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Climate Change and Environment

UAE, Korea issue Joint Declaration on Climate Action 17/01/2023

In a Joint Declaration on Climate Action, the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Korea affirmed that climate change is one of the most important challenges facing the world today, as a result of its negative repercussions on the economic, environmental, social and security aspects, WAM reported.

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CAREC COUNTRY OFFICE SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

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TO PRESERVE BIODIVERSITY IN KYRGYZSTAN 17/01/2023

January 17 – Bishkek – Kyrgyzstan – CAREC Country Office for Kyrgyzstan and Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic (MNRETS) signed the **Memorandum of Cooperation**.

The document was signed by the acting Director of the CAREC Country Office for Kyrgyzstan, **Kuban Matraimov** and the Director of the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas under MNRETS, **Emilbek Ibraev**.

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4.8 mln ha of withdrawn lands to turn into pastures 17/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM «5.2 mln ha of lands, including 4.8 mln ha of pasture lands, were withdrawn last year countrywide. This year some 4.6-4.8 mln out of 5 mln ha will turn into pastures,» Kazakh Agriculture Minister Yerbol Karashukeyev told following the Government meeting.

Earlier he said the country lacks some 9 mln ha of pastures. There are 5.9 mln ha in backyards and the deficit is assessed to make 8.9 mln ha of land around populated areas.

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Priority areas of cooperation between Turkmenistan and the UN Environment Program were discussed 17/01/2023

On January 16, 2023, the meeting of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) Inger Andersen was held via videoconference. About this repors MFA of Turkmenistan.

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Turkmenistan to approve certification procedure for environmental auditors 18/01/2023

In 2023, the Law of Turkmenistan "On Environmental Audit" will be supplemented with a new by-law that will define the requirements and a step-by-step procedure for assessing and certifying environmental auditors in Turkmenistan.

Amendments to the legislation were discussed during a round table held by the US Agency for International Development in partnership with Tebigy Kuwwat, according to a

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press release from the US Embassy in Turkmenistan.

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Scientists have found that the melting of ice in Antarctica can be reversed 18/01/2023

A group of researchers from the Universities of Cambridge, Edinburgh and Washington noticed that the melting of ice depends not only on global warming, but also on the prevailing winds blowing on the glaciers from the west. This makes the melting process reversible, according to a study published in the journal Nature Communications.

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Water resources

Government pledges to provide villages with safe drinking water by 2027 17/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM «The rural districts will be provided with safe water supplies, roads will be repaired, utilities, social, cultural, and sports facilities will be built and renovated by 2027,» Kazakh Prime Minister Alikhan Smailov said at today's Government meeting.

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The ninth meeting of the Working Group on improving the organizational structure and legal framework of IFAS 20/01/2023

From 17-19 January 2023 the 9th meeting of the Working Group on improving the organizational structure and legal framework of IFAS was held online.

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"Flow of water in Amudarya and Syrdarya may decrease by 2050" – Eldor Aripov 21/01/2023

By this period, the water flow in Amudarya may decrease by 15%, and in Syrdarya - by 5%. As a result, agricultural productivity may drop by 30%.

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Energy sector

Hydropower is the foundation of Tajikistan's energy sector, says ADB report 16/01/2023

A report released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) says CAREC countries can be split into several groups depending on their prevailing type of fuel and energy system background.

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Kazakh delegation to take part in Int'l Green Week exhibition in Berlin 16/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – The Kazakh Agriculture Ministry is to take part in the major international exhibition-fair Green Week held in Berlin, Germany, Aibek Smadiyarov, official spokesperson of the Kazakh Foreign Ministry, said, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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Increasing electricity generation 16/01/2023

Electricity generation at the new production facilities of the Balkanabat State Power Plant has tripled over the years of independence.

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UN chief calls for renewable energy 'revolution' for a brighter global future 16/01/2023

UNITED NATIONS. KAZINFORM Renewable energy is the only credible path forward if the world is to avert a climate catastrophe, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said on Saturday, outlining a five-point plan for a just transition, the UN News Centre reported.

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Experts from IPMI study situation with training of specialists for the development of a "green" economy in Uzbekistan 19/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – Experts from the Institute for Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research conducted a study in order to get an answer to the question of what specialists are being trained in Uzbekistan for the development of a "green" economy.

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Adoption of Measures to Implement the «Green» Economy Discussed in Dushanbe 20/01/2023

DUSHANBE, 20.01.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – The issues of implementing the points of the State Program for the Development of Environmental Education and Education of the Population of Tajikistan for 2021-2025 were discussed by the First Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection Zarafo Kiyomzoda and the Head of the Environment Department of the Department of Economics and Environment of the OSCE Office in Dushanbe Muhabbat Kamarova.

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Uzbekistan, FAO hold talks in Berlin within "Green week – 2023" 21/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- As part of the large international agricultural exhibition Green Week - 2023, which is currently taking place in Berlin, a delegation from Uzbekistan led by the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan Aziz Voitov is holding meetings to discuss topical issues of agricultural spheres.

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Roundup: Experts at Davos urges energy supply security, green transition 22/01/2023

DAVOS. KAZINFORM - Energy experts at the World Economic Forum (WEF) have emphasized the importance of securing energy supply and the green transition in tackling the energy crisis and building a clean, sustainable future, Xinhua reports.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

A group of employees of the railway administration of Afghanistan arrived in Turkmenabat for experience 15/01/2023

A group of 14 employees of the Railway Administration of Afghanistan arrived in Turkmenabat on Saturday for an internship in the relevant field. ORIENT was informed about this by the Turkmendemiryollary Agency.

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Several NGOs resume some operations in Afghanistan with women workers 18/01/2023

Several aid organizations have restored some operations in Afghanistan after they received assurances from Taliban authorities that women could work in areas such as health, in spite of restrictions last month barring female workers in nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan-Turkmenistan-Russia route being developed to develop trade 17/01/2023

Bishkek, Jan. 17, 2023 / Kabar/. For the development of trade, the route Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan-Turkmenistan-Russia is being worked out, the press service of the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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Bishkek to host meeting of Business Council of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan 18/01/2023

Bishkek, Jan. 18, 2023 / Kabar/. A meeting of the Business Council of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan will be held in Bishkek on January 26.

The press service of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of the Kyrgyz Republic reported that in preparation for the meeting, President of the CCI Temir Sariev held a meeting with representatives of business associations.

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President of Uzbekistan to pay state visit to Kyrgyzstan in near future 19/01/2023

Bishkek, Jan. 19, 2023 / Kabar/. The state visit of the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev to Kyrgyzstan will take place in the near future, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Jeenbek Kulubaev told during a press conference at Kabar Agency.

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Presidential statement on holding early elections to Majilis and maslikhats 19/01/2023

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ASTANA. KAZINFORM – Kazakh Head of State Kassym-Jomart Tokayev made a statement on holding early elections of deputies of the Majilis of Parliament and maslikhats, Kazinform cites Akorda.

«According to the Constitution, I signed decrees on dissolution of the Majilis and early termination of powers of maslikhats after holding consultations with the chairmen of both chambers and the Prime minister,» reads the statement.

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Economic growth in CA lags 3fold behind demographic growth 20/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM «The population of Central Asia makes about 1% of the global population, and its aggregate economy accounts just for 0.3%,» director of Kazakhstani Institute for Strategic Research under the President of Kazakhstan Yerkin Tukumov said at today's meeting themed «Central Asia -2023: a vision of future».

«The population of Central Asia makes about 1% of the global population, and its aggregate economy accounts just for 0.3% which means we threefold fall or even more behind our opportunities,» he said. He stressed the need to think about a development strategy.

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Tajikistan and Kazakhstan Expand Scientific Ties Between Centers of Strategic Studies 20/01/2023

DUSHANBE, 20.01.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – On January 19, in Astana, the Director of the Center for Strategic Studies of Tajikistan Khayriddin Usmonzoda met with the Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies of Kazakhstan Erkin Tukumov.

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