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Climate Change and Environment

Climate Change and Resilience in Central Asia 05/12/2022

Tashkent hosted High-Level Central Asian Dialogue on Climate Change and Resilience, UzA reported.

At the event, organized jointly with the UNDP, the GIZ, Uzhydromet, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture and Water Resources, over a hundred delegates discussed current environmental threats, put forward specific proposals and initiatives.

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Tashkent hosts an event dedicated to climate change and its consequences 06/12/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 5 December, a practical event was held in Tashkent on the theme "Creating resilience in the agri-food sector of Uzbekistan against the threats of climate change." The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the technical support of the European Union program "Support to agriculture and development of sectoral knowledge" (ASK).

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UN Conference on Biodiversity: a view from China 07/12/2022

The second stage of the 15th United Nations Conference on Biodiversity (COP15) kicks off in Montreal on December 7. Governments from around the world will come together to agree on a new set of goals and targets that will guide global action on nature until 2030.

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What can the world community expect from this conference? What is China's role as Chair of COP15? A correspondent of **China Daily** spoke to the Minister of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China, Huang Rongqiu.

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Tajikistan and Egypt Discus Cooperation in the field of Environmental Protection and Prevention of Global Warming 07/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 07.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Egypt Zarobiddin Kosimi met with the Minister of the Environment of Egypt Yasmine Fouad.
The meeting focused on issues of bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the two countries in the field of environmental protection, prevention of global warming, implementation of joint measures and coordination within the framework of the water-climate partnership.

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Forest areas of Kyrgyzstan expanded by 1,000 hectares in 2022 09/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 9, 2022 / Kabar/. In 2022, the forestry enterprises of Kyrgyzstan planted 1.8 million seedlings of trees and shrubs on their territories, Almaz Musaev, Director of the Forest Service under the Ministry of Agriculture, told today at a press conference at the Kabar Agency.

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Climate Compass is interested in cooperating with Turkmenistan in reducing methane emissions 10/12/2022

The American company Climate Compass has expressed interest in cooperation with Turkmenistan in the field of leak detection and reduction of natural gas losses. The possibility of cooperation in this drug supply was discussed at the Turkmen-American business forum, ORIENT correspondent reports.

The company's activities are aimed at rapid and effective reduction of methane emissions from gas production, transmission and distribution systems, while preserving valuable goods.

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Water resources

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Ta**shkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) --** On 5 December, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev got acquainted with the presentation of projects related to improving water supply in the Republic of Karakalpakstan and regions of the Ferghana Valley.

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EUROPEAN UNION FOSTERS REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE WATER, ENERGY AND FOOD SECTORS IN CENTRAL ASIA 05/12/2022

CENTRAL ASIA – Today, the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) of the European Union funded project "Nexus Dialogue in Central Asia" held its 5th meeting in Almaty, Kazakhstan, with the participation of the RSC members nominated by Central Asian (CA) countries, international partners and experts.

The meeting took stock of the interim results achieved by the project, including on the institutionalization of the Nexus approach through the interactive Nexus Simulation and the implementation of small demonstration projects.

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Process of Preparing for the UN 2023 Water Conference Discussed in Paris 07/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 07.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, as part of the 37th meeting of the UN-Water mechanism in Paris, preparations for the UN 2023 Water Conference, which will be held from March 22 through March 24, in New York under the co-chairmanship of Tajikistan and the Netherlands, were discussed.

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Groundwater protection to be strengthened 07/12/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev got acquainted with the presentation of measures aimed at protecting groundwater.

Groundwater is one of the important sources of fresh water for nature and man. Due to irrational use, the depletion of this resource is observed. In some areas of Navoi, Samarkand, Jizzakh, Kashkadarya, Namangan, Ferghana and Andijan regions, the

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groundwater level has dropped to 5 meters.

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Japanese Delegation Invited to UN 2023 Water Conference 08/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 08.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, Ambassadors of Tajikistan Mirzosharif Jalolov and the Netherlands Peter van der Vlist in Japan met with the Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan Furukawa Yasushi.

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Tajik Delegation Attends UN-Water Summit on Groundwater in Paris 08/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 08.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – From December 7 through December 8, at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, Tajik delegation headed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the National Commission for UNESCO Sirojiddin Muhriddin attended the UN-Water Summit on Groundwater.

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UNESCO Appreciates Role of Tajikistan as an Initiator Country on Global Water Issues 09/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 09.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, on the sidelines of the UN-Water Summit on Groundwater in Paris, which is taking place in UNESCO Headquarters, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the National Commission for UNESCO Sirojiddin Muhriddin met with Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Natural Sciences Shamila Nair-Beduelle.

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Over KZT10bln to be spent on construction of new water supply network in Almaty 09/12/2022

ALMATY. As many as 200 residents of Almaty have no access to central water supply system, Mayor of the city Yerbolat Dossayev said at a session of the local maslikhat, Kazinform reports.

«In order to provide clean water to the residents of the city's western part, we need to finish the construction of water intakes on epy Kargaly River in June 2023 and further build a water intake on the Aksay River. 8.6bln tenge will be allocated for this purpose next year,» said Dossayev.

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Volume of Financing of the Green Economy Development Strategy in Tajikistan for 2023-2037 Provides for 21.6 Billion Somoni 07/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 07.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – The volume of financing of the Green Economy Development Strategy in Tajikistan for 2023-2037 provides for 21.6 billion somoni, reports the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade.

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Reflection of the Hydropower Potential of Tajikistan in the Book «From Vision to Reality» 09/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 09.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – To honor the good memory of the late Stephan Kohler, head of the German Energy Agency (DENA), on the eve of his 70th birthday, the book "*From Vision to Reality*" dedicated to his fruitful work was published, reports the Embassy of Tajikistan in Germany.

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Kyrgyzstan will spend $50 million to purchase electricity from Turkmenistan and coal from Kazakhstan 09/12/2022

Kyrgyzstan will allocate $50 million allocated by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the purchase of electricity from Turkmenistan, and part of the amount for the import of coal from Kazakhstan for the Bishkek power plant.

This was stated by the Deputy Minister of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic Sabyrbek Sultanbekov, reports 24.KG .

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Uzbekistan increases daily volume of electricity imports from Turkmenistan 09/12/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Uzbekistan has increased the daily volume of electricity imports from Turkmenistan. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Energy.

According to the agency, the daily volume of electricity imports from Turkmenistan has been increased from 17-18 million kWh to 20-21 million kWh.

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American UGT Renewables may build solar power plants in Turkmenistan 10/12/2022

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Representatives of the developer of solar photovoltaic batteries and energy storage UGT Renewables announced the possibility to build solar power plants in Turkmenistan with a capacity of 1000-1200 MW during a recent visit to Ashgabat to participate in the Turkmen-American business forum, ORIENT correspondent reports.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Kazakhstan company gets contract to manage a railway line in Afghanistan 07/12/2022

A company from Kazakhstan has won the contract to manage the Hairatan-Mazar-e-Sharif railway line of Afghanistan.

The contract to manage the Hairatan-Mazar-e-Sharif railway was signed with a Kazakhstani company called Mansour Fatih, *TOLO News* reported on December 6.

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Uzbekistan Temir Yollari denies reports about the termination of the contract for the maintenance of the railway line in Afghanistan 07/12/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Uzbekiston Temir Yollari denied reports about the termination of the contract for servicing the Hairatan-Mazar-i-Sharif railway line.

The company noted that on 5-6 December 2022, negotiations were held between representatives of Uzbekistan Temir Yollari and the Afghan Railway Administration on the operation of the Hairatan-Mazar-i-Sharif railway section for 2023.

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Tajik parliament speaker raises the issue of security Tajikistan's common border with Afghanistan 08/12/2022

Speaking at a joint meeting of the Council of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (PA CSTO) and the 15th Plenary Session of the PA CSTO in Moscow, Chairman of the Majlisi Milli (Tajikistan's upper house of parliament) Rustam Emomali yesterday drew attention of the meeting participants to conflicts arising in various regions of the world and creating problems for the development of most countries, according to the Majlisi Oli (Tajikistan's parliament) press center.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

The first cargo train on the Turkey-Iran-Turkmenistan-Uzbekistan route arrived in Tashkent 03/12/2022

On Saturday, December 3, a solemn meeting of the first freight train departing from Turkish Izmir, passing through the territory of Iran and Turkmenistan and arriving in Uzbekistan took place at the Tashkent railway station.

The ceremony was attended by Turkish Ambassador to Tashkent Olgan Bekar, Director General of Uzbek State Railways Husniddin Khasilov and other officials, the Anadolu agency reports.

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Outcomes of presidential election in Kazakhstan, regional processes in Central Asia discussed in Brussels 03/11/2022

BRUSSELS. KAZINFORM The European Union's capital hosted a panel discussion on the results of the presidential election in Kazakhstan and the current processes in Central Asia with the participation of Kazakh political analysts, European officials and the media.

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EDB to Allocate $2.6 Million to Support Small Businesses in Tajikistan 05/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 05.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – The Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) will allocate $2.6 million to support micro and small businesses in Tajikistan. Funds for the development of private business in the manufacturing sector, agriculture, as well as in the trade and services sectors will be provided to borrowers through the financing of CJSC Microdeposit Organization Imon International, reports the EDB Press Service.

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President of Uzbekistan to arrive in Kyrgyzstan 05/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 5, 2022 / Kabar/. President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev will arrive in Kyrgyzstan for a state visit on December 9, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Aibek Artykbaev told at the Committee of the Jogorku Kenesh on International Affairs, Defense, Security and

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Bishkek to host Kyrgyzstan - Uzbekistan Business Forum on Dec. 9 05/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 5, 2022. / Kabar /. Bishkek will host the Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan business forum on December 9, the press service of the National Investments Agency of Kyrgyzstan said.

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Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan Completed Design Description of the Passage of the State Border Line with a Total Length of 17.66 km 07/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 07.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – According to the agreement reached by the parties, from December 1 through December 6, a regular meeting of topographic working groups of government delegations of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic on the border delimitation and demarcation was held in Batken.

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United States to continue assisting Uzbekistan in the process of joining WTO 07/12/2022

On December 5, Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Jamshid Khodjayev held talks with US Ambassador Jonathan Henick. The parties discussed topical issues of bilateral cooperation in investment, trade-economic spheres, Kun.uz reported.

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Tajik Delegation Attends First Central Asia – India Meeting of Secretaries of Security Councils 08/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 08.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajik delegation headed by the Secretary of the Security Council Nasrullo Mahmudzoda attended the First Central Asia — India Meeting of National Security Advisers/Secretaries of Security Councils, which was held on December 5 in New Delhi in accordance with the decisions of First Central Asia — India Summit.

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Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov arrives in Kyrgyzstan 09/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 9, 2022 / Kabar/. Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov arrived in Kyrgyzstan.

At the Manas International Airport, the distinguished guest was met by Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic - Head of the Presidential Administration Akylbek Zhaparov.

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President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev arrives in Kyrgyzstan 09/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 9, 2022 / Kabar/. President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev arrived in Kyrgyzstan.

Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic - Head of the Presidential Administration Akylbek Zhaparov met Kassym-Jomart Tokayev at the Manas International Airport.

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