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Climate Change and Environment

ESCAP adopted Resolution on special program for Aral Sea basin 22/05/2023

As a result of the 79th session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), held on May 15-19 in Bangkok, the Resolution initiated by Turkmenistan concerning the establishment of a special UN program for the Aral Sea basin was unanimously adopted, Turkmenportal.tm reports.

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Tajikistan experience presented in the High-Level Meeting on the Mid-term Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 22/05/2023

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DUSHANBE, 22.05.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – From May 18-19, the UN General Assembly concludes the mid-term review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction for 2015-2030 at a high-level meeting in New York. The mid-term review is convened by the President of the UN General Assembly and organized by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). Around 500 attendees with 100 high level delegates including heads of states and ministers are attending the event.

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Spain may invest in construction of wastewater treatment facilities in Uzbekistan 22/05/2023

Reportedly, Ambassador of Uzbekistan Jakhongir Ganiyev held talks with Director of Institutional Relations of Almar Water Solutions of Spain Luis Blanco and Head of Department of Marketing and Business Development Manuel Garcia Calvola.

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Chinese scientists begin research on Mount Everest's ecological security barrier system 23/05/2023

ISTANBUL. KAZINFORM - A group of Chinese scientists have begun work on improving the ecological security barrier system on Mount Everest in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, Kazinform cites Anadolu Agency.

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RESULTS OF CACCC-2023: ALL OVER THE CENTRAL ASIAN REGION 23/05/2023

On May 16-17, Dushanbe hosted the regular 5th Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2023).

It convened representatives of development sectors that are involved in climate issues in all five countries of the region, world-famous experts, specialists who have thoroughly studied the natural features of each country locally, and international organizations providing donor support in countering the climate challenges of the 21st century.

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Experts from Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan discussed

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cooperation on biodiversity conservation 24/05/2023

In Karakalpakstan, in the city of Nukus, representatives of the environmental agencies of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan discussed issues of cross-border cooperation on biodiversity conservation, reports UzDaily.uz .

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UN regional office on climate change to open in Tashkent 24/05/2023

Minister of Natural Resources Aziz Abdukhakimov met with the head of the UNESCO office in Tashkent Sara Noshadi, Kun.uz reported.

During the meeting, the importance of a phased transition to a "green" economy, the introduction of a digitalization system, environmental education and culture, capacity building of employees and specialists, as well as the use of foreign experience in this area was noted. It was also noted that the issue of developing a national report of Uzbekistan on the state of the environment and the use of natural resources, compiling lists of the National ecological and natural heritage is important.

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Climate change slowing Antarctic deep sea current, reducing oxygen levels: study 26/05/2023

CANBERRA. KAZINFORM Deep ocean currents around parts of Antarctica are slowing down decades earlier than expected as a result of climate change, an Australian research has revealed.

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Mt. Qomolangma region witnesses improving ecological environment: experts 26/05/2023

The ecology of the Mount Qomolangma region continues to improve, as China has made progress in ecological and environmental protection over the years, experts have said as scientific research on the world's highest peak continues, Xinhua reported.

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Water resources

Uzbekistan and Israel discuss prospects for mutual cooperation in the field of water management 26/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 21-23 May, Israel was visited by a delegation led by the Minister of Water Resources of Uzbekistan Shavkat Khamraev, Dunyo news agency reported.

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The Coherence of the Global Water Agenda and Disaster Risk Reduction Discusses In New York 23/05/2023

DUSHANBE, 23.05.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – On the sidelines of the high-level meeting on the mid-term review of the Sendai framework on disaster risk reduction, bilateral meetings of the Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan Bahodur Sheralizoda with the Director of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Paola Albrito, Chief of the UNDRR Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia Octavian Bivol, and Director of the International Relations Department of the UN Environmental Program, Jamil Ahmad, were held.

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Energy sector

Kyrgyzstan and China deepen energy cooperation 22/05/2023

Bishkek, May 22, 2023. /Kabar/. The Ministry of Energy of Kyrgyzstan and the leading Chinese electrical company TBEA signed an agreement on cooperation in the construction of a high-voltage power transmission line.

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State of implementation of renewable energy sources reviewed 23/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev got acquainted with a presentation on the state of implementation of renewable energy sources in social institutions and government departments.

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Uzbekistan to unveil new energy development programme

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by September 2023 25/05/2023

Uzbekistan will unveil a new energy development programme by September 2023 that will liberalise gas and electricity prices and implement social consumption norms, First Deputy Energy Minister Azim Akhmedkhadzhayev said.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghanistan wants Iran to align water demands with treaty, says Afghan official 23/05/2023

Afghan media reports say the acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Amir Khan Muttaqi noted that the issue of water should not be politicalized and it should be solved through negotiations.

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Turkmenistan, Afghanistan discuss cooperation in cargo transportation transit sphere 24/05/2023

Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, the state migration, customs and border services of Turkmenistan, as well as the Turkmenavtoulaglary Agency of the Transport and Communications Agency under the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan held an online meeting with colleagues from Afghanistan, Orient reported.

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Representatives on Afghanistan in "CA-EU" format adopted joint statement in Ashgabat 27/05/2023

The Special Representatives and Special Envoys of the EU and Central Asia for Afghanistan, together with the EU Special Representative for Central Asia, adopted a joint statement at their fourth forum in Ashgabat, the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan reported.

The meeting provided an opportunity for an in-depth exchange of information on events and the economic situation in Afghanistan, as well as an opportunity to discuss further cooperation in helping the people of Afghanistan and intensifying cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

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Afghanistan appoints trade attaché in Turkmenistan 27/05/2023

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The Ministry of Trade and Industry of Afghanistan has appointed a trade attaché at the Afghan Embassy in Ashgabat.

Mohammad Harun Sayedi was officially introduced as the commercial attaché of the Afghan embassy in Ashgabat during a special ceremony attended by Acting Afghan Ambassador to Turkmenistan Fazal Mohammad Sabir and a number of investors, the Khaama Press news agency reported, citing the Afghan Ministry of Commerce on Twitter.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Trade turnover between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan increased 22/05/2023

According to the results of four months of 2023, Kazakhstan is among the three main foreign trade partners of Uzbekistan, Kazinform reports.

In January-April 2023, foreign trade turnover of Uzbekistan with other countries amounted to $19.6 billion and increased by $2.3 billion, or 13.4%, compared to the same period last year, according to a report by the State Statistics Committee of Uzbekistan.

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Uzbekistan and Tajikistan agree on using each other's airfields in case of emergency 23/05/2023

The corresponding law on the ratification of the Agreement was signed by the president, Kun.uz reported.

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Border authorities of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan discussed conditions of stability 25/05/2023

The next meeting of the heads of the Sughd region of Tajikistan and the Batken region of Kyrgyzstan took place on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border, the SugdNEWS portal reports.

The heads of the border regions of the two states held talks at the Kyzylbel border post the day before, the administration of the Sughd region reported. The negotiations were attended by the chairman of the Sughd region Rajabboy Ahmadzoda and the Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of Kyrgyzstan in the Batken region

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Abdikarim Alimbaev.

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Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Discusses the Process of Implementation of Joint Projects 25/05/2023

DUSHANBE, 25.05.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – The process of implementation of the agreements reached between the leaders of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan in the field of industry, energy, geology, logistics and export was discussed during the meeting of the Minister of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan Sherali Kabir and the delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan headed by the Minister of Mining and Geology of the Republic of Uzbekistan Bobir Islamov in Dushanbe.

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