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Climate Change and Environment

Calendar of exhibitions and conferences in Turkmenistan for 2023 27/12/2022

June

Conference on the occasion of World Environment Day (05.06.2023)

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Major subsoil users, Ministry of Ecology enter into memo on digitalization of geological sector 27/12/2022

ASTANA. KAZINFORM The Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources and major subsoil users of Kazakhstan have entered into a memorandum on digitalization of the country's geological sector.

«In his latest State-of-the-Nation Address, the President charged us with the task to fully digitalize the country's geological sector. For this reason, the Ministry signed a memorandum with the heads of the leading companies. In particular, 10bln tenge will be allocated by ERG, KazZINC, and Kazakhmys companies next year for the geological surveys,» Minister Serik Brekeshev said.

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UNDP in Uzbekistan announces contest for innovative ideas in agriculture 28/12/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- UNDP within the framework of the joint project with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Support for an inclusive transition to a green economy in the agri-food sector and the development of a climate-smart knowledge system and Innovation in Agriculture in Uzbekistan (EU-AGRIN)", funded by the European Union announces a contest for Innovative Ideas to development of Agriculture in Uzbekistan.

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Specialists of Uzbekneftegaz study the experience of environmental projects of SOCAR 28/12/2022

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- At the invitation of SOCAR (Azerbaijan), a working group of specialists from Uzbekneftegaz headed by the Advisor to the Chairman of the Board on HSE, ESG and sustainable development was sent to Baku. The working visit was organized in accordance with the Roadmap, signed on 5 July 2022, developed in order to expand cooperation in the field of oil and gas between Uzbekneftegaz and SOCAR.

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Agricultural scientists – production 29/12/2022

December is the time for summing up the results of the past year and getting ready to tackle new challenges. In the past year, agricultural scientists of Turkmenistan carried out production-oriented work aimed at solving such strategic tasks as providing industry with raw materials and creating food abundance in the country. It covers several areas of agricultural science: breeding high-yielding varieties of various crops, developing new biological methods for reducing land salinity and improving their fertility, innovative water and resource-saving technologies, biological methods for preparing cotton seeds for sowing, technologies for growing orchards on saline soils, and creating technical means of measuring and regulating water for irrigation of crops, etc.

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New Vice Minister of Ecology of Kazakhstan named 29/12/2022

ASTANA. KAZINFORM The Government decreed to appoint Nurlan Kurmalayev as the Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan, the Prime Minister's press service reports.

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Water resources

Electricity from Turkmen gas helped save the Toktogul reservoir from shortage 24/12/2022

Uzbekistan supplied Kyrgyzstan with electricity generated with the help of Turkmen gas to prevent the Toktogul reservoir from running out – a critical lowering of the water level, follows from a joint statement by the Ministry of Energy of the two republics.

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Energy sector

Turkmenistan has increased electricity exports to Kyrgyzstan by more

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than 6 times 27/12/2022

Turkmenistan became the main supplier of electricity to the Kyrgyz Republic in 2022. The cost volume of supplies since the beginning of this year is estimated at $56.7 million, according to the report on foreign and mutual trade of Kyrgyzstan.

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Kyrgyzstan plans to build solar power plant in Issyk-Kul by end of 2023 29/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 29, 2022. / Kabar /. A joint venture has been set up to build a solar power plant in Issyk-Kul, the National Energy Holding reports.

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Kazakhstan to develop 15 new renewables projects in 2023 30/12/2022

In 2023 Kazakhstan plans to develop 15 renewable power sources projects with a capacity of 257 MW,» Kazakh Energy Minister Bolat Akchulakov announced at today's briefing.

This year Kazakhstan realized 12 renewable power sources projects with a capacity of 385 MW, Kazinform reported.

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1,243 poles to be built in Kyrgyzstan within framework of CASA-1000 project 30/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 29, 2022. / Kabar /. Within the framework of the CASA-1000 project, 1,243 poles will be built in Kyrgyzstan, the National Electric Network of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghan Railways increase import-export traffic 28/12/2022

The Afghan Railway Authority reported that 473,744 tons of cargo was transported by the Afghan Railway in the last week.

In particular, 350,449 tons were imported from Uzbekistan through the Hairatan border crossing, and from Turkmenistan through Akina-17,985 tons and Turgundi - 105,310 tons,

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which is a total of 466,270 tons, including oil products and other materials.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kyrgyzstan successfully complets its chairmanship in Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone treaty 25/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 25, 2022 / Kabar/. Kyrgyzstan has successfully completed its chairmanship in the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (CANWFZ) treaty, the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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Tokyo hosted the 9th Meeting of Foreign Ministers in the framework of the Dialogue «Central Asia + Japan» 25/12/2022

On December 24, 2022, the 9th Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the countries participating in the Dialogue «Central Asia + Japan» was held in Tokyo. The meeting was attended by the heads of Foreign ministries of Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, the Ambassadors of these countries accredited in Japan, representatives of local and foreign media. About this reports MFA of Turkmenistan.

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Tajikistan Intends to Develop Relations With Neighboring States 26/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 26.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Today geopolitical processes still remain difficult and complex. These processes have led to the growth of disagreements and conflicts, as well as intensification of competition between states to expand their influence in different regions. This was stated by President Emomali Rahmon on December 23.

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President Emomali Rahmon Attends CIS Informal Meeting in St. Petersburg 26/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 26.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – The Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, took part in an informal meeting of the heads

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of state of the Commonwealth of Independent States, which took place in the city of St. Petersburg of the Russian Federation.

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Tokayev stressed the importance of the Kazakhstan–Turkmenistan–Iran railway for the CIS 26/12/2022

President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, speaking at the informal CIS summit in St. Petersburg, called for launching new mechanisms of transport cooperation in the Commonwealth space and noted the importance of the Kazakhstan–Turkmenistan–Iran railway.

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Sadyr Zhaparov takes part in informal meeting of CIS leaders in St. Petersburg 27/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 27, 2022 / Kabar/. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov took part in an informal meeting of the leaders of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States in St. Petersburg (Russian Federation).

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Tajik and Uzbek Travel Agencies Sign Multiple Cooperation Agreements 28/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 28.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajik and Uzbek travel agencies signed 21 cooperation agreements within the framework of the tourism and trade forum, which took place yesterday in Dushanbe.

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Uzbekistan intends to speed up the launch of the border trade zone with Turkmenistan 28/12/2022

The tasks to accelerate the launch of the Uzbek-Turkmen border trade zone were assigned to responsible managers at a meeting at the Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan, which took place on Wednesday, the press service of the department said.

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Kazakhstan ratifies agreements with Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan on elimination of emergency situations 28/12/2022

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – The Kazakh Head of State signs the Law of the Republic of

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Kazakhstan on the ratification of the Agreements between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan on cooperation in preventing and developing responses to emergency situations., Kazinform cites Akorda.

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Meeting of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan 29/12/2022

DUSHANBE, 29.12.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On December 29, a meeting of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan was held under the chairmanship of the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Head of the Government of the country, Honorable Emomali Rahmon.

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The positive balance of Turkmenistan's trade turnover with Uzbekistan has reached $490 million 29/12/2022

The positive balance of Turkmenistan's trade turnover with Uzbekistan amounted to $490 million, according to the Uzbek State Statistics Committee.

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Openness and mutual trust make up a basis of a constructive dialogue 29/12/2022

Chairman of the Khalk Maslakhaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev discussed the state and future of interstate cooperation meeting key interests of Turkmen and Uzbek people during the telephone conversation today.

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17 new appointments announced in accordance with presidential decree 30/12/2022

A number of appointments were announced by the decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

They are:

Achilbay Ramatov was confirmed as the Deputy PM of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

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Jamshid Kuchkarov – Deputy PM of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

Jamshid Khodjayev – Deputy PM of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

Aziz Abdukhakimov – Minister of Natural Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

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Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan sign a "roadmap" for 37 investment and trade projects 30/12/2022

On December 29, Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Jamshid Khodjayev and Minister of Trade and Integration of Kazakhstan Serik Jumangarin agreed on a "roadmap" for the implementation of investment agreements and trade contracts signed during the visit of the President of Kazakhstan to Uzbekistan.

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"Border issues with Uzbekistan resolved" – President of Kyrgyzstan 31/12/2022

Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan agreed to establish a common border and resolve all border disputes, the President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Japarov said.

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