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Climate Change and Environment

Turkmenistan makes another step forward in global climate action 16/05/2022

The Government of Turkmenistan approved the updated Nationally Determined Contributions for the submission to the Council of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to enhance its climate ambition in accordance with the recommendations set out in Article 4.4 of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

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Global pollution kills 9 million people yearly, study finds 18/05/2022

Anew study blames pollution of all types for 9 million deaths a year globally, with the death toll attributed to dirty air from cars, trucks and industry rising 55 percent since 2000, WAM reported.

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According to an article published by the Associated Press (AP), that increase is offset by fewer pollution deaths from primitive indoor stoves and water contaminated with human and animal waste, so overall pollution deaths in 2019 are about the same as 2015.

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Tajikistan to receive US$45 million in grant from IDA for restoration of landscapes 19/05/2022

Tajikistan will receive 45 million US dollars in grant from the International Development Association (IDA), which is the part of the World Bank, for financing the Resilient Landscape Restoration Project.

According to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) Secretariat, the agreement on this subject was signed here on May 17 by Mr. Faiziddin Qahhorzoda, Finance Minister of Tajikistan and Mr. Ozan Sevimli, World Bank Country Manager for Tajikistan.

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Environmental issues discussed with UN Economic Commission for Europe 20/05/2022

Bishkek, May 20, 2022. / Kabar /. Deputy Prosecutor General of Kyrgyzstan Adyl uulu Kuban met with Chief of the Operational Activities & Review Section of the Environment Division, of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Nicholas Bonvoisen, the press service of the Prosecutor General's Office said.

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Uzbekistan to host major forum to combat desertification in 2023 21/05/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A delegation of the State Forestry Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan took part in the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, which was held from 10 to 21 May in the city of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

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Water resources

DUSHANBE WATER PROCESS 16/05/2022

The Second Dushanbe Water Action Decade Conference will focus on how governments, the United Nations and its entities, other international and regional organizations,

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international financial institutions, the private sector, civil society organizations, academia, communities, local governments and other stakeholders can catalyze water action and partnerships to contribute to the implementation of water-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Climate Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development and the New Urban Agenda at all levels, while supporting the global response to the COVID-19 crisis.

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Running Marathon Dedicated to the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028" Starts in Tajikistan 16/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 16.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – In honor of the International Decade for Action «Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028» and the UN Conference on Water in 2023, Australian citizen Mina Guli plans to organize a running marathon in Tajikistan.

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Dushanbe Hosts Organizational Meeting of the Second Water Conference 16/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 16.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On May 13, 2022, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Sharaf Sheralizoda chaired an organizational meeting of the Working Group on Global Water Marathon in the framework of the Second International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028" on the topic "Catalyzing water action and partnership at the local, national, regional and global levels", that has been scheduled to take place on June 6-9, 2022 in Dushanbe.

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PM Rasulzoda Chairs Meeting of Organizing Committee for Dushanbe Water Conference 19/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 19.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, one of the final meetings of the organizing committee for the Second High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028" was held in Dushanbe.

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An Agreement to Financing Norak HPP Reconstruction Project Signed

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in Dushanbe 19/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 19.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Dushanbe hosted the signing ceremony for the Agreement on Financing the Norak HPP Reconstruction Project, Phase II between Tajikistan and the International Development Association, as well as the Project Agreement between the International Development Association and OJSHC Barki Tojik.

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Final network meeting of Tajikistan Water Supply and Sanitation project held in Dushanbe 20/05/2022

Oxfam has conducted its final Swiss-funded Tajikistan Water Supply and Sanitation (TajWSS) Network of Stakeholders' Meeting at Hyatt Regency in Dushanbe on May 18, 2022.

The TajWSS network was launched in November 2009 by Oxfam International within a project initiated and funded by the government of Switzerland. Alongside the government, local and international stakeholders have played a vital role in coordinating early-stage water sector reform, supporting and facilitating government and donor initiatives, and engaging local stakeholders in decision-making processes.

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Energy sector

Uzbekistan to reform energy sector 18/05/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Over the past 5 years, the volume of electricity production in Uzbekistan has increased from 61 billion kWh to 72 billion kWh, or 1.2 times. At the same time, the volume of electricity delivery to the population increased from 11 billion to 16 billion kWh, or 1.5 times.

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Tajikistan, World Bank sign agreement on the 2nd phase of the Nurek HPP rehabilitation project 19/05/2022

Tajikistan and the World bank have signed an agreement on implementation of the Second Phase of the Nurek Hydropower Rehabilitation Project, according to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) Secretariat.

The document was reportedly inked here on May 18 by Mr. Faiziddin Qahhorzoda, Finance Minister of Tajikistan Mr. Mahmadumar Asozoda, Chairman of Barqi Tojik (Tajikistan's national

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power utility company) and Mr. Ozan Sevimli, World Bank Country Manager for Tajikistan.

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European Union promotes development of renewable energy sector in Central Asia 20/05/202

Over 50 experts from Central Asia, representatives of the European Union (EU) and the international financial institutions (IFIs) discussed the implementation of renewable energy projects and green investments during a two-day workshop that took place in Almaty, Kazakhstan from May 19-20.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghanistan owes over $100 million to Uzbekistan and Tajikistan for electricity 19/05/2022

The Ministry of Energy and Water (MoEW) of Afghanistan said that the country owes more than $100 million for electricity imported from Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

Akhtar Mohammad Nusrat, a spokesman for the ministry, said that banks in Central Asian countries, especially Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, were now having difficulty transferring money, which has prevented Breshna's debts from being paid, TOLOnews says.

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Afghanistan and strengthening peacekeeping mission: what's next for CSTO? 21/05/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - The leaders of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) met on May 16 to discuss where the organization stands as it marks the 20th anniversary and the 30th anniversary of the Collective Security Treaty. More about the jubilee meeting and its significance considering geopolitical changes in the region is in the latest analytical article of Kazinform.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Central Asian countries consider creation of single e-commerce platform 16/05/2022

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Bishkek, May 16, 2022 / Kabar /. Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan Iskender Asylkulov held bilateral meetings with Vice Minister of Trade and Integration of Kazakhstan Asel Zhanasova, Deputy Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Badreddin Abidov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Tajikistan Abdurakhmon Abdurakhmonzoda, as well as head of the International Trade Department for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Elena Butrimova.

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Developing wide-ranging Turkmen-Uzbek relations 16/05/2022

The important outcomes of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Central Asian Countries and the Russian Federation and the meeting of the Dialogue of Women of the Central Asian States and Russia that were held in Ashgabat were discussed during today's telephone conversation between Chairman of the Halk Maslakhaty of Milli Gengesh Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

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Mirziyoyev, Berdimuhamedov discuss strengthening regional co-op, promotion of peace and security 17/05/2022

Bishkek, May 17, 2022 . / Kabar / . On May 16, a telephone conversation took place between President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Chairman of the Halk Maslakhaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, KunUz reported.

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Kyrgyz, Kazakh presidents hold telephone conversation 18/05/2022

Bishkek, May 18, 2022 / Kabar /. Presidents of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov and Kazakhstan Kassym-Joomart Tokayev held a telephone conversation on Tuesday.

Sadyr Zhaparov warmly congratulated Kassym-Joomart Tokayev on his past birthday, wished him good health, well-being and further success in his state activities, the press service of the Kyrgyz president reported.

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