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Chief ecologist of Karaganda region named 20/02/2023

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KARAGANDA. KAZINFORM – Bakhtiyar Sanbayev became the head of the natural resources and nature management department of Karaganda region, Kazinform correspondent reports.

Born in 1986 in Shet district, Bakhtiyar Sanbayev is a graduate of the Karaganda State Technical University and the Central Asia Academy.

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Kyrgyzstan intends to replenish network of UNESCO Global Geoparks 21/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 21, 2023 / Kabar/. National natural parks will be created in the regions of Kyrgyzstan, which in the future can replenish the network of UNESCO Global Geoparks, Deputy Director of the Department of Tourism Kiyal Kenzhematova told at a press conference at Kabar.

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USAID Representatives Appreciate Tajikistan's Global Initiatives on Climate Change and Water 21/02/2023

DUSHANBE, 21.02.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – The timeliness of the global initiatives of Tajikistan on climate change and water resources was noted during a meeting between the leadership of the Committee for Environmental Protection and representatives of the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

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Climate Crisis: Legambiente sounds severe drought alarm 21/02/2023

ROME. KAZINFORM Environmental association Legambiente on Monday sounded the alarm about the severe drought that Italy is already suffering at a time of year when water supplies should be plentiful, with the situation potentially getting even more serious in the coming months, ANSA reports.

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Turkmenistan discusses best practices in the field of adaptation to climate change 22/02/2023

Best practices in the field of planning measures for adaptation to climate change is the

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main topic of the seminar, which started today in Turkmenistan in a hybrid format.

The event was organized within the framework of the UNDP project "Development of the national adaptation planning process in Turkmenistan" and the project of the International Organization for Migration "Inclusion of interrelations between migration, environment and climate change in national plans related to climate change".

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COP28 President-Designate says Paris Agreement goal of 1.5 is 'non-negotiable' urging paradigm shift to reboot momentum 22/02/2023

NEW DELHI. KAZINFORM – Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, COP28 UAE President-Designate, today emphasised the need to mobilise resources and partnerships toward a bold and transformative approach to climate action, Kazinform cites WAM.

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EUROPEAN UNION PROMOTES NEXUS APPROACH TO FACILITATE GREEN INVESTMENTS IN CENTRAL ASIA 22/02/2023

ROME, ITALY – The investment needs and opportunities for the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus projects were discussed today by the representatives of the European Union (EU), Central Asian (CA) countries, International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and development partners during a special event in the lead-up to the 7th EU-Central Asia High-Level Conference on Environment and Water Cooperation.

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European Union – Central Asia High-Level Conference: joining efforts for climate action and green transition 24/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- More than 100 delegates gathered in Rome on 23-24 February 2023 for the 7 th European Union – Central Asia High-Level Conference on Environment and Water Cooperation (Conference). Ministers, deputy ministers, high-level diplomats of the countries of Central Asia (CA), the European Union (EU), the EU Member States, representatives of international financial institutions, international and regional organizations, and civil society involved in development, management and implementation of environment, climate change and water policies, attended the Conference.

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Prospects for effective cooperation discussed at FAO headquarters 24/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- As part of the Seventh EU-Central Asia High-Level Conference on Environment and Water Resources, taking place on 23-24 February in Rome, a meeting was organized between the Minister of Natural Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan Aziz Abdukhakimov and the First Deputy Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Thomas Laurent. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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Drought: 3.5 mln Italians risk losing tap water 24/02/2023

ROME. KAZINFORM - Millions of Italians risk having their tap water cut off in the coming months because of the severe drought Italy is experiencing, especially in northern regions, the head of the ANBI water-resource consortium said on Thursday, ANSA reports.

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EU to allocate €100mln for CA to address environmental issues 24/02/2023

ROME. KAZINFORM The 7th EU-Central Asia High-Level Conference on Environment and Water Cooperation is ongoing in Rome. One of the participants of the Conference is Dr. Johannes Baur, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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Turkmenistan develops cooperation with the Global Green Growth Institute 24/02/2023

On February 23, 2023, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov met with the Director General of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Frank Riisberman at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. About this reports MFA of Turkmenistan.

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Turkmenistan was represented at the EU-CA Conference on environmental issues 25/02/2023

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A delegation from Turkmenistan took part in the 7th EU-Central Asia High–level Conference on Environment and Water Resources, which ended in Rome.

The conference was held in the building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy. The participants got acquainted with the results of the work and achievements of the EU–CA Platform for Cooperation in the Field of Environment and Water Resources over the past three years, and also outlined further steps of interaction within the framework of the Platform for 2023-2025.

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Water resources

Hague Hosts a Briefing Dedicated to the UN Water Conference 20/02/2023

DUSHANBE, 20.02.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – On February 17, the Netherlands and Tajikistan held a joint briefing in The Hague on preparations for the UN Conference on the Midterm Review of the Water Decade.

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Cape Town Hosts Transforming the Future for Water Security Conference 23/02/2023

DUSHANBE, 23.02.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Multi-stakeholder dialogues between political, business, academic and other stakeholders to build alliances and take science-based action took place as part of the event in Cape Town, South Africa.

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Meeting of representatives of the Executive Committee of IFAS with representatives of the European Union 23/02/2023

On 23 February 2022, in Rome, Italy, on the sidelines of the 7th EU-Central Asia High-Level Conference, a meeting was held between the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda with the Head of the Unit for Middle East and Central Asia Ms. Sarah Rinaldi.

The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan in EC IFAS Mr. Bekmaganbetov S and Mr. Juraev I.

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Presentation by the Chairman of EC IFAS within the framework of the

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EU-CA High-Level Conference 25/02/2023

Within the framework of the Seventh EU- Central Asia High-Level Conference (EU-CA), which started on 23 February 2023 in Rome, Italy, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda made a presentation at the first session on Environment, Water and climate change in Central Asia. In his presentation entitled "Water resources as the main driving force for addressing environmental and climate challenges", Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda noted the important role of water resources in the development of regional cooperation and the achievement of sustainable development in general.

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Energy sector

Tajikistan earns over US$4.3 million from January electricity exports 20/02/2023

In January, Tajikistan earned more than 4.3 million U.S. dollars from the electricity export, which is near 50 percent, or more than 1.4 million US dollars more compared to January last year and 1.3 million US dollars than in December last year, according to the Agency for Statistics under the President of Tajikistan.

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Uzbekistan, Egypt agree on implementation of "green" energy projects 22/02/2023

After high-level negotiations, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and President of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi made a statement to media representatives.

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TRANSPARENCY AS THE FOUNDATION FOR AN EFFECTIVE GREEN TRANSITION 22/02/2023

22 February – Rome – Italy – The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) hosts the side event "Transparency as the Foundation for an Effective Green Transition and the Achievement of Sustainable Development Objectives" at the Seventh EU-Central Asia High Level Conference.

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RKDF to finance construction of HPP in Naryn and cement plant in Chui 24/02/2023

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Bishkek, Feb. 24, 2023. / Kabar/. The Board of the Russian-Kyrgyz Development Fund (RKDF) has approved strategic projects totaling USD 89 million.

A meeting of the Council of the RKDF was held in Moscow on February 20, the Fund reported.

It made decisions that determine the further development of the Fund, and also approved the financing of two strategically important projects for Kyrgyzstan for a total of USD 89 million. Their total cost exceeds USD 250 million.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Turkmenistan and Afghanistan agree to increase volume of cargo transportation by rail 21/02/2023

Representatives of the Herat branch of the Afghan Railway Administration and the Turkmen state railway company Demiryollary held talks to agree on an increase in the volume of traffic on the railway line between the Turkmen city of Serkhetabad and the Afghan Turgundi. As a result, all agreements were reached, TASS reports with reference to the Afghan Railway Administration.

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President of Uzbekistan notes the importance of accelerating the construction project of the Trans-Afghan railway corridor 23/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 23 February, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev received the Minister for Finance and Revenue of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Chairman of the Pakistani part of the bilateral Intergovernmental Commission, Ishaq Dar, who arrived in Uzbekistan to attend the next meeting of the commission.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Landlocked countries of Central Asia find a sea of opportunities in cooperation with China 21/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- More than 2,000 years ago, an emissary from the Chinese Han Dynasty traveled west on a peaceful mission and discovered a land

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route linking East and West. Thousands of miles and years long, the ancient Silk Road, the longest part of which ran through the territory of Central Asia, embodied the spirit of cooperation, mutual learning and mutual benefit, Xinhua news agency reported.

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Dushanbe Will Host Fifth Consultative Meeting of Heads of Central Asian States in Autumn 22/02/2023

DUSHANBE, 22.02.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – In September, Dushanbe will host the fifth consultative meeting of the heads of Central Asian states and a regular meeting of the founding Council of the heads of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

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Astana to host meeting of FMs of Central Asian countries with US Secretary of State 24/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 24, 2023 / Kabar/. The heads of the ministries of foreign affairs of the Central Asian countries will meet in Astana with US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, the press service of the Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan said.

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