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Climate Change and Environment

HOW THE CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES CELEBRATED WORLD WETLANDS DAY: UZBEKISTAN 21/02/2024

Nukus, Uzbekistan – On February 2, 2024, the Faculty of Biology of Karakalpak State University hosted a scientific seminar on "Wetlands and human welfare" dedicated to World Wetlands Day. The participants of the seminar were party organization members of the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, specialists of the Saigachiy integrated landscape Reserve, the Southern Ustyurt National Natural Park and the Barsakelmes State Reserve, teaching staff of the Faculty of Biology, doctoral students, undergraduates, students and media representatives.

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 20 February, a regional seminar on "Climate risk assessment and capacity development" was held in Tashkent, dedicated to the launch of a major study on climate risk assessment for five river basins in Central Asia.

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The UAE to help in the combat against land degradation in Karakalpakstan and the development of sustainable agricultural systems 22/02/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 21 February, Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection, and Climate Change Aziz Abdukhakimov met with the Director General of the UAE International Center for Bio-Saline Agriculture (ICBA), etc., Tarif Al Zaabi.

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FIRST STEPS OF THE NATIONAL CLIMATE NETWORK OF UZBEKISTAN 26/02/2024

In the office of the branch of the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) in Uzbekistan, meetings of professional ecologists, NGO activists, volunteers, scientists, journalists and employees of the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan were held for the second time. The process of creating the National Climate Network is being carried out with the support of the Eco movement.

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Water resources

Spain offers Uzbekistan technology that will reduce water consumption in agriculture and increase yields 20/02/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A meeting was held at the Embassy of Uzbekistan with the speaker on food issues of the Spanish Senate Commission on Agriculture, Livestock and Food, Antonio Luengo, as well as with representatives of the BioGreen Road, Dunyo news agency reported.

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Kazakhstan needs to build 40 water reservoirs, Emergencies Minister 20/02/2024

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The Minister told the Government meeting this year Kazakhstan plans to construct the Yessil flood control compensating reservoir on the River Yessil in Akmola region to eliminate flooding threats in rural settlements in Akmola and North Kazakhstan regions. He stressed the country needs to build 40 water reservoirs to raise people's safety. He said as the practice shows the funds allocated for emergency response operations are hundreds of times more than the funds allocated for disaster prevention and preparedness.

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25 villages in Batken region of Kyrgyzstan to be provided with drinking and irrigation water 20/02/2024

Bishkek, Feb. 20, 2024. /Kabar/. A project will be implemented in 25 villages of Batken region aimed at improving the supply of irrigation and clean drinking water.

The implementation of this project was discussed in the building of the regional administration of the Batken region. The meeting was attended by representatives of the international organization Mercy Corps, representatives of the Batken regional administration, a deputy of the Kyrgyz Parliament and other local authorities.

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CAREC CONTINUES TO PROMOTE THE NEXUS APPROACH IN CENTRAL ASIA: ZARAFSHAN RIVER BASIN IS IN FOCUS 20/02/2024

Aini, Tajikistan – Experts from the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) acted as trainers on the Water-Energy-Food interconnection approach (WEP Nexus) for representatives of the Zarafshan River Basin Council. The training was held within the framework of the Integrated Rural Development Project/TRIGGER, co-funded by the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented in consortium with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), GFA Consulting Group and HELVETAS.

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Nobel Systems and UzSuvTa'minot Announce Completion of Digital Twin Water Management Project 21/02/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Today, Nobel Systems Inc. announced the successful completion of the groundbreaking Digital Twin project in collaboration with

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Uzsuvtaminot, the national water management agency of Uzbekistan.

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2 gauging stations opened on border of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to control transboundary waters 26/02/2024

Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have inaugurated two hydrometric stations on transboundary canals for automatic water flow control and joint management of water resources, announced the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, TASS reports.

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Energy sector

Kazakhstan, Japan discuss green energy development 22/02/2024

Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Japan Sabr Yessimbekov held a meeting with Managing Executive Officer of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) Tatsushi Amano, Kazinform News Agency cites the press service of the Kazakh Foreign Affairs Ministry.

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RES account for almost 12% of energy generated in Kazakhstan 23/02/2024

The Parliamentary Commission for Monitoring the Implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals held its meeting in Astana, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

UN chief in Doha: We all need peace in Afghanistan 20/02/2024

If the de facto authorities in Afghanistan want long-term peace and development in the country, they must lift the restrictions imposed on women and girls, said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in Doha, where the International Conference on Afghanistan took place with representatives from several countries, Avesta reports.

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Afghanistan and Uzbekistan begun restoring Hairaton - Mazar-i-Sharif

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railway 22/02/2024

The ceremony marking the start of the reconstruction and repair of the "Hairaton - Mazar-i-Sharif" railway line connecting Uzbekistan and Afghanistan took place on February 21 at the "Hairaton" station. This was reported by the press service of "O'zbekiston temir yo'llari" ("Uzbekistan Railways").

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Turkmenistan works with China to restore stability in Afghanistan 25/02/2024

Turkmenistan and China actively collaborate on matters related to the economic recovery and political stability in Afghanistan, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan. A meeting took place in Ashgabat between the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, Ahmed Gurbanov, and the Special Envoy of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Afghan Affairs, Yue Xiaoyong, TASS reports.

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Afghan Foreign Minister discusses energy projects in Ashgabat 26/02/2024

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, Amir Khan Mottaki, is on an official visit to Turkmenistan. According to a press release from the Afghan Foreign Ministry, he is scheduled to meet with his Turkmen counterpart, Rashid Meredov, Daryo.uz reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan intend to increase trade turnover to $10 bln 20/02/2024

Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan intend to increase mutual trade by 2.5 times, reaching $10 billion, Sputnik Kazakhstan reports.

The announcement was made during the negotiations between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan, Bakhtiyor Saidov, and his Kazakh counterpart, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Murat Nurtleu.

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Central Asian countries may soon face growing imbalance in gas

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supply and demand – WB 25/02/2024

The World Bank published a new report on February 22 titled "Achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2060: Sustainable Energy Future for the Countries of Europe and Central Asia," according to information from the World Bank, Gazeta.uz reports.

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