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Climate Change and Environment

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

The American company Climate Compass has expressed interest in cooperation with

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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 reported.

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G-7 establishes Climate Club to tackle global warming 13/12/2022

BERLIN. KAZINFORM The G-7 group of the world's major economic powers has decided to establish an international Climate Club to tackle global warming, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced on Monday, Anadolu Agency reported.

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Kyrgyzstan plans to take USD 50 mln loan to improve air quality 14/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 14, 2022 / Kabar/. Negotiations are underway with the World Bank for a USD 50 million loan for a project to improve air quality in Kyrgyzstan.

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THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC DEVELOPS LOCAL COOPERATION TO PRESERVE ECOSYSTEMS 14/12/2022

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC – During the last meeting of the members of the Ramsar Regional Initiative for Central Asia, the environmental action and the festival "Save the Son-Kul Lake / Birds of the Son-Kul Lake", had been held on August 11-12, 2022 on the territory of the Son-Kul Lake in Naryn region, were presented as an example of local cooperation.

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COP15 president urges closing gaps in biodiversity talks 14/12/2022

All parties need to show greater courage, wisdom and determination to close gaps and divides to promote reaching a final outcome at a key UN biodiversity conference, Huang Runqiu, China's minister of ecology and environment, said Tuesday.

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President Emomali Rahmon Congratulates Compatriots on Adoption of the UN Resolution on International Year of Glaciers' Preservation 15/12/2022

Yesterday, December 14, 2022 the United Nations General Assembly unanimously

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approved our fifth water initiative by adopting a special Resolution.

According to the Resolution, firstly, 2025 is declared as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation.

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UNGA announces 2023-2027 "Five Years of Action for Development of Mountain Regions" at initiative of Kyrgyzstan 16/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 16, 2022 / Kabar/. At the initiative of Kyrgyzstan, the UN General Assembly announced 2023-2027 "Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountainous Regions," the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic reports.

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Tajikistan and Germany sign agreements worth 21.5 million Euro for Disaster risk reduction and fight against TB 17/12/2022

A 20 million Grant of German Government will support Tajikistan to adapt to climate change by reducing risk of natural disasters and an additional 1.5 million Euro Grant will finance construction of a children TB hospital in Macheton, Tajikistan.

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Water resources

Drinking water supply to be improved for more than 3 million residents in 403 mahallas 10/12/2022

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev got acquainted with the report on the ongoing work to improve public services and provide the population with drinking water.

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EU AND USAID SUPPORT IMPROVED WATER MANAGEMENT IN TURKMENISTAN 15/12/2022

ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN – Yesterday, 13 representatives from the Academy of State Service under the President of Turkmenistan and the project institute "Turkmensuwylymtaslama" of the State Committee for Water Management of Turkmenistan met to learn more about optimizing water efficiency while maximizing productivity for agriculture, energy, and other sectors of the economy.

In a session organized by the European Union (with assistance from the USAID Regional

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Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity), the officials on hand participated in the Nexus Simulation Game, which asks players to confront a series of hypothetical scenarios for managing upstream and downstream relationships while addressing water needs of residents, industry and agriculture within the framework of a changing climate.

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Energy sector

Kyrgyz Cabinet head holds talks with UAE minister of energy and infrastructure 13/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 13, 2022 / Kabar/. Akylbek Zhaparov, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan held talks with UAE Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Suhail Mohammed Al-Mazrui and with Director General of the Abu Dhabi Development Fund Mohammed Saif Al-Suwaydi.

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The European Union supports the Green Economy in Tajikistan 13/12/2022

The European Union Integrated Rural Development Project/ TRIGGER conducted the 8th Dushanbe Economic Meeting under the theme the Development of the Green Economy in Tajikistan.

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Turkmenistan to supply Uzbekistan with up to 1.5 bln cubic meters of gas in winter 15/12/2022

Uzbekistan imports 1.5 billion cubic meters of natural gas from Turkmenistan in winter to meet domestic demand, a representative of the Fuel and Energy Department of the Uzbek Cabinet of Ministers told RIA Novosti on Tuesday.

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Expenditure on Roghun forcing the Tajik government to reduce the volume of necessary social spending 15/12/2022

Eurasianet says Tajikistan has struggled for over a decade to raise funds for the world's tallest dam, leaving its population freezing each winter and skimping on basic social services

With the cold gripping ever tighter, households reportedly must resort to using old-fashioned stoves. And anything, even things unsuitable for the purpose, is used for fuel.

The harder situation is in mountain areas, where snow began falling in November. With power

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rationing having begun in October, relying on electricity for heating and cooking was not an option

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan and US to strengthen cooperation in Afghan direction 12/12/2022

Ismatulla Ergashev, the Special Representative of the President of Uzbekistan on Afghanistan, held talks with the US ambassador, Jonathan Henick.

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"Electricity supply to Afghanistan has not been stopped" – Energy Ministry of Uzbekistan 13/12/2022

The Ministry of Energy of Uzbekistan reacted to the news that there are power cuts in Afghanistan due to the situation in Uzbekistan.

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Giant hand-painted globe oversizing Afghanistan territory unveiled in Afghan capital 14/12/2022

AFP reports that Afghanistan's capital has a bold new landmark that puts it at the center of the world – or rather the world at the center of Kabul.

Municipal authorities reportedly unveiled a giant hand-painted globe of planet Earth, complete with an oversized Afghanistan, in Dahan-e Bagh square on December 7.

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New banknotes will enter market without disrupting, says Afghan central bank official 14/12/2022

A member of the Afghan Central Bank's Supreme Council, Shah Mehrabi, said that the newly printed Afghani banknotes will enter the markets through proper methods that will not affect the value of the Afghan currency, *TOLOnews* reported on December 13.

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Tajikistan and Pakistan Stand For Inclusive Government in Afghanistan 16/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 16.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan and Pakistan stand for the creation of an inclusive government in Afghanistan. This was announced on December 14 by the

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President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon following talks with the Prime Minister of Pakistan Shahbaz Sharif.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Central Asian experts discussed the challenges facing the region in Ashgabat 13/12/2022

The V Central Asian Expert Forum was held in Ashgabat on Saturday, bringing together the heads and leading specialists of the centers for strategic studies of five countries of the region and not only.

The community of analysts, which over the past three years has repeatedly discussed pressing issues online in bilateral and multilateral formats, this time gathered for a face-to-face meeting in the Turkmen capital on the eve of the International Day of Neutrality. So, this event combines both the festive context associated with the 27th anniversary of Turkmenistan's adoption of the status of neutrality, and the expert process of studying the geopolitical geo-economic situation in search of coordinated, consolidated actions in response to the challenges and threats of the time.

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Tajik-Turkmen Strategic Partnership Discuss in Ashgabat 14/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 14.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On December 12, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Muzaffar Huseinzoda and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov discussed issues of the Tajik-Turkmen strategic partnership.

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Parliament ratifies agrts with Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan on emergencies prevention 15/12/2022

ASTANA. KAZINFORM The upper chamber of the Kazakh Parliament has ratified two agreements of Kazakhstan on civil defense, prevention and liquidation of emergencies. The documents were signed earlier by the governments of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, Kazinform reports.

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Sadyr Zhaparov congratulates Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on

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Independence Day of Kazakhstan 16/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 16, 2022. / Kabar /. Today President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov had a telephone conversation with President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the Kyrgyz president's press service reported.

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The President of Turkmenistan congratulated the Head of Kazakhstan on Independence Day 16/12/2022

President Serdar Berdimuhamedov expressed confidence that cooperation between Turkmenistan and the Republic of Kazakhstan will steadily develop for the benefit of the peoples of the two countries, noting that the relations between the states are of a long-term and strategic nature.

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Astana to host 1st Central Asian media forum 16/12/2022

The first Central Asian media forum is to take place on December 20-21 in Astana, Kazinform reports.

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