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Climate Change and Environment

Reason for frequent droughts in Central Asia revealed by scientists 06/02/2023

Under the influence of anthropogenic and natural factors, a further increase in agricultural drought is expected in the south of Central Asia in the 21st century, according to Chinese researchers, reports Ritmeurasia.ru.

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WORLD WETLANDS DAY WAS CELEBRATED BY RRI-CA PARTNERS IN UZBEKISTAN 07/02/2023

UZBEKISTAN - The partners of the Ramsar Regional Initiative project (RRI-CA), the Department of Ecology of the Navoi Region (Uzbekistan), together with the Navoi Regional branch of the Union of Journalists of Uzbekistan and the Regional Department of Information and Mass Communications, organized a press tour for media representatives and bloggers within the framework of the World Wetlands Day.

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KAZAKHSTAN CELEBRATES WORLD WETLANDS DAY 07/02/2023

In Kazakhstan, on the World Wetlands Day (WBU), the partners of the "Ramsar Regional Initiative of Central Asia" (RRI-CA) project of the Regional Environmental Center of Central Asia (CAREC) held a number of environmental events.

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Sustainable trade and investment key to Asia and Pacific's green future 07/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — Greener trade and investment is crucial to tackling climate change in Asia and the Pacific and will require governments in the region to work together more closely, according to a new report by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

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HOW KYRGYZSTAN CELEBRATED WORLD WETLANDS DAY 08/02/2023

Central Asian countries – members of the Ramsar Convention – have widely celebrated World Wetlands Day, and Kyrgyzstan is no exception.

The partners of the project of the Regional Environmental Center of Central Asia (CAREC) "Ramsar Regional Initiative of Central Asia" (RRI-CA) in Kyrgyzstan marked the World Wetlands Day.

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CAREC BOOST COOPERATION WITH THE CIVIL SOCIETY OF KYRGYZSTAN 08/02/2023

The CAREC Country Office for Kyrgyzstan became a member of the association of the legal entities (ALE) "Green Alliance.KG".

The acting Director of the CAREC Country Office for Kyrgyzstan **Kuban Matraimov** and the Executive Director of ALE "Green Alliance.KG" **Ilgiz Kambarov** signed the membership agreement.

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GIZ ready to assist in development of green economy of Kyrgyzstan 09/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 9, 2023 / Kabar/. A meeting was held between First Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic Choro Seyitov and Country Director of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) Viktor Wetzel on Wednesday.

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Inter-Ministerial Consultations on Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus held in Ashgabat 09/02/2023

On February 8-9, the Archabil Hotel in the capital hosted the two-day Inter-

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Ministerial Consultations on “Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus”. The event was organized by the USAID Regional Water and Environment Project (WAVE) and the Kazakh-German University (DKU).

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NEXUS APPROACH IS WIDELY PROMOTED IN TURKMENISTAN 10/02/2023

TURKMENISTAN – On February 7 and 10, 33 lecturers and professors from the Academy of Civil Service under the President of Turkmenistan (Ashgabat) and the Turkmen Agricultural Institute (Dashoguz) learnt about the interactions between water, energy, food and environment security through the Interactive Nexus Simulation game, conducted by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) in cooperation with USAID Central Asia’s Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (WAVE).

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CLIMATE CHANGE, REGIONAL COOPERATION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, CAREC 10/02/2023

On 10 February 2023, a meeting to discuss the public role in regional cooperation on climate change adaptation in Central Asia took place. The climate change vulnerability of the region demands coordination across Central Asia. **Zafar Makhmudov**, the Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), comments.

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Water resources

Turkmenistan implements an integrated approach to effective water resources management 07/02/2023

in early February, the delegation of Turkmenistan, which included specialists from the Department of Environmental Protection and Hydrometeorology of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, its Hydrometeorological Service and the Institute " Türkmensuwlytaslama" under the State Committee for Water Management, took part in a two-day Regional Workshop on Monitoring, Assessment and Exchange information in the transboundary basins of Central Asia. The event was organized in Astana by the The International Water Resources Assessment Center (IWAC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) with the assistance of the GIZ Green Central Asia Program. The purpose of the seminar is to assist in studying international experience in monitoring, assessing and exchanging information in transboundary basins and discussing the possibilities of strengthening cooperation between the countries of Central Asia in the field of protection and use of water resources in transboundary

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basins.

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Tajikistan and the Netherlands Organize a Panel Discussion on Water, Economics and Trade in Geneva 07/02/2023

DUSHANBE, 07.02.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, a panel discussion "Water, Economics and Trade: Exploring commitments for the UN 2023 Water Conference" was held at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva.

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Bishkek mayor discusses implementation of joint projects with EBRD delegation 08/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 8, 2023 / Kabar/. Mayor of Bishkek Emilbek Abdykadyrov discussed the implementation of joint projects with a delegation of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) headed by the EBRD Regional Director for the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan Ayten Rustamova and Head of the Infrastructure Department in Eurasia Ekaterina Miroshnik.

The sides touched upon the Bishkek Buses projects of the Green Cities 2 Window 2 framework program, the Green Cities 2 Window 2 project itself, the Improvement of the Municipal Solid Waste Management System in Bishkek, and the potential project Rehabilitation water supply systems in Bishkek" (Phase 3).

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Russia ready to finance development of feasibility study for Kambar-Ata-1 HPP – ambassador 08/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 8, 2023 / Kabar/. Russian Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan Nikolai Udovichenko announced the readiness of the Russian side to finance the development of a feasibility study for the Kambar-Ata-1 HPP during a meeting with Ulan Primov, Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs, Defense, Security and Migration of the Kyrgyz Parliament.

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Energy sector

Islamic Development Bank Will Continue Financing Priority Projects in Tajikistan 06/02/2023

During the period of cooperation with Tajikistan, the IDB allocated more than $620 million

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for the implementation of 92 projects. These projects are being implemented in the areas of education, healthcare, energy, transport, irrigation and other priority socio-economic sectors of Tajikistan.

“This year, the Bank will provide $250 million for the implementation of 4 projects, which, first of all, will be directed to the implementation of important projects in Tajikistan, including the Rogun HPP,” Muhtar emphasized.

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Tajikistan allocates $78 mln more for construction of Rogun HPP 08/02/2023

The Government of Tajikistan instructed to send additional funds to replenish the authorized capital of OJSC Rogun HPP in the amount of 800 million somoni (about $78 million), Asiaplustj.info reports.

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Some US$1 billion to be directed for the introduction of renewable energy sources in Tashkent 08/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- It is planned to direct US$1 billion for the introduction of renewable energy source in Tashkent, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev announced this.

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Uzbekistan to start installation of solar panels and hot water collectors on roof of budget organizations 09/02/2023

In Uzbekistan, it is planned to transfer 30% of the energy consumption of the buildings of budget organizations to green energy by the end of the year, and another 30% in the next two years. Businesses that consume the most energy may be required to switch at least 30% of their consumption to renewable energy, Kun.uz reported.

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Vice-President for Operations at the Islamic Development Bank Familiarizes with the Process of Construction Works at the Rogun HPP 09/02/2023

DUSHANBE, 09.02.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – On February 7, Vice-President for Operations at the Islamic Development Bank Dr. Mansur Muhtar got acquainted with the process of

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construction works at the Rogun HPP.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan, Afghanistan to sign new agreement on the organization of rail transportation 06/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In December 2022, an Afghanistan special commission reviewed and agreed on the terms of a new agreement between Sogdiana Trans and Afghan Railways, revised by the head of the Afghan Railways Authority, and the fact that they are trying to accuse the Uzbek side in media, using a different interpretation of the agreed conditions to justify themselves, creates an incomprehensible situation. This was reported by the information and analytical media center AJ "O'zbekiston temir yo'llari".

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Government of Uzbekistan continues to support Afghan entrepreneurs 07/02/2023

Although the Afghan side blocks the railway and does not allow wagons to pass, the Uzbek government provides practical assistance to Afghan businessmen in delivering goods to their destination by trucks.

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Planned measures are being taken to exterminate harmful insects on the Amudarya River 08/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In order to prevent the reproduction of harmful insects and the spread of infectious diseases, reed beds that have appeared on small islands on the Amu Darya River, located in a neutral zone on the border of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, are being burned in a planned manner. This was reported by the press service of the khokimiyat of Surkhandarya region.

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UNHCR and Uzbekistan provide winter assistance for Afghanistan 08/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – The UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, with the support of the Government of Uzbekistan, today sent 12 trucks with over 48,000 blankets through the International Multifunctional Transport and Logistics Hub in Termez,

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Uzbekistan, to Afghanistan to provide life-saving assistance to forcibly displaced persons and other vulnerable people in Afghanistan during harsh winter.

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Tajikistan cannot stop cooperation with Afghanistan in all areas 09/02/2023

Tajikistan remained steadfast in its declared position and did not change it after a year and a half of the Taliban in power in Afghanistan, Khayriddin Usmonzoda, director of the Center for Strategic Studies under the President of Tajikistan, said, Asiaplustj.info reports.

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N Kazakhstan rgn exports eggs and flour to Afghanistan 10/02/2023

PETROPAVLOVSK. KAZINFORM - The number of export certificates rose by 15% in North Kazakhstan region last year, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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Secretaries of SCO's Security Council discussed situation in Afghanistan 10/02/2023

International security issues with an emphasis on resolving the situation in Afghanistan were discussed in Moscow by the secretaries of the Security Councils of the SCO countries, which include India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

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Uzbekistan, Afghanistan restore freight transportation via railways 10/02/2023

Uzbekistan Railways JSC informed that since February 1, the railway traffic from Uzbekistan to Afghanistan has been temporarily suspended due to the non-fulfillment of the contract between the two countries. Transportation of goods between railways has been restored, the press service of the Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Process of demarcation of state border begins Kyrgyzstan and

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Uzbekistan 07/02/2023

The working groups of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan have begun negotiations on the demarcation of the state border, said Deputy Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Bakhromjon Aloev.

On February 7, a round table was opened in Tashkent on the prospects for strategic partnership between Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. The event was organized by the International Institute of Central Asia. It was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

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Kazakhstan launches new Astana International Forum to address key global challenges 07/02/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM As the international community moves towards an era of increased polarization and geopolitical division, Kazakhstan launches a new international conference, the Astana International Forum, to join efforts on tackling key global challenges, Kazinform learned from the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Population of Uzbekistan exceeds 36 mln people 08/02/2023

As of January 1, 2023, the population density in Uzbekistan was 80.2 people per square kilometer, Centralasianlight.org reported.

The resident population of Uzbekistan as of January 1, 2023 amounted to 36,024.9 thousand people, including men - 18,128.6 thousand people, women - 17,896.3 thousand people, urban population - 18,335.7 thousand people, rural population - 17,689.2 thousand people.

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Tashkent celebrated the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan 08/02/2023

A celebration in honor of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan took place in Tashkent, the Embassy of Turkmenistan in Uzbekistan reports on its Instagram page.

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Kyrgyz economy minister and permanent coordinator of UN system

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Bishkek, Feb. 9, 2023 / Kabar/. Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic Daniyar Amangeldiev met with Permanent Coordinator of the UN system in the Kyrgyz Republic Christine Antje Grawe the day before.

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CA Inter-Parliamentary Forum adopts Turkistan Declaration 10/02/2023

TURKISTAN. KAZINFORM The Turkistan Declaration was adopted following the Central Asian Inter-Parliamentary Forum, Kazinform reports.

It reflects prospects for further development of inter-parliamentary relations aimed at widening economic cooperation and development of the common cultural and historical space of Central Asia with its peculiar unique identity.

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Tajikistan and Kazakhstan Discuss Strengthening Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation 10/02/2023

DUSHANBE, 10.02.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, on the sidelines of the Central Asian First Inter-Parliamentary Forum in Turkestan, Speaker of the Assembly of Representatives Mahmadtoir Zokirzoda met with Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan Maulen Ashimbaev.

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Development strategy of New Uzbekistan fully compatible with UN SDG's 11/02/2023

Uzbek Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov and Permanent Representative of the United Nations Development Program in Uzbekistan Matilda Dimovsku exchanged views in Tashkent on the main areas of cooperation between Uzbekistan and UNDP and the expansion of its project activities in the country, the Dunyo portal reports.

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