, ORIENT reported citing the press service of the Parliament of Tajikistan.

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Kyrgyz Parliament speaker, Turkmen leader consider issues of strengthening bilateral co-op 13/05/2022

Bishkek, May 13, 2022. /Kabar/. Speaker of the Jogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyzstan Talant Mamytov met on Thursday with Turkmen President Serdar Berdimuhamedov, the press service of the Kyrgyz Parliament reported. The sides discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation and expanding inter-parliamentary cooperation. Mamytov congratulated Serdar Berdimuhamedov on his election as president of Turkmenistan and wished him success in work.

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Tajik parliament speaker meets Turkmen president in Ashgabat to discuss cooperation 13/05/2022

Bishkek, May 13, 2022 . / Kabar / . As part of his official visit to Turkmenistan, Majlisi Milli (Tajikistan's upper chamber of parliament) Speaker Rustam Emomali yesterday met in Ashgabat with Turkmen President Serdar Berdimuhamedow, ASIA-Plus reported.

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The Majlis Milli press center says Rustam Emomali congratulated Serdar Berdimuhamedow on his victory in the presidential elections in Turkmenistan.

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Kyrgyz-Uzbek cooperation in law and justice sphere discussed in Tashkent 14/05/2022

Tashkent, May 14, 2022 / Kabar /. Deputy Minister of Justice of Kyrgyzstan Orozbek Sydykov and Deputy Minister of Justice of Uzbekistan Alisher Karimov discussed the state and prospects for development of cooperation between the two countries in the field of law and justice, the public relations department of the Ministry of Justice of Uzbekistan said.

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