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system 11/06/2022

BEIJING. KAZINFORM - A Chinese institute has developed a climate system model FGOALS-g3 and produced a super-large ensemble simulation dataset with 110 members, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Xinhua reports. Each member of the dataset covers coupling simulations of oceans, atmosphere, sea ice, and land surface in a period from 1850 to 2099.

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UZBEKISTAN: THE ECOSYSTEM OF SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION POLICY 13/06/2022

14 JUNE - UZBEKISTAN - BUHARA - The Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) is hosting a roundtable "Uzbekistan's National Policy Dialogue on Sustainable Consumption and Production" at Bukhara Hotel, 9:00 - 13:00

It will bring together policy makers, government officials, representatives of development organizations and business associations, NGOs and Uzbekistan's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

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Green Climate Fund ready to provide necessary support to Kyrgyzstan 15/06/2022

Bishkek, June 15, 2022. /Kabar/. The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is ready to provide the necessary support to Kyrgyzstan. This was stated by the GCF Executive Director Yannick Glemarec during a meeting with Kyrgyz Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Aida Ismailova.

The Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry reported that during the meeting, the sides discussed issues of expanding bilateral cooperation.

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Chinese researchers explore new artificial glacier melt reduction method 15/06/2022

LANZHOU. KAZINFORM - Chinese researchers have achieved progress in the study of artificial glacier melt reduction by evaluating the effects of different cover materials, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Xinhua reports. In the study conducted between June and August 2021, researchers with the Northwest Institute of Eco-Environment and Resources (NIEER) under the CAS combined two high-resolution digital elevation models in evaluating the glacier melt under three different cover materials.

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Akylbek Zhaparov: Kyrgyzstan is committed to protecting mountain ecosystems 16/06/2022

Bishkek, June 16, 2022 /Kabar/. As one of the most vulnerable countries in the world to climate change, the Kyrgyz Republic is aware of the importance of the global problem of climate change and is making every effort to successfully address it, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the country Akylbek Zhaparov said addressing the Second Regional SDG Summit Beyond COVID-Towards Just Recovery in Central Asia in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

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Kyrgyzstan launches Save Glacier movement 16/06/2022

Bishkek, June 16, 2022. /Kabar/. The Ministry of Agriculture of Kyrgyzstan launched the Save Glacier movement so that every Kyrgyzstani can contribute to the conservation of glaciers and the environment of Kyrgyzstan.

During the meeting, the Agriculture Ministry presented a premiere screening of a film dedicated to the Save Glacier movement.

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Kyrgyzstan pays special attention to negative impact of climate change on mountain nature 16/06/2022

Bishkek, June 16 2022. / Kabar /. Kyrgyzstan pays special attention to the negative impact of climate change on the unique mountain nature, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic Akylbek Zhaparov said this during his speech at the Second Regional Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals “Beyond COVID - on the way to a fair recovery in Central Asia” in Almaty (Kazakhstan), the press service of the Cabinet reported.

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The beauty of deserts and the problem of desertification 17/06/2022

Every year on June 17, World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, established by the UN General Assembly in 1994, is celebrated. For Turkmenistan, this date is not just another holiday marked on the international calendar of events. Literally from the first days of independence, our country has been actively involved

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in solving global, regional and national environmental problems.

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Uzbekistan celebrates World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 17/06/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) together with the State Forestry Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan organized a conference dedicated to the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.

The conference brought together officials from the ministries, international and public organizations and research institutes, who made reports and presentations on the implementation of the National Action Plan to Combat Dust and Sand Storms and Reduce Their Negative Impact, as well as the UN Convention to Combat Desertification. It was emphasized that in 2023 Uzbekistan will be one of the first among the CIS countries to host a meeting of the Executive Committee of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought. At the same time the event summed up the results of the work done in 2017-2022 under the Central Asian Desert Initiative (CADI) project. In addition the training on the economic valuation of desert ecosystems was held for stakeholders.

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Water resources

Government commission on water supply established in Turkmenistan 12/06/2022

President Serdar Berdimuhamedov at a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on Saturday signed a resolution on the formation of the Government Commission for Water Supply of Turkmenistan.

Earlier, the head of state gave an instruction to create such a structure. It will be headed by Annageldy Yazmyradov, Deputy Prime Minister for Agroindustrial Complex.

The commission will include heads of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, the State Committee for Water Resources, the Supreme Control Chamber, scientific institutes, heads of regions and other responsible persons.

The activities of the commission will be aimed at the efficient and rational use of the country's water resources, replenishment of their reserves, coordination of work in the

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field of construction and management of water supply facilities.

This week, Serdar Berdimuhamedov also **instructed** to explore the possibilities of building desalination plants and supplying water from the Caspian Sea to Ashgabat.

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Kyrgyzstan will not face problems with irrigation water like last year - Ministry of Agriculture 13/06/2022

Bishkek, June 13, 2022. / Kabar /. There will be no last year's problems with irrigation water on the same scale, Minister of Agriculture Askarbek Dzhanybekov told during a briefing in Bishkek.

He said that this year there will be no serious crop losses due to rainfall and water supply for irrigation, especially since there is more rainfall this year.

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All villages to get access to quality drinking water in Aktobe rgn by 2023 13/06/2022

AKTOBE. KAZINFORM - Planned work to provide the people of Aktobe region fully with quality drinking water and gas is underway, Governor of Aktobe region Ondasyn Urazalin told a press conference, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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EU to cooperate with Tajikistan in solving water problems 14/06/2022

Bishkek, June 14, 2022 . / Kabar / . The European Union is ready to become a key partner for the countries of Central Asia in finding solutions to problems so that water does not become a cause of conflict and disease. A delegation of the European Union was in Dushanbe to participate in the Dushanbe Water Conference, ASIA-Plus reported.

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Water scarcity in Kazakhstan may reach 12 cubic meters per year 17/06/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM «According to the UN estimations, one in five people in the world faces water scarcity today,» Chairman of the Majilis Yerlan Koshanov said at the Parliamentary hearings today. The hearings were devoted to the country's water system

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development issues. «Experts say that mankind's demand in water resources rises approximately by 1% every year,» the Majilis Speaker noted.

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Energy sector

Uzbekistan plans to start construction of 50 small hydropower plants this year 13/06/2022

Bishkek, June 13, 2022 . / Kabar / . A videoconference meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shavkat Mirziyoyev on measures for the widespread use of renewable energy sources, KunUz reported.

According to Sherzod Asadov, spokesman for the President, the meeting identified areas for the construction of micro and small hydropower plants in the regions and developed a total of 200 projects with a total capacity of 56 megawatts (202 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year).

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The Ministry of Energy will host the Uzbekistan Energy Forum – UEF 2022 in Tashkent on June 23-24, 2022. 14/06/2022

The Forum will be a logical continuation of the "Block of Energy Events", including the International Exhibitions "OGU 2022", "Power Uzbekistan 2022", the specialized section "GETCA 2022", which were successfully held on May 18-20, 2022, in Tashkent.

A significant event will take place during the Forum – a meeting of the energy ministers of the SCO member states.

The program of the Energy Forum provides for the holding of the 24th International Conference "Oil and Gas of Uzbekistan – OGU" and the 2nd International Energy Conference.

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Kambarata HPP-1 is another step towards energy independence of Kyrgyzstan 14/06/2022

The construction of Kambar-Ata HPP-1(hydropower plant) has started in Jalal-Abad Oblast on June 8.

The construction of the Kambarata HPP-1 project is the largest power facility from the entire composition of the Kambarata HPP cascade, which provides for the construction of

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a rockfill dam with a height of 256 m and a HPP with a capacity of 1860 MW, with an average annual power generation of 5.6 billion kWh and a total reservoir capacity of 5, 4 billion m³ of water. The construction period will be from 8 to 10 years. The first hydraulic unit of the HPP is planned to put into operation in four years.

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UN ready to assist Kyrgyzstan in development of green economy 16/06/2022

Bishkek, June 16, 2022. / Kabar /. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Akylbek Zhaparov met with Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations (UN), Deputy Administrator of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Usha Rao-Monari, the press service of the Cabinet reported.

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Kyrgyzstan intends to gradually switch to renewable energy sources 16/06/2022

Bishkek, June 16 2022. / Kabar /. In the context of melting glaciers and the reduction of water and energy resources, the Kyrgyz Republic intends to gradually move from carbon carriers to renewable energy sources, primarily hydropower, with the simultaneous introduction of resource-saving and environmentally friendly technologies, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Akylbek Zhaparov told during his speech at the Second Regional Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals “Beyond COVID - on the way to a fair recovery in Central Asia” in Almaty (Kazakhstan).

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Afghanistan’s multilateral relationship with CA countries

Shavkat Mirziyoyev receives a delegation led by General of US Armed Forces 13/06/2022

On 13 June, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev received a delegation led by Commander of the Central Command of the United States Armed Forces, General Michael Kurilla.

The sides discussed issues of further development of the strategic partnership between Uzbekistan and the United States and the expansion of multifaceted cooperation, the continuation of practical contacts in the field of regional security.

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Particular attention was paid to the promotion of initiatives and programs to ensure peace and stability in Afghanistan and to promote socio-economic recovery, including the implementation of priority infrastructure projects.

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Kyrgyzstan, U.S. discuss issues countering threats in context of Afghanistan 14/06/2022

Bishkek, June 14, 2022. /Kabar/. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Jeenbek Kulubaev met with Head of the U.S. Central Command General Michael Kurilla.

During the meeting, the sides discussed issues of strengthening borders and countering transnational threats in the context of the situation in Afghanistan, the press service of the Kyrgyz MFA said.

Minister Kulubaev stressed the importance of coordinating regional efforts to enhance regional security.

Opportunities for humanitarian cooperation were also discussed separately.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan Regarding Incident on the Tajik-Kyrgyz Border 14/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 14.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On June 14, another armed incident occurred in the zone of responsibility of the Kekh border post in Vorukh village of Isfara. At 06:00 local time, the post was subjected to sudden shelling from the military personnel of Kyrgyzstan, reads the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan.

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Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan adopt number of decisions following border conflict 14/06/2022

Bishkek, June 14, 2022. /Kabar/. Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan adopted a number of decisions, the press service of the Border Service of the State Committee for National Security (SCNS) of Kyrgyzstan said.

As of 5:30 pm, the situation in the Kyrgyz-Tajik section of the state border remains tense.

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Uzbekistan, US discuss strengthening security in Central Asia 14/06/2022

Bishkek, June 14, 2022 . / Kabar / . On June 13, Uzbek Defense Minister Bakhodir Kurbanov received US Central Command Chief Michael Kurilla, KunUz reported citring Gazeta.uz.

Welcoming the guest, the Minister of Defense congratulated the Head of the Central Command on his recent appointment to this post.

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Uzbekistan, Tajikistan discuss border demarcation issues 15/06/2022

The meeting of the working groups of the joint Tajik-Uzbek demarcation commission was held in Khujand.

According to Sugdnews, the meeting was held from June 9 to 14, during which the issues of the design demarcation line of the state border between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan were discussed.

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Almaty hosts Second Regional SDG Summit 16/06/2022

ALMATY. KAZINFORM The Second Regional Sustainable Development Goals Summit kicked off in Almaty today, Kazinform correspondent reports. The Summit was organized by the Government of Kazakhstan in partnership with the UNDP Kazakhstan and under financial support of the European Union.

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Kyrgyz, Kazakh heads of governments discuss implementation of previously reached agreements 16/06/2022

Bishkek, June 16 2022. / Kabar /. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Akylbek Zhaparov and Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Alikhan Smailov met on the sidelines of the Regional Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals in Almaty.

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Kazakh PM eyes cooperation with counterparts from Central Asian nations 16/06/2022

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Bishkek, June 16, 2022 . / Kabar / . Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Alikhan Smailov held bilateral talks with his Central Asian counterparts on the sidelines of the 2nd Second Regional SDG Summit in Almaty, Kazinform has learned from the prime minister's press service.

During the talks with Uzbek colleague Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov, the sides touched upon the issues of cooperation in industrial sector, agriculture, transport and transit sphere as well as water resources.

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The delegation of Turkmenistan takes part in the work of the Regional Summit on the SDGS in Almaty 17/06/2022

On June 16, 2022, the Second Regional Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals in the countries of Central Asia began its work in Almaty on the theme "Beyond COVID - Towards Just Recovery in Central Asia". The summit was organized by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan in partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Kazakhstan with the financial support of the European Union and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The delegation of Turkmenistan headed by the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mukhammedov participates in the work of the summit.

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Abdulla Aripov and Alikhan Smailov discuss issues of industrial cooperation 17/06/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov held talks with Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Alikhan Smailov on the sidelines of the Second Regional Summit on the Sustainable Development Goals "Beyond COVID – towards a just recovery in Central Asia".

The parties discussed issues of industrial cooperation, cooperation in agriculture and the transit and transport sector, as well as interaction in the field of water resources.

It was noted that at the end of 2021, the volume of mutual trade between the countries increased by 33% to US$4.3 million, and for 4 months of this year - by 24.5% to US$1.4 billion.

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