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Climate Change and Environment

Switzerland allocates USD 2.2 mln to Kyrgyzstan to support most vulnerable rural communities 28/06/2022

Bishkek, June 28, 2022 . / Kabar / . Swiss Ambassador Olivier Bangerter and Country Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Kojiro Nakai have signed an agreement on the Swiss contribution to the WFP's Country Strategic Plan for 2018-2022 (CSP), the Swiss Embassy in Kyrgyzstan reported.

The Government of Switzerland will allocate USD 2,2 million for the WFP CSP pillar aimed at building the resilience of the most vulnerable rural communities against climate change and disaster risks. This component is being implemented by WFP in partnership with the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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EBRD approves new strategy for Kazakhstan 28/06/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - The Board of Directors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has approved a new strategy for Kazakhstan, setting out the Bank's priorities in the country for the next five years. The strategic approach to operations in Kazakhstan will be based on the following three pillars, ebrd.com reports.

Supporting Kazakhstan's green pathway to carbon neutrality and climate resilience: the EBRD will continue to finance renewable energy projects and help integrate renewables into the national power network. The Bank will support the development of a decarbonised and climate-resilient energy system. Special attention will be paid to the development of carbon markets, cleaner energy generation and the reduction of air pollution. It will continue supporting the authorities' drive to develop Paris Agreement aligned strategies. The EBRD will finance and advise companies, including small businesses, on decarbonisation and will support green municipal and transport infrastructure projects.

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GCF ALLOTS $19 M FOR CAMP4ASB AF PROJECT 29/06/2022

The Green Climate Fund allotted USD 19 million for implementation of the project "**Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin Additional Financing" (CAMP4ASB AF), as reported at the first meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) of the CAMP4ASB AF project on June 28.**

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THE VIDEO CONFERENCE ON DISCUSSING STAKEHOLDERS IN THE CLIMATE ACTION TRANSPARENCY 29/06/2022

June 29, 2022, a working meeting of national experts of the ReCATH, a regional expert on transparency of climate action - N. Timerkhanova, the project team and directors of CAREC offices in Central Asia (CA) was held online in Almaty to discuss the analysis of stakeholders on transparency of climate action and reporting in the framework of the Paris Agreement in the Region (CA).

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Kazakhstan set to raise penalties for environmental damage 29/06/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM Kazakh Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources Minister Serikkali Brekeshev presented amendments to the Administrative Violations Code for

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harsher administrative punishment for environmental disruptions, Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure for harsher punishment for environmental crimes, Kazinform reports.

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Water resources

WB supports modernization of Tajikistan's irrigation system 27/06/2022

Bishkek, June 27, 2022 . / Kabar / . On Thursday June 23, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved a $30 million International Development Association (IDA)'s grant for the Tajikistan Strengthening Water and Irrigation Management Project, ASIA-Plus reported.

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A water management center to be created in Kerki 28/06/2022

President Serdar Berdimuhamedov instructed Deputy Prime Minister Annageldy Yazmyradov, who is in charge of the agro-industrial complex, to create a permanent water resources management center in the administrative center of the Kerki district of the Lebap region, the official Turkmen press writes today.

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World Bank supports Tajikistan in improving access to safe drinking water 28/06/2022

Bishkek, June 28, 2022 . / Kabar / . The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors on June 23 approved a US$45 million International Development Association (IDA)'s grant for the Tajikistan Water Supply and Sanitation Investment Project, ASIA-Plus reported.

According to the World Bank Country Office for Tajikistan, the overall goal is to support Tajikistan in improving access of rural populations to safe water supply services, and investing in the capacity of institutions to deliver better quality water supply and sanitation services.

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USAID and AKF provide access to water and sanitation in Surkhob village of Khatlon province 28/06/2022

The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) and the United States Agency for International

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Development (USAID), through the joint Thrive Tajikistan: Partnership for Socio-Economic Development program, have officially opened a new drinking water supply system and school latrine in Farkhor district of Khatlon province.

According to the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) Resident Office in Tajikistan, the drinking water system will provide clean, reliable water to almost 450 households (over 3,000 people), and the new school latrine will provide access to improved sanitation to more than 600 schoolchildren and teachers.

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Actual water supply to irrigate fields makes 88% in Kyrgyzstan 28/06/2022

Bishkek, June 28, 2022. /Kabar/. The actual water supply to irrigate the fields made 88% in Kyrgyzstan, the press service of the Ministry of Agriculture of the republic said Tuesday. Water supply for irrigation is carried out strictly according to plan, the ministry reported. Thus, as of June 27, the actual water supply for irrigation in the republic amounted to 2,261.1 million m3, or 88%. Water supplied under the plan of 1 thousand 719 ha actually irrigated 1 thousand 445 ha or 85%, including first irrigation - 824.7 thousand ha, second and more irrigations - 212.7 thousand ha.

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There are no problems with water this year: Kyrgyz Agriculture Ministry 29/06/2022

Bishkek, June 29, 2022. /Kabar/. There are no problems with irrigation water supply this year, Almaz Sokeyev, the director of the Water Resources Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of Kyrgyzstan said during a press conference at Kabar News Agency.

He noted that preparations for irrigation work began in November last year, and this year it has already been completed.

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Tajik Delegation Attends High Level Symposium on Water in Lisbon 29/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 29.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) — On June 27, on the sidelines of the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Tajik delegation attended the High-Level Symposium on Water.
The event commenced with the opening speech of the Minister of environment and climate action of Portugal Duarte Cordeiro, the Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan Daler Juma, Minister of agriculture, livestock, fisheries and cooperatives of Kenya Francis O. Owino, and the UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Liu Zhenmin.

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Tajik Delegation Attends UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon 29/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 29.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajik delegation took part in the opening ceremony of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference under the theme "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation," which is ongoing from June 27 through July 1 in Lisbon, Portugal.

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Outcomes of the Dushanbe Second Water Conference Presented at a Special Event in Estonia 30/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 30.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – The Fourth joint meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment, marking the 30th anniversary of the Water Convention took place in Tallinn from June 28 through June 30.

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Representatives of Tajikistan and the Netherlands Discuss Findings of the Dushanbe Second Water Conference 30/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 30.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) — On June 28, on the sidelines of the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Tajik delegation headed by Minister of Energy and Water Resources Daler Juma met with Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management of Netherlands Mark Harbers.

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Water, which is the most important resource in Central Asia, is at risk 01/07/2022

An article by Ms. Bermet Talant, a journalist from Kyrgyzstan who is currently based in Sydney, posted on *Radio Liberty's* website on July 1, says water is arguably the most important resource in Central Asia.

It is vital for agriculture, which feeds and provides livelihoods for the region's predominantly rural population, as well as for hydropower stations that generate electricity for domestic consumption and export, but this resource is at risk, according to the article.

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Energy sector

WB to provide Uzbekistan $143 million loan for renewable energy

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Within the framework of the initiative, it is planned to improve the regulatory environment for investments in renewable energy projects. Uzbekistan will receive a preferential loan from the World Bank to provide buildings with clean energy, the Ministry of Energy reports.

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Çalik Enerji to build a solar-wind power plant in Turkmenistan in a year and a half 02/07/2022

The Turkmenenergo Electric Power State Corporation will sign a contract with the Turkish company Çalik Enerji Sanaýi we Tijaret A.Ş. for the construction of the first solar-wind power plant in Turkmenistan.

President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov signed a resolution on this at a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on Friday, the official Turkmen press writes today.

Previously **winning tender** for the implementation of this project Çalik Enerji will design and build an innovative facility in the Serdar region of the Balkan region.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Turkmenistan sent humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 26/06/2022

A humanitarian cargo sent from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan in connection with the devastating earthquake that occurred recently in the Afghan provinces of Khost and Paktika arrived in Kabul today.

This action was carried out in accordance with the Order of the President of Turkmenistan, who immediately responded to the natural disaster that befell the fraternal people.

Turkmenistan sent 24 tn 700 kg of cargo, including food, medicines, hygiene products, household essentials.

Sending humanitarian aid to the Afghan people is one of the components in the implementation of systemic comprehensive support to Afghanistan by the Turkmen state for many years.

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Uzbekistan sent 74 tons of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 27/06/2022

Bishkek, June 27, 2022 . / Kabar / . Uzbekistan has sent 74 tons of humanitarian aid to earthquake-stricken Afghanistan, KunUz reported.

Uzbekistan has flown 74 tons of humanitarian aid to neighboring Afghanistan, which was hit by the earthquake and subsequent floods, the MFA's spokesperson, Yusuf Kabuljonov, said.

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Tashkent to host an international conference on Afghanistan on July 25 01/07/2022

According to the MFA, the main goal of the event is to develop a set of measures and proposals for the approaches of the world community to promote stability, security, post-conflict reconstruction in Afghanistan and its integration into regional cooperation processes in the interests of the multinational Afghan people and the whole world.

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Afghanistan delegation to visit Uzbekistan 02/07/2022

At a meeting of the Economic Commission of the Interim Government of Afghanistan, a decision was made to send a delegation to Uzbekistan to conduct bilateral trade negotiations.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

The results of the VI Caspian Summit are summarized in a press statement 29/06/2022

The results of the VI Caspian Summit, held in Ashgabat on Wednesday, June 29, were announced in a press statement made by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov. The diplomat said that the meeting of the heads of the Caspian states was held in a constructive working manner, in the spirit of good neighborliness, mutual trust, respect and openness.

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Ashgabat hosted the Sixth Caspian Summit 29/06/2022

Today, the capital has hosted the Sixth Caspian Summit, which was held under the chairmanship of President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov. The luxurious

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Arkadag Hotel, which provided all conditions for reception of high guests as well as organization of large international events, became the venue for the Ashgabat meeting of heads of the Caspian states.
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Seyed Ebrahim Raisi, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin arrived in the Turkmen capital to participate in the Summit.

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Turkmenistan opens second corridor for transit of goods from Uzbekistan 01/07/2022

Bishkek, July 1, 2022 . / Kabar / . Drivers must also travel in a motorcade and take an express test for COVID-19, KunUz reported. Since June 25, Turkmenistan has opened another corridor for the transit of goods between Uzbekistan and Iran, Spot reports citing the Association of International Road Carriers.

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