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Climate Change and Environment

Total area of state forest fund of Kyrgyzstan is more than 2 mln hectares 13/09/2022

Bishkek, Sept. 13, 2022. / Kabar /. The total area of the state forest fund of Kyrgyzstan is 2 million 538.6 thousand hectares (ha), Baktybek Yrsaliyev, Deputy Director of the Forest Service of the country told reporters at Kabar Agency.

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SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WATER-ENERGY-FOOD-ECOSYSTEMS (WEFE NEXUS) APPROACH IN CENTRAL ASIA CONTINUES TO EXPAND 14/09/2022

CENTRAL ASIA – The Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC), the European Union's Project "Nexus Dialogue in Central Asia" and the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (USAID WAVE) are expanding cooperation to promote WEFE Nexus approach in Central Asia.

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Kazakhstan names new vice minister of ecology, geology, and natural resources 14/09/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Serikaliy Mukatayev was named the new vice minister of ecology, geology, and natural resources of Kazakhstan, Kazinform reports.

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Nearly 80% of population willing to deal with environmental situation in Kazakhstan – UNDP 16/09/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Nearly 80% of the people of Kazakhstan are willing to act on their own to deal with the environmental situation in the country, the poll by the UNDP in Kazakhstan revealed, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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COP27: eco–friendly transport is a matter of particular importance 16/09/2022

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Egypt, which is chairing COP27, has identified transport as an issue of particular importance for the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference, which will be held from November 6 to 18, 2022 in the Egyptian city of Sharm el-Sheikh.The COP27 program will allocate a whole day – November 17 - to bring together stakeholders to discuss and commit to ensuring fair, healthy, green and sustainable transport.

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SCO member states sign 44 documents in Samarkand summit 16/09/2022

Statements of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO were also adopted in the following areas:

– on actions to respond to climate change;
– on ensuring reliable, sustainable and diversified supply chains;
– on ensuring global food security;
– on ensuring energy security.

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INNOVATIVE APPROACH FOR SUSTAINABLE AND WISE USE OF RAMSAR /POTENTIALLY RAMSAR SITES IN CENTRAL ASIA THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION 16/09/2022

The Ramsar Regional Initiative in Central Asia (RRI-CA) has also been established. Today, the members of the RRI-CA network have a broad understanding of Ramsar site issues and necessary actions at national and local levels. To support the development of the existing platform of the Ramsar Regional Initiative Network in Central Asia for promoting sustainable local partnerships for the conservation of Ramsar Sites/Potentially Ramsar Sites through partnership and cooperation, a project "Innovative Approach for Sustainable and Wise Use of Ramsar Sites/Potentially Ramsar Sites in Central Asia through Partnership and Cooperation" has been launched. The project is funded by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).

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Water resources

Kazakhstan, China sign inter-governmental agrt on joint management of water intake facility on Sumbe River 14/09/2022

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NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM Kazakhstan and China have signed an inter-governmental agreement on joint management and exploitation of the water intake structure on the Sumbe River, Kazinform learned from the press service of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources.

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World water leaders pledge to advance UN SDGs 14/09/2022

COPENHAGEN. KAZINFORM - The International Water Association (IWA) on Tuesday convened a high-level summit that brought together prominent figures from the water industry with government and municipal politicians to discuss water's role in advancing climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN), Xinhua reports.

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Water issues need urgent action in Kazakhstan and Central Asia 15/09/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM Water issues have become an increasing challenge for Kazakhstan and Central Asia, amplified by climate change. Central to economic growth and human well-being, sustainable water management becomes increasingly urgent, as demand increases, but supply becomes less stable. That was one of the key points in the state-of-the-nation address delivered by President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on September 1. More about why we need to address this issue urgently is in the latest article of Kazinform.

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UN Deputy Secretary General Assesses International Initiatives of Tajikistan on Water Diplomacy 16/09/2022

DUSHANBE, 16.09.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On September 15 in Samarkand, on the sidelines of the SCO Summit, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan Sirojiddin Muhriddin met with the UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary A. Dicarlo.

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Tajikistan's Diplomatic Missions Instructed to Promote Its Water Agenda 17/09/2022

DUSHANBE, 17.09.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Sharaf Sheralizoda held a briefing for the diplomatic missions of Tajikistan dedicated to the upcoming UN Water Conference in March 2023.

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Energy sector

USAID's first Central Asia Clean Energy Forum kicks off 13/09/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – Today, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) launched its first Central Asia Clean Energy Forum, an international event themed "Energy Transition and Innovation" that brings together nearly 300 participants from the Central Asian region and around the world to address key energy sector challenges and opportunities.

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Turkmenistan has become the largest supplier of electricity to Kyrgyzstan 14/ 09/2022

From January to July 2022, Turkmenistan had supplied 1.2 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity to Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyz media reported with reference to the National Statistical Committee of the country.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Tashkent hosts quadripartite meeting on acceleration of cargo transportation to Afghanistan 12/09/2022

In order to accelerate the delivery of goods from China to Afghanistan and develop the logistics infrastructure, a quadripartite meeting was held in Tashkent with the participation of representatives of the railway administrations of Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and the Chinese International Logistics Company. The meeting was organized at the initiative of Uzbekistan Railways JSC.

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Afghan people need good neighbors and their support now more than ever – Mirziyoyev 12/09/2022

In his article "The SCO Samarkand Summit: Dialogue and Cooperation in an

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Interconnected World", the president emphasized the need to extend a helping hand to Afghanistan, to support the country's socio-economic development, integration into regional and global development processes, and thereby create favorable conditions for this country to get out of the long-term crisis.

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Uzbekistan provides humanitarian aid to families living in difficult conditions in Hayratan 15/09/2022

Humanitarian aid was provided to families living in difficult social conditions in the city of Hayraton.

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A special humanitarian support fund for Afghanistan may be established 16/09/2022

The monies of the fund will be used to overcome the social crisis in Afghanistan, implementation of educational programs for young people and projects in the field of healthcare.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Volume of foreign trade of Kyrgyzstan reaches USD 6 bln 12/09/2022

Bishkek, Sept 12, 2022. /Kabar/. The volume of foreign and mutual trade in goods of Kyrgyzstan in January-July 2022 amounted to USD 6 billion, Deputy Chairman of the National Statistical Committee of the country Zainidin Zhumaliev told reporters.

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Tokayev supports renaming of capital of Kazakhstan to Astana 13/09/2022

The proposal made by the parliamentarians to return the Kazakh capital its previous name (Astana) was included in a draft Constitutional Law with the consent of the Head of State, Kazinform has learnt from the Facebook page of the Kazakh President's Press Secretary Ruslan Zheldibai.

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Sadyr Zhaparov to take part in SCO summit in Samarkand and hold number of bilateral meetings 13/09/2022

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Bishkek, Sept. 13, 2022. / Kabar /. On September 14-16, President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov will make a working visit to Samarkand city of Uzbekistan, within the framework of which he takes part in the next meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

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Zhaparov and Mirziyoyev discuss current areas of Kyrgyz-Uzbek cooperation 15/09/2022

Bishkek, Sept. 15, 2022. / Kabar /. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov met with head of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Samarkand. The leaders of the countries discussed the current directions of the Kyrgyz-Uzbek bilateral cooperation, which has good dynamics and is able to reach a new level, the press service of the Kyrgyz president reported.

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President Emomali Rahmon Holds Talks with President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan 15/09/2022

DUSHANBE, 15.09.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – The Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon met with the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev on the sidelines of the meeting of the Council of Heads of States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Samarkand.

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Sadyr Zhaparov and Emomali Rahmon hold talks on situation at border 16/09/2022

Bishkek, Sept. 16, 2022. / Kabar /. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov met today with President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon on the sidelines of the Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, held in Samarkand (Uzbekistan).

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Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan agree on ceasefire 16/09/2022

Bishkek, Sept. 16, 2022 . / Kabar / . Heads of the State Committees for National Security (SCNS) of Kyrgyzstan - Kamchybek Tashiev and Tajikistan - Saimumin Yatimov agreed on a ceasefire at 4 p.m., the Border Service of the State Committe for National Security of Kyrgyzstan said.

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Shavkat Mirziyoyev: SCO should maintain the status of not joining blocks 16/09/2022

On September 16, in Samarkand, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev chaired a narrow-format meeting of the heads SCO member states.

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Following the results of the Samarkand summit, a solid package of documents was signed 16/09/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 16 September, a meeting of the Council of Heads of States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization was held in the city of Samarkand. In accordance with the agenda of the summit, the state and prospects for the development of cooperation in the areas and areas of SCO activity that are in demand were discussed. The main final document was the Samarkand Declaration of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO Member States. A record number of agreements, concepts, programs and other decisions have been adopted - 44 documents in total. Solutions including:

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Samarkand SCO summit comes to an end 16/09/2022

The 22nd summit of the leaders of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization ended its work in Samarkand. Today, the main official events within the framework of the summit took place.

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