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Climate Change and Environment

The impact of climate change on the water supply of the country and the region will be studied at a special seminar by experts of the water sector of Turkmenistan 18/09/2023

A new series of three-day seminars for specialists working in the water sector of the country has started in Turkmenistan. The main objective of the course is to "pump up" the basic knowledge of experts in environmental issues, namely, to consider the impact of climate change on water resources on a regional and national scale. Also, the training program will study the skills of employees to correctly and timely apply adaptation measures for water supply to various sectors of the economy of Turkmenistan.

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Many leaders want the annual UN gathering to focus on the climate crisis and their economic difficulties 19/09/2023

The *BBC* says the 140 or so world leaders gathering in New York for their annual assembly have a lot on their plate: Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a global cost of living crisis, a worsening climate emergency, and the disruption of new technologies such as artificial intelligence.

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Tugay Forests of the Tigrovaya Balka Nature Reserve Included in the UNESCO World Heritage List 20/09/2023

DUSHANBE, 20.09.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, the Tugay Forests of the Tigrovaya Balka Nature Reserve is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The decision was made during the 45th extended session of the World Heritage Committee, which takes place from September 10 through September 25 in Riyadh, reports the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan.

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CENTRAL ASIA WILL HAVE MORE YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS! 20/09/2023

On September 18, 2023, the 13th Central Asian Leadership Program (CALP) started in Almaty. During five days of intensive training from leading experts from around the world, 15 people from five Central Asian countries representing non-governmental organizations, private sector, government and academic institutions will be trained.

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Serdar Berdimuhamedov called on the UN to strengthen environmental cooperation with Central Asia 20/09/2023

Interaction with the UN on the environmental track became one of the main points in the speech of President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov at the plenary meeting of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, on Tuesday, September 19.

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Kazakh ex-ecology minister appointed as aide to President 21/09/2023

By presidential order, Zulfiya Suleimenova has been named the aide to the President – Special Representative of the Kazakh President on international environmental cooperation, Kazinform cites the Akorda press service.

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The Turan deserts that run through Turkmenistan are included in the UNESCO World Heritage List 21/09/2023

The transborder natural object "Turan deserts of the temperate zone", which runs through the territories of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, is included in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage List. The corresponding decision was made at the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee in Riyadh.

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Early warning systems for resilience to climate change were discussed in Bishkek 21/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Today, on 21 September, the Second High-Level Dialogue on Climate Change and Resilience in the Central Asian Region “Early

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Warning Systems for Climate Resilience" began in Bishkek.

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Water resources management and adaptation to climate change discussed by Turkmen experts in Ashgabat 22/09/2023

Integrated water resources management, adaptation measures in health and education, as well as fruitful intersectoral cooperation were discussed by participants of a three-day workshop in Ashgabat on raising awareness of decision makers regarding adaptation to climate change.

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For the first time, the Conference of the Parties to the CMS Convention will be held in the CIS 22/09/2023

For the first time in history, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) will be held on the territory of a CIS member country. The Uzbek city of Samarkand will host the 14th meeting of the Conference from February 12 to 17, 2024, the press service of the government of Uzbekistan reported.

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Members of regional economic cooperation in Central Asia are looking for ways to achieve sustainable development in the face of global climate change 22/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The third scientific conference of the Institute for Regional Economic Cooperation in Central Asia (hereinafter referred to as the "Central Asia Institute") on the topic "Prospects for inclusive green and sustainable growth in the CAREC region" was held online.

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Regional cooperation on the protection of the marine environment of the Caspian Sea was discussed in Geneva by the delegations of the Caspian littoral countries 23/09/2023

The ministerial consultations of the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea, known as the "Tehran Convention", were held in Geneva on September 21-22. The meeting was attended by delegations of the Caspian littoral states - Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan and Russia.

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Water resources

WATER DAY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 13TH CENTRAL ASIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (CALP) 20/09/2023

On September 18, 2023, the opening ceremony of the 13th Central Asian Leadership Program (CALP) took place at the headquarters of the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) in Almaty. The theme of this year's CALP was "Central Asian Leaders: Engaging Youth in Implementing National Priorities in Climate Change, Regional Cooperation, and Climate Financing for Sustainable Development."

This year, CALP brought together 17 young professionals representing government institutions, the private sector, and civil society in the fields of climate change, water resource management, and green economy in five Central Asian countries.

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70 countries welcome Kingdom's initiative to establish Global Water Organization 21/09/2023

On behalf of 70 countries, the Kingdom's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and international organizations in Geneva, Ambassador Abdulmohsen bin Khothaila, read a joint statement on the international action for sustainable water resources during the 54th Session of the UN Human Rights Council, SPA reports.

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Improving drinking water supply issues considered 22/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 22 September, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev chaired a meeting on providing the population with quality drinking water.

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Tajikistan Invites CICA Member States to the Dushanbe Water Conference 2024 23/09/2023

DUSHANBE, 23.09.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – On September 21, on the margins of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhriddin participated and addressed the Informal Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the

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Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

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Energy sector

By 2030, energy demand in Central Asia expected to increase by 30 percent 18/09/2023

Organized by the IWPR Central Asia Office, an International Expert Meeting entitled "Unlocking Central Asia's Infrastructure and Energy Potential" took place in early August.

According to the organizers, the main goal of this expert discussion was to address the slow progress and challenges hindering infrastructure and energy project development.

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Key stages of construction of CASA-1000 in Kyrgyzstan completed 20/09/2023

Kyrgyzstan has achieved significant milestones in the CASA-1000 project, the press service of the National Electric Grid of Kyrgyzstan reports

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

World Food Program may withdraw from Afghanistan over budget shortfall 19/09/2023

The World Food Program (WFP) has warned that if it does not secure sufficient funding to assist those in need in Afghanistan, it will be forced to halt its operations there.

Khaama Press reported yesterday that in an interview with *ABC News*, Cindy McCain, the Executive Director of the World Food Program, has described the organization's budget reduction as unprecedented and "discouraging".

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Representatives of Turkmenistan discussed the implementation of the TAP project with the Ministry of Energy of Afghanistan 19/09/2023

The head of the Office of Trans-Afghan Electric Power Projects of the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan, Myrat Artykov, met with the acting Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Afghanistan, Mullah Abdul Latif Mansur, with whom he discussed the implementation of the TAP (Turkmenistan - Afghanistan - Pakistan) power transmission project, DABS reports. The parties also touched upon the issues of modernizing the Nur

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al-Jihad substation, located in Herat.

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"Leaving Afghanistan alone with its own problems would be a grave mistake" – Shavkat Mirziyoyev 20/09/2023

"The developments in Afghanistan directly impact international security. The country is facing a new challenge that demands a unique approach. Leaving Afghanistan again alone with its own problems would be a grave mistake," Shavkat Mirziyoyev said.

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Tajikistan calls for strengthening fight against drug trafficking from Afghanistan 22/09/2023

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan, Sirojiddin Muhriddin, emphasized the importance of maintaining a continuous dialogue on the issue of drug trafficking from Afghanistan during the meeting of foreign ministers at the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, Ia-centr.ru reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Presidents of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan discussed situation on border 20/09/2023

Presidents Sadyr Japarov and Emomali Rahmon discussed priority areas and prospects for Kyrgyz-Tajik bilateral and multilateral cooperation on the sidelines of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, held in New York.

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Kyrgyz President addresses 78th session of UN General Assembly 20/09/2023

Bishkek, Sept. 20, 2023. /Kabar/. Sadyr Zhaparov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, addresses the general debate of the 78th Session of the General Assembly of the UN (New York, 19 - 23 and 26 September 2023).

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Turkmenistan initiates the creation of a Security Conference in Central Asia 20/09/2023

President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov proposed the creation of a Security Conference in Central Asia. The head of state said this at the plenary meeting of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly.

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Address by the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon at the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly 20/09/2023

Mr. President,

Mr. Secretary-General,

Heads od states and governments,

Ladies and gentlemen,

In today's challenging and turbulent time, international community more than ever needs integration and trust.

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President of Uzbekistan addressed the 78th session of the UN General Assembly 20/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 19 September, the general political debate of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly began at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev addressed the event.

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President Emomali Rahmon Meets with President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Japarov in New-York 20/09/2023

DUSHANBE, 20.09.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – On September 19, the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York, United States of America, on the sidelines of the general debate of the 78th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations met with the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr

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Japarov.

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Dozens of monuments in Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan included in UNESCO World Heritage List 21/09/2023

Historical sites along the "Silk Road: Zarafshan-Karakum Corridor" route have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The decision was made at the 45th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Centralasianlight.org reported.

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Turkmen-Kazakh Commission on International Road Transport discussed prospects 21/09/2023

At the latest meeting of the Turkmen-Kazakh commission on international road transportation issues in the city of Turkmenbashi, questions regarding the current state of road transportation between the two countries and the prospects for further growth were discussed, Orient.tm reports.

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More investments are coming to Kyrgyzstan from Uzbekistan 22/09/2023

In the first half of 2023, direct foreign investments (DFI) in Kyrgyzstan were estimated at $429.1 million. This is a decrease of 31.68% compared to the same period in 2022, and the decline is attributed to reduced investments from most traditional partners. Akchabar reports.

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