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Climate Change and Environment

RECATH: REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES IN CENTRAL ASIA 25/09/2023

Today, everyone knows that addressing climate change issues needs the implementation of adaptation and mitigation measures in all areas, from national planning tools to the creation of a database on greenhouse gas emissions.

"Countries need to integrate climate change considerations into all national planning tools, strengthen institutional and technical capacities, carry out activities in relevant sectors, address data gaps and improve assessment methodologies, as well as collect accurate and up-to-date information to create and regularly update databases on greenhouse gas emissions," says **Oksana Kravtsova**, a specialist at the ReCATH project.

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PAVILION OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES TO WORK AT UNFCCC COP28 IN DUBAI 25/09/2023

Central Asia – On September 19, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), with the support of the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), held the first meeting of the working group to support the functioning of the Central Asia Pavilion at the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP28).

The discussion of important thematic and organizational issues brought together nominated representatives of the relevant government agencies of the Central Asian countries, agreed representatives of international organizations and CAREC.

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AKF helps Tajik farmers take environmental solutions to increase their yields 25/09/2023

Tajikistan's National Development Strategy (NDS) for the period to 2030 lists the "protection and sustainable use of natural resources to ensure further economic and social development" amongst "the main objectives and crucial conditions for sustainable human development".

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Turkmenistan supports the Global Methane Initiative 25/09/2023

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Turkmenistan joins international efforts on the climate agenda and supports the UN initiative - the Global Commitment on Methane, taking measures at the national level to reduce methane emissions into the air. This was stated by President Serdar Berdimuhamedov at a meeting of the Halk Maslahaty of Turkmenistan on Sunday, September 24.

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THE 2ND NATIONAL FOREST INVENTORY IN KYRGYZSTAN IS BEING COMPLETED 28/09/2023

The State Forest Service of the Kyrgyz Republic is completing the 2nd National Forest Inventory (NFI #2) in Kyrgyzstan.

The purpose of the NFI #2 is to ensure the sustainable development of the forest sector, preserve biological diversity through the creation of a reliable and up–to-date information database on the state of forests, their quantitative and qualitative characteristics, the introduction of the principles of ecosystem services and adaptation to climate change.

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The purpose of the trainings is to increase the potential of villagers in the face of climate change 29/09/2023

The FAO/GEF project "Integrated Natural Resources Management in Drought-prone and Salt-affected Agricultural Production Landscapes in Central Asia and Turkey" (CACILM-2) contributes to the fruitful work carried out in Turkmenistan on climate change adaptation.

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Uzbekistan to ban the import, sale and production of plastic in protected areas 29/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Ministry of Ecology and Environmental Protection submitted for consideration a draft document on a ban on the import, sale and production of disposable plastic products (except for products made from natural organic polymers) in territories intended for nature protection, health improvement and recreation, as well as in areas where objects of tangible cultural heritage are located.

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Global warming turns millions into climate migrants 29/09/2023

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The International Organization for Migration (IOM) predicts that by 2050, there could be anywhere from 44 million to 216 million climate migrants, Anadolu Agency reports.

Experts suggest that as the impacts of the climate crisis intensify, inter-country climate migrations may become more frequent.

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Summit "Central Asia + Federal Republic of Germany": cooperation in the fight against climate change in Central Asia 30/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.uz) – On 29 September, the First Summit of the Heads of States of Central Asia and the Federal Republic of Germany took place in Berlin, which opened a new milestone in relations between the countries.

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Water resources

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan agree to save water 24/09/2023

Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Alikhan Smailov and Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic – Chief of the Presidential Administration Akylbek Japarov participated in the 11th session of the Kazakh-Kyrgyz Intergovernmental Council, Kazinform reports via the Kazakh Government.

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Kazakhstan to look at Israeli agricultural technologies, water resources management practices 27/09/2023

Prospects for applying the Israeli experience in the development of agro-industrial complex and water resources management were discussed during a meeting of Kazah Prime Minister Alikhan Smailov and Michael Roee, Chairman of the Israel-Kazakhstan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kazinform cites primeminister.kz.

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REGIONAL AMU DARYA RIVER DAY: CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE CENTRAL ASIA 27/09/2023

KHIVA, UZBEKISTAN – Today, the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity held a regional celebration of the Amu Darya River Day, which was the final in a

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series of River Day events.

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Turkmenistan invited German companies to participate in projects in the field of water management 29/09/2023

Chairman of the Khalk Maslakhaty of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov invited German companies to participate in the implementation of projects in the field of water use. He made this proposal in Berlin at a meeting of the heads of delegations of the countries of Central Asia and the Eastern Economic Committee of Germany, TDH reports.

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The functions of the Inspectorate for monitoring the safety of water facilities have been expanded 29/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers "On approval of certain regulatory documents regulating the activities of the Inspectorate for Monitoring the Safety of Water Facilities and Water Use under the Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan" was adopted.

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Energy sector

Uzbekistan's energy system in dire need of reform 25/09/2023

The delay of reforms in Uzbekistan's energy sector could lead to dire consequences in the near future, Nova24.uz reports .

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Tajikistan intends to increase share of alternative electricity 26/09/2023

Tajikistan intends to increase to 10% the share of electricity that it will receive not from hydroelectric power stations by 2030, said the Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan Daler Juma, Reuters reports.

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EBRD pledges new resources for green investment in Tajikistan 26/09/2023

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is committing fresh funds to facilitating better access to green technologies and climate adaptation for businesses and

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households in Tajikistan, a country badly affected by climate change.

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Energy resource shortages may affect economic growth in Kyrgyzstan 27/09/2023

Kyrgyzstan's GDP to demonstrate moderate growth in the coming years, the forecast of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development says, Akchabar.kg reports.

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Germany wants to receive more oil from Kazakhstan 28/09/2023

German authorities have confirmed their strong readiness to deepen trade, economic, and investment ties with Kazakhstan, according to Zakon.kz.

Active and trusting political dialogue at all levels and close cooperation within multilateral platforms are maintained between Astana and Berlin. This was announced after the negotiations between the President of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, and the Federal Chancellor of Germany, Olaf Scholz, in Berlin.

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Tajikistan plans to produce 1 million tons of hydrogen by 2040 28/09/2023

Hydropower-rich Tajikistan plans to produce 1 million metric tons of green hydrogen by 2040 for usage at home and exports to neighboring Central Asian countries, the Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan Daler Juma told *Reuters* in an interview in Tokyo, Japan on September 25.

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Kazakh Parliament ratifies further control over flow of energy resources to Uzbekistan 28/09/2023

Deputies of the Senate (upper house) of the Parliament of Kazakhstan approved the law on ratification of the intergovernmental agreement with Uzbekistan on joint customs control when moving energy resources across the Kazakh-Uzbek customs border, Trend reports.

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ADB partners with Kyrgyzstan to support PPP development in key sectors 28/09/2023

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Bishkek, Sept. 28, 2023. /Kabar/. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has partnered with the Public–Private Partnership Center in the National Investment Agency under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic to help the country develop public–private partnerships (PPP) in high potential sectors—such as digital, renewable energy, social, and urban mobility—and spur growth.

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Uzbekistan to increase investments in "green" energy 29/09/2023

Uzbekistan will increase investments in green energy development, which can be a solution to many problems.

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How can Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) achieve inclusive green growth and sustainable development? 29/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The third annual scientific conference of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute was held from 20 to 21 September in the form of an online conference. The theme of the conference is "Prospects for Inclusive Green Growth and Sustainable Development in the CAREC Region."

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghan authorities intend to open new checkpoint on border with Turkmenistan 26/09/2023

Representatives of the current Afghan government have announced their intention to build a new border crossing with Turkmenistan in the Bala Murghab area of the Badghis province, agency Tolo News reports.

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Taliban consider themselves right to build Kushtepe canal on border with Central Asian states 28/09/2023

President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, expressed concerns regarding the plans of the current Afghan authorities, fearing that the commissioning of the Kushtepa canal in Afghanistan would drastically alter the water balance in Central Asian countries and

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exacerbate the water deficit in Uzbekistan. In response to this, the Taliban emphasized that they had not undertaken any commitments and would, therefore, do as they please, the portal Podrobno.uz reports, citing the Afghan publication TOLOnews.

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UN General Assembly president urges Afghan authorities to allow girls back to school 29/09/2023

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 28 (Xinhua) -- UN General Assembly President Dennis Francis on Thursday urged the Afghan authorities to reconsider their decision to ban women and girls from proper education.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan confirm peaceful resolution of border issues 25/09/2023

Chairman of the Sogdian region of Tajikistan, Rajabboi Ahmadzoda, and the representative of the President of Kyrgyzstan in the Batken region, Abdikarim Alimbaev, have agreed to avoid making sharp statements about the border issue. They have also urged citizens not to trust unverified information on the internet, TASS reports.

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Kyrgyzstan called on German business circles to help open air traffic 29/09/2023

President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov, along with other leaders of Central Asian countries, met with members of the Eastern Committee of German Business and representatives of leading German companies, as reported by the press service of the President of Kyrgyzstan.

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Father of Turkmen President took part C5+1 meeting in Berlin 29/09/2023

The National Leader of the Turkmen people, the Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty (People's Council) Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov participated in a meeting of the heads of Central Asian states and Germany in Berlin, Turkmenistan State News Agency TDH

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President Tokayev takes part in C5+Germany Presidential Summit 29/09/2023

President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev took part in the C5+Germany Presidential Summit as part of his two-day official visit to Berlin, Kazinform cites Akorda.

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