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Climate Change and Environment

The European Union steps up on climate actions in Tajikistan 31/08/2022

The EU Integrated Rural Development Project/ TRIGGER is part of GIZ Green Climate Action Month, which started on 21 August 2022 and will end on 17 September 2022. The Green Climate Action Month is launched in partnership with the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP) under the Government of Tajikistan to strengthen action on climate change and biodiversity conservation.

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UNDP hosts a workshop on climate-resilient water resource management in the Ferghana Valley 31/08/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Syrdarya river is one of the largest water arteries of Uzbekistan that flows into the Aral Sea.

The Ferghana Valley is located within the Syrdarya river basin. According to scholars, there are more than one hundred (100) small rivers in the Ferghana Valley, which are tributaries of the Syrdarya. Many of them are transboundary since they are originating in

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the neighboring countries of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. In the longer term, shifting precipitation patterns, increasing temperatures and dry spells are predicted to lead to water stress in the region.

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New UN University report warns of rising interconnected disaster risks 01/09/2022

Anew report launched by the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) on Wednesday warns of an increase in interconnected disaster risks around the world, Xinhua reported.

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Embassy of Tajikistan Holds Webinar on the Environment, Water and Energy Issues 30/08/2022

DUSHANBE, 30.08.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, per joint initiative of the Embassy of Tajikistan to Germany, Delegation of German Economy for Central Asia (AHK), as well as the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), a webinar was held via videoconference titled "Environmental protection technologies with a focus on hydropower and water supply."

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EBRD to assist Uzbekistan in the implementation of an environmental project 02/09/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Chairman of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Ecology and Environmental Protection Narzullo Oblomuradov and Director of the Nuclear Safety Department of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Balthazar Lindauer signed an Agreement on the implementation of a grant project to support the country's efforts in carrying out works on reclamation of special sites Charkesar and Yangiabad.

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Water resources

World Water Week 29/08/2022

On 29 August 2022, World Water Week stated it's work in Stockholm, Sweden. It is organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) annually.

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The theme of this year's World Water Week is "Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water" with a focus on different aspects of water, how others view and value water, and exploring the full value of water to society.

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ADB to provide additional $38 million to improve water supply in Dushanbe 31/08/2022

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved an additional $38 million in grant funding for a project to rehabilitate and expand the water supply and sanitation infrastructure in Dushanbe, according to a press release from this regional financial institution.

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Safe drinking water for the Rasht Valley 31/08/2022

A new drinking water supply scheme (DWSS) was handed over to the local Government of Sebak village in Nurobod District during the inauguration on 30 August 2022. The recently renovated scheme is co-financed by the Government of Switzerland and the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN).

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Special session of EC IFAS within the World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden 31/08/2022

On 31 August 2022, in Stockholm, Sweden, as part of the World Water Week, a special session of the Executive Committee of IFAS was held under the title "Seeing the unseen: The value of water in development of regional cooperation in Central Asia".

The session was organized with the financial support of the European Union and aimed at demonstrating at the global level the experience and good regional water cooperation of the countries of Central Asia through the existing institutional mechanism (IFAS).

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Deputy FM Sheralizoda Represents Tajikistan at World Water Week in Stockholm 31/08/2022

DUSHANBE, 31.08.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On August 29, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Sharaf Sheralizoda took part in the opening ceremony of the World Water Week entitled «Seeing the Unseen: the value of water.»

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ADB to help improve food security, water management in Uzbekistan

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a US$150 million loan and a US$3 million grant to help improve food and water security in Uzbekistan through better land and water resources management for improved agricultural productivity.

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Discussion of issues of mutual cooperation between the Executive Committee of IFAS and the World Bank Group 01/09/2022

On 1 September 2022, in Stockholm, Sweden, within the framework of the World Water Week, a meeting was held between the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS, Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda and the new Global Director for the World Bank Group's Water Global Practice, Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha.

At the meeting, the parties discussed priority areas of cooperation between the Executive Committee of IFAS and the World Bank, including the issues of improving the organizational structure and contractual legal framework of IFAS, as well as promoting the implementation of the projects of the Action Program to Assist the Countries of the Aral Sea Basin (ASBP-4).

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Energy sector

Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan sign roadmap on green energy 29/08/2022

Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan signed the roadmap on 'green' energy.

"Within the framework of the development of relations with Uzbekistan at a completely new level, Azerbaijan signed a roadmap on the expansion of cooperation in the energy field. In the liberated territories of Azerbaijan, 'green' energy are priority directions in multidimensional cooperation between two countries," Shahbazov stated.

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The European Commission decided to allocate €10 million to support the energy sector in Tajikistan 29/08/2022

The European Commission suggests that a set of measures will help make the country's electricity market more transparent.

The European Commission's Directorate-General for International Partnerships plans to allocate

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€10 million for the implementation of a set of measures to support the energy sector in Tajikistan. RT got acquainted with the description of the tender.

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USAID to host First Central Asian Clean Energy Forum in Almaty 31/08/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced that the first Central Asia Clean Energy Forum (CACEF) will be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 13-15 September 2022.

The Energy Transition and Innovation Forum will bring together more than 200 government representatives from all five countries in the region – Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan – as well as regional and global investors, technology companies, utilities and international organizations.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Ex-president of Kyrgyzstan Roza Otunbayeva becomes Special Representative of UN Secretary General for Afghanistan 03/09/2022

Bishkek, Sept. 3, 2022. / Kabar /. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced on Friday the appointment of Roza Otunbayeva of Kyrgyzstan as his new Special Representative for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

Otunbayeva succeeds Deborah Lyons of Canada, to whom the Secretary-General expresses his gratitude for her dedicated service.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kyrgyzstan celebrates Independence Day 31/08/2022

Bishkek, Aug. 31, 2022. / Kabar /. A solemn celebration of the Independence Day of Kyrgyzstan and the 200th anniversary of Baitik Baatyr is taking place in the Chunkurchak gorge, near Bishkek.

The event was solemnly opened by President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov. The celebration was also attended by Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers headed by Akylbek Zhaparov, deputies of the Jogorku Kenesh, public figures of the country, heads of

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diplomatic missions of foreign states and international organizations accredited in Kyrgyzstan, representatives of civil society, etc.

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Tokayev announces early presidential, parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan 01/09/2022

Early presidential election will be held in Kazakhstan this autumn, whereas early parliamentary voting will take place in the first half of 2023, Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev said on Thursday.

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Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan conduct review on remaining sections of state border 01/09/2022

Bishkek, Sept. 1, 2022 / Kabar /. Meetings of working groups of government delegations of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan on the issues of delimitation and demarcation of the Kyrgyz-Uzbek state border were held, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan discuss prospects for development of bilateral relations 02/09/2022

Bishkek, Sept. 2, 2022 / Kabar /. Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan discussed the prospects for the development of bilateral relations, the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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Working visit of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan to the Republic of Kazakhstan 03/09/2022

In accordance with the Order of the President of Turkmenistan, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs B.G. Myatiev is on a working visit to the Republic of Kazakhstan. Abou this reports Press service of the MFA of Turkmenistan.

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