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Climate Change and Environment

Chinese-made observation station for climate and environment starts operating in southern Tajikistan 19/06/2023

Citing the Lanzhou University, China's state-run news agency *Xinhua* reported on June 16 that the first outside-China super observation station for climate and the environment along the Belt

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and Road (B&R) has started operation in Tajikistan.
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Turkmenistan discusses issues of adaptation to climate change 20/06/2023

Aseries of trainings on adaptation to climate change has been launched in Turkmenistan, Orient reported.

They are held within the framework of the project "Development of the national adaptation planning process in Turkmenistan", which is implemented by the UN Development Program jointly with the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan.

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Turkmenistan intends to put out "Gates of Hell" in desert 20/06/2023

One of the bright sights of Turkmenistan - a burning crater - in the desert can be extinguished. The project has already been prepared, according to Ritmeurasia.org.

The burning gas crater in the Karakum desert, called the "Gates of Hell" and which has become one of the sights of Turkmenistan, is being prepared to be extinguished after more than 50 years.

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RECATH WORKSHOP: CLIMATE FINANCE TRACKING AND BEST PRACTICES 20/06/2023

The workshop's primary goal is to provide information on existing climate finance tracking tools and familiarize a wide range of experts with the best practices of these tools used for reporting under the UNFCCC Conferences of Parties and the Paris Agreement.

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Young leaders from Central Asia offer solutions to address climate change 20/06/2023

BISHKEK. KAZINFORM - Thirty young leaders from Central Asia and Afghanistan proposed renewable energy solutions for the region during the Central Asian Renewable Energy Conference. During the one-day event, participants from the Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Afghanistan presented 15 research papers and 15 project proposals to address climate change through renewable energy, Kazifnorm

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Issues of expanding regional cooperation with the OSCE in the field of ecology discussed 20/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Minister of Ecology Aziz Abdukhakimov held a meeting with the coordinator of economic and environmental activities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Igli Hasani.

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President Tokayev: $50bn worth agreement on green hydrogen production is one of the major projects in the world 20/06/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM - Kazakhstan possesses great potential to develop green hydrogen production, Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev told the Kazakhstan-Germany Business Forum in Astana, Kazinform cites Akorda.

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Central Asian countries step up cooperation in the field of climate change 22/06/2023

On June 20-21, more than 60 participants representing a wide range of government organizations and civil society organizations from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, as well as regional and international organizations, gathered for a seminar in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The event was organized by the OSCE Office of the Coordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities in partnership with the Berlin analytical center Adelphi.

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Kyrgyzstan interested in effective implementation of German Green Central Asia initiative 22/06/2023

Bishkek, **June 22, 2023. / Kabar/.** Kyrgyzstan is interested in the effective implementation of the German Green Central Asia initiative, taking into account the growing challenges and threats in the mountainous region against the backdrop of global

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climate change, President of Kyrgyzstan, Sadyr Zhaparov, told during negotiations with German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

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CENTRAL ASIA PREPARES FOR THE GLOBAL CLIMATE FORUM – UNFCCC COP28 22/06/2023

The first meeting, "**The Regional Dialogue of Central Asian Countries on joint preparations for the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change",** will be held online on 23 June 2023.

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Kyrgyzstan offers Germany to produce green hydrogen 22/06/2023

Bishkek, **June 22, 2023. / Kabar/.** Kyrgyzstan is interested in developing cooperation with Germany in the trade, economic and technological fields, President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov told at extended talks with visiting German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

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President of Kyrgyzstan offers his German counterpart to exchange external debt for implementation of ecology projects 22/06/2023

Bishkek, **June 22, 2023. / Kabar/.** President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov, during extended negotiations with German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, raised the issue of financial and technical cooperation, asked the German side to provide support in restoring Kyrgyzstan to the list of Germany's partner countries for financial and technical cooperation.

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Dushanbe to host international conference to combat desertification 23/06/2023

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is convening a scientific-practical conference on July 1-2 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, as well as Russia, Belarus, Georgia, and Moldova, will discuss key issues under the convention and ways to address them through sustainable land management, land degradation neutrality, and early response to drought, as well as mitigation of the effects

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of sand and dust storms.

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UNDP organized climate information sessions in Dashoguz 23/06/2023

The United Nations Development Program in Turkmenistan organized a series of information sessions on climate change in Dashoguz.

They are aimed at attracting the attention of representatives of the young population to the problem of climate change, land degradation issues.

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Head of State receives Ecology and Natural Resources Minister Zulfiya Suleimenova 23/06/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev received Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources Zulfiya Suleimenova, Kazinform cites Akorda.

The Kazakh Head of State was briefed about the growing season, as well as the issues of forestry and wildlife.

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Aral Sea Joint Programme Reports Achievements in Innovation, Health and Youth at Final Board Meeting 24/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The UNDP, UNFPA, and FAO convened the final board meeting to announce the outstanding results of the joint programme focusing on "Unleashing young people's and vulnerable citizens' creativity and innovation by strengthening their adaptive capacity to address economic and food insecurities in the exposed communities of the Aral Sea region". This initiative, funded by the Multi-Partner Human Security Trust Fund (MPHSTF), has made significant progress in addressing human insecurities in the region.

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Water resources

Issues of financing rational water use in Central Asia discussed in Ashgabat 22/06/2023

Ashgabat hosted the International Conference on Financial and Investment Support for Measures for the Rational Use of Water Resources on Tuesday, Turkmenportal reports.

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Part of the functions of the state in the field of water management to be transferred to private owners 22/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The President signed Decree "On measures for the effective organization of state management in the field of water management within the framework of administrative reforms."

Until 2030, a phased transfer to PPP of such functions of the district level of the Ministry of Water Resources as water resources management, the supply of water to farms and other water users, as well as water accounting will be carried out.

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Energy sector

Steinmeier's visit to Astana: Kazakhstan to continue to supply energy resources to Germany 20/06/2023

Negotiations between the presidents of Kazakhstan and Germany ended in Astana. The Federal President of Germany arrived in Kazakhstan on an official visit and held talks with the officials of Kazakhstan. Following the results of bilateral negotiations in narrow and expanded formats, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and Frank-Walter Steinmeier addressed the media, the Administration of the President of Kazakhstan reports.

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Kazakhstan names new Vice Minister of Energy 21/06/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – Yerlan Akkenzhenov has been appointed as the Vice Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kazinform cites the press service of the Kazakh Government.

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Uzbekistan to rely on China in "green" energy 23/06/2023

Last winter, Uzbekistan faced serious problems in the electric power industry. One of the directions to change the situation is the development of alternative sources of generation, in particular, the construction of wind farms. China, which has unique competencies in the construction of solar and wind stations, as well as in the production of power grid and transformer equipment, can act as a key partner of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

CSTO foreign ministers adopt statements on Afghanistan 22/06/2023

Foreign ministers of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) have adopted statements on the situation in Afghanistan and the prevention of an arms race in space, the Tajik Foreign Ministry information department said on June 20.

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Kyrgyzstan ready to lend helping hand to Afghan people - Rep to UN 23/06/2023

Bishkek, **June 22, 2023. / Kabar/.** On June 21, 2023, the UN Security Council held a meeting on Afghanistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Presidents of Kazakhstan and Germany held talks in Astana 20/06/2023

The Presidents of Kazakhstan and Germany, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and Frank-Walter Steinmeier, during the talks in Astana, noted the importance of intensifying cooperation in the development of the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (TITR), as well as in the field of oil and gas, the press service of the President of the Kazakh President.

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Steinmeier visit: Kyrgyzstan can achieve lot with German support 22/06/2023

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With the availability of German technologies, Kyrgyzstan could produce green hydrogen, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov said at bilateral talks with German Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, the press service of the President of Kyrgyzstan reported.

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"Central Asia is becoming more and more authoritative in the international arena" — Tokayev 22/06/2023

President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev said that Central Asia is becoming more and more authoritative in the international arena. The Kazakh leader made such a statement during a meeting with German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Akorda reports.

In addition, Tokayev stressed the key role of the European Union in trade and economic relations with Astana: "The European Union is especially important for Kazakhstan. It is the largest trading partner of our country. We will constantly work with European institutions to strengthen our mutual cooperation," the head of state said.

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