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Climate Change and Environment

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BRUSSELS. KAZINFORM The 30-year moving average of climate-related economic losses showed a clear trend, increasing nearly 2 percent annually over the last decade, according to estimates by the European Environmental Agency, republished by Eurostat.

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UNDP supports Kyrgyzstan's efforts to preserve global biodiversity 26/10/2022

Bishkek, Oct. 26, 2022. /Kabar/. The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) supports Kyrgyzstan's efforts to conserve globally significant biodiversity, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in the Kyrgyz Republic Monika Rizhaltold during a round table in Bishkek.

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A Meeting with the Regional Ambassador of COP26 was held at the MFA of Turkmenistan 26/10/2022

On October 25, 2022, in the building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, a meeting was held between the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan V. Hajiyev and the COP26 Regional Ambassador for Europe, Central Asia, Turkey and Iran David Moran, who arrived in Ashgabat on a working visit to participate in the Youth Climate Conference. About this reports MFA of Turkmenistan.

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Joint Efforts to Tackle Climate Change in Central Asia 26/10/2022

On October 18-19, in Tashkent, the Republic of Uzbekistan, in a hybrid form, the 3rd Meeting of the Regional Working Group (RWG) was held to discuss the “Regional Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change in Central Asia", developed by GIZ as part of the German Federal Foreign Office’s “Green Central Asia” initiative and GIZ Regional Programme “Integrative and Climate-sensitive Land Use in Central Asia”.

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Youth Climate Conference in Ashgabat: creative ideas, innovative approach 26/10/2022

The second Youth Climate Conference was held in Ashgabat, bringing together students, eco-activists and volunteers, representatives of the academic and diplomatic

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Akylbek Zhaparov and Antje Grawe discuss climate agenda issues 27/10/2022

Bishkek, Oct. 27, 2022. /Kabar/. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Akylbek Zhaparov received Resident Coordinator of the United Nations (UN) system in the Kyrgyz Republic Antje Grawe.

During the meeting, the head of the Cabinet congratulated Resident Coordinator of the UN system on his appointment to a responsible position, noting the high level of current cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and UN agencies.

Akylbek Zhaparov stressed that at present the Kyrgyz side pays special attention to the issues of sustainable mountain development and conservation of mountain ecosystems, in connection with which 2022 was declared the Year of Protection of Mountain Ecosystems and Climate Resilience.

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Scientists and experts to discuss cryosphere and related hazards at conf in Almaty 27/10/2022

ALMATY. KAZINFORM On 1-4 November 2022, in Almaty, Kazakhstan, UNESCO, in cooperation with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) and the Central Asian Regional Glaciological Centre, supported by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, will organize the conference «Cryosphere and related hazards in High Mountain Asia in a changing climate».

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Start of the Regional Dialogue on transboundary cooperation on management of protected areas in Central Asia 27/10/2022

On October 25, 2022, “Green Central Asia” together with other GIZ regional programs as “Integrative and Climate-sensitive Land Use in Central Asia” and “Ecologically oriented regional development in the Aral Sea region” held the Regional Dialogue on Transboundary Cooperation on Management of Protected Areas in Central Asia.

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Scientists from Turkmenistan and Russia discussed the fight against desertification 28/10/2022

Scientists of Turkmenistan and Russia discussed joint research in the field of desertification at a meeting on the occasion of the arrival in Turkmenistan of representatives of the Russian Research Institute named after A.N.Kostyakov, the Neutral Turkmenistan newspaper reports.

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No 'credible pathway' to avoid climate disaster, UNEP warns 28/10/2022

NEW YORK. KAZINFORM National pledges to reduce harmful emissions offer little hope of avoiding climate disaster, UN climate experts said on Thursday, in an urgent appeal for a radical transformation of the energy sector, before it's too late.

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Kazakh, Uzbek senators discuss Aral Sea problem 29/10/2022

SAMARKAND. KAZINFORM Speaker of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan Maulen Ashimbaev and Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan Tanzila Narbayeva participated in the 3rd meeting of the Commission on Cooperation between the upper chambers of the Kazakh-Uzbek parliaments, Kazinform reports.

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The Startup Ecosystem - 2022 program invites mentors for young business teams29/10/2022

The organizers of the Startup Ecosystem 2022 program invite experienced entrepreneurs, business consultants and IT specialists to participate in the program as mentors of young startup teams to promote the development of youth entrepreneurship in Turkmenistan.

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Regional strategy on adaptation to climate change in Central Asia discussed in Tashkent 29/10/2022

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The capital of Uzbekistan has become the venue for the third meeting of the working group to discuss the Regional Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change in Central Asia.

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Water resources

President Emomali Rahmon Commissions Nurek HPP' Hydro Unit No. 1 named after Tursun Uljaboev following Modernization 24/10/2022

DUSHANBE. October 24, 2022 /NIAT «Khovar»/. On October 24, the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, commissioned after repair and reconstruction unit No. 1 of the Nurek HPP named after Tursun Uljaboev in Nurek and got acquainted with the progress of the project for the restoration of this giant hydropower facility.

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President Emomali Rahmon Addressed the High-Level Preparatory Meeting to the UN 2023 Water Conference 28/10/2022

DUSHANBE, 28.10.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On October 25, 2022, the High-Level Preparatory Meeting of the President of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly on the preparations for the UN Water Conference 2023 was held in New York, at which the themes of the interactive dialogues of the Conference were adopted by consensus.

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Energy sector

Ashgabat discusses the future of the energy system: new challenges and opportunities 26/10/2022

The official opening of the conference "Oil and Gas of Turkmenistan" (OGT-2022) was held, which started in Ashgabat at the site of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where the **exhibition of the same name** began work this morning.

The Oil and gas Forum gathered more than 500 delegates from 45 countries – representatives of government agencies, national and international companies, research centers and specialized universities, international organizations and diplomatic missions.

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Turkmenistan to export annually 4 bln kWh of electricity to Uzbekistan

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Uzbekistan will import 4 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity from Turkmenistan, UzDaily reports with reference to the press secretary of the President of Uzbekistan Sherzod Asadov, ORIENT reported.

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Investment agr't on green hydrogen production and distribution centre signed 27/10/2022

ASTANA. KAZINFORM As part of the official visit of Charles Michel, the President of the European Council, to Kazakhstan the sides signed an investment agreement on the project aimed at building a renewable energy sources and green hydrogen production and distribution centre in Mangistau region, the official telegram Channel of the Kazakh President's press service reports.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

TAPI Project: Promoting peace and common security in the region 27/10/2022

The implementation of the TAPI gas pipeline project is, first of all, energy security in the region and the countries participating in the project – providing Afghanistan, Pakistan and India with reliable and cheap natural gas.

First of all, we are talking about accessibility – the program will help reduce energy poverty at the expense of budget energy and will allow Pakistan to provide 50% of the amount of energy that will be needed in the country by 2030, and India – 56% of the energy needed after 2024, – said the participant of OGT-2022 Mukhammetmyrat Amanov in his presentation – Executive Director of TAPI Pipeline Compani Limited.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan confirm mutual readiness to strengthen and fill close cooperation with concrete content 24/10/2022

The official visit to Turkmenistan of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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Shavkat Mirziyoyev has recently ended. As a result of the talks between the President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov and his Uzbek counterpart, it was declared that in recent years it was possible to create a completely new atmosphere of Turkmen-Uzbek relations and give cooperation a strategic character. Mutual readiness was also reaffirmed to strengthen and further fill the close interaction of the fraternal peoples with concrete content. In this regard, the editors of the "Golden Age" turned to the Center for Scientific Strategic Research of the Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and asked its head Sh.A. Shiriev to share her impressions of the visit and answer our questions.

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Strengthening Customs Cooperation Between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Discussed In Tashkent 25/10/2022

DUSHANBE. October 25, 2022 /NIAT «Khovar»/. Strengthening customs cooperation between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan was discussed in Tashkent by the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Uzbekistan Abdujabbor Rahmonzoda and the First Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan Ilkhom Mukhtorov.

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Sadyr Zhaparov to take part in first meeting of leaders of Central Asian countries and EU in Astana 26/10/2022

Bishkek, Oct. 26, 2022. /Kabar/. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov tomorrow, October 27, will pay a working visit to Kazakhstan. The head of state will take part in the first meeting of the leaders of Central Asia and the European Union, head of the foreign policy department of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic Muratbek Azymbakiev told.

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Kyrgyz delegation takes part in 15th meeting of Cooperation Forum "CA-Republic of Korea" 26/10/2022

Bishkek, Oct. 26, 2022. /Kabar/. The delegation of Kyrgyzstan, headed by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Jeenbek Kulubaev, took part the day before in the 15th anniversary meeting of the Central Asia-Republic of Korea Cooperation Forum in Busan at the level of foreign ministers of the participating countries, timed to coincide with

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the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the countries of Central Asia and the Republic of Korea.

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First meeting of leaders of Central Asia and European Union takes place in Astana 27/10/2022

Bishkek, Oct. 27, 2022. /Kabar/. The first meeting of the leaders of Central Asia - the European Union took place in Astana (Kazakhstan). The event began with a welcoming ceremony and joint photographing of the leaders of the countries and heads of delegations of Central Asia and the President of the European Council.

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President Tokayev attends opening of Days of Culture of Kyrgyzstan in Kazakhstan 27/10/2022

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev attended an official ceremony of opening of the Days of Culture of Kyrgyzstan in Kazakhstan, Kazinform cites Akorda.

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Kyrgyz and Kazakh presidents discuss topical issues of bilateral cooperation 27/10/2022

Bishkek, Oct. 27, 2022. /Kabar/. President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov met today with President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev in Astana, the press service of the Kyrgyz president reported.

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Heads of CA States, EC President adopt joint press communiqué 27/10/2022

ASTANA. KAZINFORM - On 27 October 2022, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov (represented by Turkmenistan's Deputy Chair of the Cabinet of Ministers) and President of the European Council Charles Michel welcomed the first regional high-level meeting in Astana, Akorda reports.

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Uzbekistan's population nearing 36 million 28/10/2022

According to the committee, as of October 1, 2022, the population of Uzbekistan is 35.8 million people; 18 million of them are men and 17.8 million – women, UzA reported.

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