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Climate Change and Environment

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Representatives of the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan take part in a meeting of country representatives on the preparation of a Regional Statement from the countries of Central Asia for the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The meeting is held in Almaty on 24 July 2023.

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MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES TOOK PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE REGIONAL DIALOGUE FOR UNFCCC COP28 25/07/2023

On 24 July, 2023 in Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, a meeting of representatives of Central Asian countries took place within the framework of the Regional Dialogue for Joint Preparations for the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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COP28 and IEA convene Global Energy Decision Makers to accelerate a just, orderly energy transition 25/07/2023

The COP28 UAE Presidency and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have convened the first in a landmark series of high-level dialogues through to COP28 around building a 1.5°C-aligned energy transition. The initiative is being carried out in collaboration with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and will be supported by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), WAM reported.

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Turkmenistan and FAO improve efficiency of land use in the country 26/07/2023

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Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, experts in the field of environmental protection, finance, economics, statistics and other areas discussed with experts from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) the implementation of projects on rational land and water use.

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EBRD and Green Energy: issues of implementing innovative projects in the field of ecology discussed 26/07/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change Aziz Abdukhakimov met with the Managing Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for Central Asia Zsuzsanna Hargitai.

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UNDP in Turkmenistan held a seminar on the neutrality of land degradation 27/07/2023

The neutrality of land degradation was the main topic of the seminar held by UNDP in Turkmenistan together with the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).

The workshop is part of a series of capacity-building activities in the field of achieving a neutral balance of land degradation (NBLD). It is organized within the framework of the project "Conservation and sustainable management of land resources and ecosystems of high natural value in the Aral Sea basin for obtaining numerous benefits".

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Uzbekistan equated environmental violations with grave crimes 27/07/2023

Punishments for environmental offenses are being tightened in Uzbekistan. Violations related to causing harm to the environment, damaging or destroying the animal and plant world will now be classified as serious crimes. This decision was announced after being adopted by the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection, and Climate Change of Uzbekistan, Nova24.uz reports.

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WHAT DOES CAMP4ASB AF PROJECT DO TO ENSURE TAJIKISTAN'S FOOD SECURITY? 27/07/2023

Negative climate change in the Central Asian region is becoming more and more

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noticeable every year: more frequent droughts, rising temperatures, winter warming, spring frosts, and sharp fluctuations in temperature and precipitation. Naturally, this affects the state of agriculture and the wealth of the population.

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German expert shared proposals for the development of zoos and reserves in Uzbekistan 27/07/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Minister of Ecology, Environment Protection and Climate Change Aziz Abdukhakimov met with Professor Udo Nagel, an experienced German specialist in zoo management.

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The Tourism Committee was included in the structure of the Ministry of Ecology 27/07/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- By a decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Umid Shadiev was appointed to the post of chairman of the Tourism Committee under the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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Capital of Uzbekistan expands green areas of city 28/07/2023

In the capital of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, the concentration of PM2.5, i.e. fine dust, which is a key parameter for assessing air quality, is 3.6 times higher than the WHO recommended annual average.

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The Ministry of Ecology gave an official conclusion about the trees that are at risk of cutting down 28/07/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- News spread on social networks about the cutting down of a large number of trees and shrubs in Bukhara and Surkhandarya regions in connection with construction work.

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Ecology as a factor in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the priority of the Halk Maslahaty 28/07/2023

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Today, perhaps, there are no countries that would not be affected by global environmental problems.The economic and social development of states and the preservation of civilization as a whole often depend on their solution.Turkmenistan, in turn, makes a great contribution to solving the problems of environmental protection.

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Climate change impacts increase in Asia 28/07/2023

Extreme weather and climate change impacts are increasing in Asia, which ricocheted between droughts and floods in 2022, ruining lives and destroying livelihoods. Melting ice and glaciers and rising sea levels threaten more socio-economic disruption in future, according to a new report from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

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Water resources

High-quality drinking water for the population of Dashoguz velayat 25/07/2023

Specialists of the Dashoguz Hydrogeological Expedition of the State Corporation "Turkmengeology" have fulfilled the work plan of the first half of the year on drilling works by 120.6%. The team carries out a large volume of various activities in accordance with the approved schedule. These include search of underground aquifers on the territory of velayat, clarification of reserves, study of structure, quality and chemical composition. In addition, groundwater is thoroughly analyzed and geo-ecological images are carried out.

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Price of drinking water to increase in regions of Uzbekistan 26/07/2023

Tariffs for drinking water will be increased in Surkhandarya and Kashkadarya regions from August 1, and in Tashkent region from August 20.

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A new water pumping station will appear in the Ahal district of Ak Bugdai 29/07/2023

A new water pumping station "Yashyl Depe" with a capacity of 2.13 cubic meters of water per second will appear in the Ak Bukgdai district of the Ahal region. For a special

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installation of water supply and electric motors of the district substation, new water pipelines will be laid and water pumps installed.

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Energy sector

Uzbekistan cuts gas production, increases electricity generation 24/07/2023

Bishkek, July 24, 2023 . / Kabar / . In the first half of this year, gas production decreased by 9.6% or 2.51 billion cubic meters compared to the same period last year, KunUz reported.

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Kyrgyzstan to introduce emergency in energy sector 25/07/2023

BISHKEK. KAZINFORM Kyrgyzstan will introduce an emergency situation in the energy sector. President Sadyr Zhaparov signed the Decree «On the emergency situation in the energy sector of the Kyrgyz Republic», his press service said, KABAR reports.

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Kyrgyzstan allocates funds to ensure stable energy supply in winter 26/07/2023

The Kyrgyzstan government allocated 11.3 billion soms in June 2023 to support and develop the country's energy sector, as reported by the Ministry of Finance of Kyrgyzstan.

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Kazakhstan, Jordan discuss cooperation in renewable energy 26/07/2023

AMMAN. KAZINFORMAmbassador of Kazakhstan to Jordan Aidarbek Tumatov met with the Secretary General of the Arab Renewable Energy Commission, Vice Chairman of the Jordanian Renewable Energy Society Mohammed Al Ta'ani. The parties discussed the prospects of cooperation between Kazakhstan and Jordan in the field of renewable energy, Kazinform learned from the press office of the Kazakh MFA.

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Investment agreement for construction of Kazarman HPP cascade signed in Kyrgyzstan 27/07/2023

Bishkek, July 27, 2023. /Kabar/. A ceremony of signing an investment agreement for the construction of the Kazarman cascade of hydro power plants was held today in Cholpon-Ata town of Kyrgyzstan at the VI International Economic Forum "Issyk- Kul 2023".

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Agreements worth $45 million were signed at the International Industrial Exhibition in Kabul 23/07/2023

The Chamber of Commerce and Investment of Afghanistan said that agreements worth $ 45 million were signed at the international **trade fair** that ended on Sunday in Kabul, in which, in addition to local industrialists, trading companies from Iran, Turkmenistan, Turkey and Pakistan took part, TOLOnews reports.

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Afghanistan exported products to the USA for the first time – this is pomegranate juice 26/07/2023

The Afghan Ministry of Industry and Trade reported that a batch of drinks with pomegranate juice was exported from Afghanistan to the United States for the first time. The drinks were produced by a company in Herat.

The export of this domestic product, according to the official representative of the ministry Akhundzad Abdul Salam Javad, is a significant step in the growth of the country's economy, TOLOnews reports.

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US Special Representative for Afghanistan Meets with Central Asian Diplomats in Astana 28/07/2023

Special US Representative for Afghanistan, Thomas West, made a visit to Astana to participate in a special C5+1 session on Afghanistan, as reported by Sputnik with reference to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Situation on Kyrgyz-Tajik section of state border is stable 25/07/2023

Bishkek, July 25, 2023. /Kabar/. As of July 25, 2023, the situation on the Kyrgyz-Tajik section of the state border is characterized as stable, the Border Service of the State Committee for National Security of Kyrgyzstan said.

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Roundtable discussion dedicated to development of Central Asia 26/07/2023

The International Institute for Central Asia hosted a roundtable discussion on "Central Asia: global processes and sustainable development of the region" with the participation of foreign and national experts, UzA reported.

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The summit of the heads of Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan will be held in Ashgabat in early August 26/07/2023

The issues of preparation and holding of the Summit of the Presidents of Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, which will be held in Ashgabat in early August this year, were discussed today by the foreign ministers of the three countries.

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Negotiations between the consular services of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan were held in Tashkent 27/07/2023

The next round of consular consultations was held in Tashkent on Thursday by representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The participants of the meeting – employees of consular services of foreign ministries and law enforcement agencies of the two countries discussed issues of Turkmen-Uzbek cooperation through the consular line, as well as the topic of protecting the rights and

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interests of citizens.

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Negotiations between the railway departments of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan were held in Tashkent 27/07/2023

Cooperation between the railway departments of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan was discussed in Tashkent by representatives of the Agency "Turkmendemiryollary" ("Turkmen Railways") and "Uzbekistan Temir Yullari" "Uzbek Railways". During the talks, the parties discussed a number of key topics and issues of bilateral cooperation, Podrobno.uz reports.

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