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Climate Change and Environment

Dushanbe expected to host the Fifth Central Asian Climate Change Conference next month 27/04/2023

The Fifth Central Asian Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2023) is expected to take place in

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Dushanbe from May 16-17, according to the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan.

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The European Union and Tajikistan discuss development cooperation 27/04/2023

Ms. Sarah Rinaldi, Head of Unit for the Middle East & Central Asia in the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships, visited Tajikistan to co-chair the 3rd European Union – Tajikistan Sub-Committee on Development Cooperation.

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Kazakh Government and UNDP present Eighth National Communication under UN Framework Convention on Climate Change 27/04/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM On April 26 the United Nations Development Programme in partnership with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan presented the Eighth National Communication and the Fifth Biennial Report of the Republic of Kazakhstan under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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Tajikistan enters Top-10 countries with most polluted air 29/04/2023

Tajikistan has entered the Top-10 countries in the world with the highest level of air pollution, Sputnik reports, citing a report by the Swiss company IQAir.

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Water resources

100 million cubic meters of water leak into sand in Turkmenistan due to Karakum Canal break 25/04/2023

Media reports says at least 100 million cubic meters of water have leaked into sand due to the failure of the Karakum Canal in Turkmenistan in January-February 2023. Journalists working for *Meteozhurnal* (*Weather Magazine*) have come to this conclusion after studying satellite imagery.

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The Turkmen delegation visited the Solar Park in Dubai – clean energy and water from the desert 25/04/2023

Within the framework of the International Forum on Attracting Investments in the Energy Sector of Turkmenistan, which opens tomorrow in Dubai, the Turkmen delegation, headed by Deputy Prime Minister Ashyrguly Begliyev and the heads of the concerns Turkmengaz, Turkmenneft, and the Ministry of Energy, visited the world's largest Solar Park - a large-scale network of solar power plants localized in a single software space and not only.

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Central Asia will face water scarcity due to excessive waste, says EDB report 25/04/2023

The report entitled "Food Security and Agro-Industrial Potential of the Eurasian Region", in particular, notes that in the future, the scarcity will intensify in countries with an arid climate, limiting the potential expansion of the agricultural land. The solution to the issue of food security is, therefore, strongly linked to improving the efficient management of the water and energy complex of Central Asia and the use of moisture-saving technologies.

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Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan discuss restoring work of two border posts 26/04/2023

Tashkent hosted the third meeting of the Uzbek-Turkmen joint intergovernmental commission on water management.

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Transboundary water cooperation was discussed at a seminar in Turkmenabad 26/04/2023

Issues of transboundary water cooperation between Turkmenistan and the countries of the Aral Sea basin were discussed during the national seminar on water diplomacy, which was held in Turkmenabad.

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Expedition for young specialists and scientists from Central Asian countries along the Amudarya River basin 26/04/2023

On 25 April 2023, the Expedition for young professionals and scientists from Central Asian countries started. The expedition began its work with a visit to the museum and the

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cemetery of ships in Muynak, the Republic of Uzbekistan and will end with a visit to the river flows in the high mountains of the Republic of Tajikistan.
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USAID SUPPORTS INTEGRATION OF WATER COURSES INTO THE EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA OF CENTRAL ASIAN UNIVERSITIES 26/04/2023

TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN - Today, in Tashkent, members of the Central Asian Network of Academic Societies (hereinafter – NAS) gathered to discuss new training modules for master's degree students on water diplomacy and rational use of water resources. The meeting was organized by the USAID's[1] Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (hereinafter – WAVE) in cooperation with the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (hereinafter – CAREC), and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

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Mangistau region to build 9 sea water desalination plants 27/04/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM «Mangistau region may face water scarcity of 100-110,000 cubic meters per day in 2025,» deputy chairman of the construction and utilities committee of the Kazakh Industry and Infrastructure Development Ministry Azimbek Pazylbekuly told a briefing.

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Muynak, Sudochye, Ustyurt and the Western Sea 27/04/2023

The participants of the expedition along the Amudarya River basin in the first two days visited Muynak, which was previously considered a port city in the South Aral Sea, Lake Sudochie, the Ustyurt Plateau and the Western Sea itself.Within two days, the participants got acquainted in detail with the results of large-scale forest reclamation work to create green spaces in the Aral Sea region as a measure to reduce the ecological crisis and counteract the spread of hazardous substances from the dried day of the Aral Sea.

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Water management and sustainable agriculture were among the themes of the second Tashkent International Investment Forum 28/04/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The capital is hosting the second Tashkent International Investment Forum, which included a panel session on "Integrated Water Resources Management: Sustainable Agricultural Development, Food Security in Central Asia".

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Deputy Minister of Water Resources: Uzbekistan will lack 7 billion cubic meters of water by 2030 28/04/2023

Within the framework of the second Tashkent International Investment Forum, a panel session was held on the topic “Integrated Water Resources Management: Sustainable Development of Agriculture, Ensuring Food Security in Central Asia”.

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Kazakhstan sets to build numerous seawater desalination plants 29/04/2023

In order to solve the problem of potable water in Kazakhstan's Mangystau region, it is planned to build 9 seawater desalination plants with an estimated cost of more than 247 billion Kazakh tenge ($541.4 million), Deputy Chairman of the Kazakh Construction and Housing-Communal Services Affairs Committee Azimbek Pazylbekuly said, Trend reports via the Kazakh media.

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Energy sector

French energy company to consider possibility of co-investing in energy projects of Kyrgyzstan 25/04/2023

Bishkek, April 25, 2023. /Kabar/. Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to France, Sadyk Sher-Niyaz met on Monday in Paris with Vice President of the largest French energy company “EDF” for Europe and Central Asia Marc Girard.

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Last unit of HPP "Sarba" launched in Tajikistan 25/04/2023

After reconstruction, the last unit of the Sarband hydroelectric power station, located on

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the Vakhsh River in the south of the republic, was launched, Avesta reports with reference to the press service of the President of Tajikistan.

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Turkmenistan widely attracts foreign investment in energy sector 27/04/2023

Turkmenistan held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, an international visiting forum to attract foreign investment in the oil and gas industry of Turkmenistan.

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President receives Energy and Infrastructure Minister of UAE 28/04/2023

Today, April 27, Shavkat Mirziyoyev received the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of the United Arab Emirates, Suhail Al Mazroui, on the sidelines of the Tashkent Forum, Kun.uz reported.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Trade turnover between Kazakhstan and Afghanistan reached $1 bln 26/04/2023

The trade turnover between Kazakhstan and Afghanistan has reached $1 billion. And this is not the limit. The Central Asian country plans to continue expanding trade with Afghanistan and hold a joint business forum this summer, Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister Serik Zhumangarin said, according to Newscentralasia.net.

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Afghan Taliban welcome UN Security Council resolution; says ban on women working is 'internal' issue 29/04/2023

The Taliban welcomed Friday a recent resolution by the UN Security Council that acknowledged Afghanistan faces multifaceted challenges, Anadolu reported.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Uzbekistan considers North-South corridor important for Central Asia

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The North-South transport corridor is important for the interconnectedness of the Central Asian countries with international markets, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev said in a greeting to the participants of the Innoprom. Central Asia exhibition, the PRIME portal reports.

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Political consultations between Tajikistan and Kazakhstan held in Astana 26/04/2023

Astana hosted another round of political consultations between the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Kazakhstan. The delegations of the parties were headed by Deputy Foreign Ministers Sodik Imomi and Ermukhambet Konuspaev, the Tajik Foreign Ministry reports.

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Akylbek Zhaparov meets with president of Uzbekistan 27/04/2023

Bishkek, April 27, 2023. /Kabar/. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Akylbek Zhaparov met with President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev as part of his working visit to Tashkent on the sidelines of the II Tashkent International Investment Forum.

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Akylbek Zhaparov meets with Uzbek PM Abdulla Aripov 27/04/2023

Bishkek, April 27, 2023. /Kabar/. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic - Head of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic Akylbek Zhaparov met with Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov as part of his working trip to Tashkent city of Uzbekistan, the press service of the Cabinet said.

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Uzbekistan approves agreement with Kyrgyzstan on crossing torder without passport 30/04/2023

Kyrgyzstanis and Uzbeks can officially fly in, drive through or cross the border without a passport and stamps, but an ID-card will still be needed for electronic identification.

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