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## Climate Change and Environment

### ADB intends to provide $100 billion in climate finance 07/05/2023

The Asian Development Bank intends to provide $100 billion in climate finance by 2030. This week, ADB launched an innovative financing mechanism for climate in the Asia-Pacific region, which will use guarantees from partners as leverage to accelerate much-needed investments in the fight against climate change by billions of dollars. The new program aims to mobilize up to $15 billion to finance projects aimed at reducing

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greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resilience to climate change.

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## Climate change could push M of people into extreme poverty in Brazil 07/05/2023

BRASILIA. KAZINFORM Weather-related phenomena can lead from 800 thousand to 3 million Brazilians to extreme poverty after 2030. The data are from the Country Climate and Development Report (CCDR) for Brazil, released Thursday (May 4) by the World Bank.

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## Issues of cooperation between Uzbekistan and Korea in the fields of ecology, environmental protection, labor and employment were discussed 10/05/2023

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) --** On 8 May 2019, Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan Tanzila Narbayeva met with a delegation led by Chairwoman of the Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea on Environment and Labor Chung Hye-chul.

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## CACCC-2023: MASS MEDIA, CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERACTIVE 11/05/2023

**11 May 2023 – Dushanbe – Tajikistan** – a three-day training **"Media and Climate Change: Theory and Practice"** started within the 5th Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2023).

Today, the training gathered journalists and representatives of media projects of Central Asia in an online format.

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## Turkmenistan is ready to expand partnership in the field of green development 12/05/2023

Turkmenistan is ready to expand international partnership in the field of green technologies and is taking practical steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere, in particular methane. The country also intends to promote hydrogen energy and aims for active cooperation in this sector. These theses received detailed coverage

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during the round table held on Thursday, May 11, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and dedicated to the issues of green economy and digital transformation for sustainable development.

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## Aziz Abdukhakimov meets with President of the UN Economic and Social Council Lachezara Stoeva 12/05/2023

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) –** Minister of Natural Resources of Uzbekistan Aziz Abdukhakimov met with President of the UN Economic and Social Council Lachezara Stoeva.

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## CACCC-2023: MASS MEDIA, CONTENT, DATA 13/05/2023

The second day of the three-day training **"Media and Climate Change: Theory and Practice"** finished in Dushanbe (Tajikistan) on 12 May 2023.

Participants learnt about the interactive tools of working with the content.

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# Water resources

## IFAS Organizing Committee meeting 10/05/2023

On 10 May 2023, a meeting of the Organizing Committee for the organization and holding of anniversary events dedicated to the 30th anniversary of IFAS was held in a hybrid format.

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## 84th ICWC meeting 10/05/2023

On 10 May 2023, the 84th meeting of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia was held in Dushanbe.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Shoimzoda J., First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan. Members of the ICWC Mr. Khamraev Sh. – Minister of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr. Azidullin G. – Vice Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Gendzhiev D. – Chairman of the State Committee for Water Resources of Turkmenistan, as well as representatives of the Central Asian countries, heads, and representatives of the ICWC

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executive bodies.

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## UAE tops global 2023 rankings in five indexes related to energy, water, infrastructure and transport 11/05/2023

The UAE has dominated the global competitiveness rankings for 2023 in five indicators, including Access to Electricity, Satisfaction with the Roads and Highways System, Energy Infrastructure, City Management, Access to Clean Fuels and Technologies for Cooking, WAM reported.

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# Energy sector

## Kyrgyz Energy Ministry discusses construction of solar power plant with Masdar 10/05/2023

**Bishkek, May 10, 2023. / Kabar /.** A meeting was held between Minister of Energy of Kyrgyzstan Taalaibek Ibraev and representatives of Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company PJSC - Masdar (United Arab Emirates) Mohamed Asad Taher, Senior Development and Investment Manager and Kamaliev Dias,

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## Measures to improve energy supply identified 11/05/2023

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) --** On 11 May, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev chaired a videoconference to discuss issues of energy supply and the introduction of renewable energy sources in the regions.

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## Kyrgyzstan to buy 2.5 bln kWt-hours of electricity from 3 countries 11/05/2023

Kyrgyzstan plans to import over 2.5 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity from Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan. Moreover, from Russia - for the first time, said the chairman of the board of the National Energy Holding of Kyrgyzstan Taalaibek Baigaziev, reports the portal 24.kg.

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## President of Turkmenistan replaces Deputy Prime Minister for Fuel and

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## Energy Complex 13/05/2023

President Serdar Berdimuhamedov dismissed Ashirguly Begliev from the post of Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers for Oil and Gas in connection with the transfer to another job.

The head of state appointed Batyr Amanov, head of the "Turkmengaz" state concern, as the new vice prime minister in charge of the fuel and energy complex.

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# Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

## Afghanistan interested in accelerating construction of TAP power line 12/05/2023

Afghanistan intends to intensify trilateral negotiations on the implementation of the TAP (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan) power transmission line project, Acting Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Afghanistan Abdul Latif Mansour said, Orient.tm reports.

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## A Project Office to coordinate the construction of the Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan railway line was opened 13/05/2023

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) --** A project office to coordinate the construction of a new Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan railway line has opened in Tashkent.

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## Another consignment of humanitarian aid from Turkmenistan is delivered to Afghanistan 14/05/2023

A humanitarian caravan with a cargo of medical, food and textile products weighing about 125 tons, sent from Turkmenistan, arrived at its destination in Afghanistan, which is experiencing a serious economic and food crisis.

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# Cooperation between Central Asian countries

## Uzbekistan to hold early presidential elections 08/05/2023

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev announced that he had signed a decree on

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holding early elections for the head of state, according to his Telegram channel.

Shortly before this, Mirziyoyev signed a constitutional law allowing the head of state to call early presidential elections. This will be the first presidential election since the constitution was amended to extend the term of office of the head of state from five to seven years. Under constitutional law, incumbent President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who is in office for a second term, can run for office again.

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## President of Uzbekistan makes statement on referendum results 09/05/2023

The President of Uzbekistan called the referendum on the new constitution a historic event. He stressed that the people "once again demonstrated in practice their commitment to the ideas of democracy, freedom and equality, social justice and unity".

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## Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan discuss determining junction point of state borders 09/05/2023

**Bishkek, May 9, 2023. /Kabar/.** In the period from April 25 to 29, a meeting of government delegations of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan was held in the city of Batken, the press service of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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## Presidents of Tajikistan and Turkmenistan hold talks in Dushanbe 10/05/2023

Tajik President Emomali Rahmon held talks with Turkmen President Serdarov Berdimuhamedov in Dushanbe. In his welcoming speech, President Rahmon noted the importance of regular political contacts at the highest and high levels and their key role in the consistent promotion of Tajik-Turkmen bilateral relations. At the same time, confidence was expressed that the state visit of the Head of the friendly state to Tajikistan would give a new impetus to the development of the entire complex of cooperation between the two countries, Avesta reports.

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## Potential heir in Tajikistan held talks with real heir of Turkmenistan in Dushanbe 11/05/2023

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Chairman of the Majlisi Milli Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mayor of Dushanbe Rustami Emomali met in Dushanbe with President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhammedov, who is in Tajikistan on a state visit, Avesta reports with reference to the press service of the Dushanbe City Hall.

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## Central Asia to have its own analogue of Munich Security Conference 12/05/2023

The first Central Asian Forum on Security and Cooperation is scheduled to be held on July 13-14, 2023. It is organized by the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies (KISI) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, Orient reported.

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## President of Uzbekistan notes the importance of further enhancing practical cooperation with Tajikistan 12/05/2023

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) --** On 12 May 2023, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev received the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan Kohir Rasulzoda, who is in Uzbekistan to attend the regular meeting of the Joint Intergovernmental Commission.

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