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Climate Change and Environment

SECOND TRAINING OF THE NATIONAL CLIMATE NETWORK OF UZBEKISTAN 04/03/2024

The second training of the National Climate Network of Uzbekistan took place at the office of the branch of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) in Uzbekistan.

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OSCE creates strategy to address climate risks in Central Asia's highlands 05/03/2024

The OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe) is working on the development of a strategy for cooperation in addressing climate risks in high-mountain regions of Central Asia. This was announced by the OSCE Secretary-General Helga Schmid during a meeting with the Ministers of Environment of Central Asian countries in Ashgabat, TASS reports.

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Turkmenistan held high-level meeting on environmental issues OSCE - Central Asia 05/03/2024

The Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Helga Schmid, participated in a high-level meeting with heads of environmental agencies from Central Asian countries. The event took place at the Yyldyz hotel in the capital, Orient reports.

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Climate change disproportionately impacts rural women, poor, elders: FAO 06/03/2024

Female farmers, poor people, and older populations are the most affected by climate change, and their needs require targeted measures, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) highlighted in a report published on Tuesday, Xinhua reports.

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Kyrgyz minister of natural resources take part in meeting with OSCE secretary general 07/03/2024

Bishkek, March 7, 2024. /Kabar/. Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic Melis Turgunbaev took part in the meeting of the Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) with the ministers of environmental protection of Central Asian countries in Ashgabat (Turkmenistan).

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OVER 86,000 PEOPLE ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN TAJIKISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN. CAMP4ASB AF TAKES STOCK 07/03/2024

The 4th meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) discussed the outcomes of the national components of the project “Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin, Additional Financing (CAMP4ASB AF)” on March 5, 2024.

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) implements CAMP4ASB AF in cooperation with the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS) under the financial support of the World Bank and the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

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Innovative approaches to increase agrobiodiversity were presented in Tashkent 10/03/2024

On March 7, Tashkent hosted a seminar on ensuring the use and conservation of agrobiodiversity on saline, unproductive lands in the Aral Sea basin.

The event was attended by Director of the Research Institute of Environment and Nature Protectional Technologies at the Ministry of Ecology Baxtiyor Pulatov, Director of the International Innovation Center of the Aral Sea Basin Bakhytzhan Khabibullayev, head of the GIZ "Green Central Asia" project Karolina Milov, representatives of the BLUE SATREPS project in Uzbekistan Professor Kenji Tanaka and Dr. Temur Khuzhanazarov, Doctor of Martin Luther University (Germany) Christopher Conrad, representatives of the Drylands Research Center, the Graduate School of Bioresources, and Mie University (Japan).

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THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC HIGHLY APPRECIATES THE CONTRIBUTION

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OF THE CAREC-CENTRAL ASIA PAVILION AT COP28 TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP FOR THE FIVE YEARS OF ACTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN REGIONS 11/03/2024

On March 5, 2024, an expert meeting on the implementation of the Roadmap for the Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions (2023–2027) was held at the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision. The event was chaired by the Special Representative of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for the implementation of the five-year action for the development of mountainous areas, Nurlan Aitmurzaev, and the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Kyrgyz Republic, K. U. Kaseyinov. The event was an important step in the country's efforts to draw attention to the unique challenges and opportunities associated with sustainable mountain development, as well as increasing cooperation between government agencies, international organizations, the non-governmental sector and scientific institutions. CAREC was represented by Vladimir Grebnev, regional climate change specialist, and Kuban Matraimov, director of the country branch in the Kyrgyz Republic.

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The Ministry of Environment presented a Strategy for involving youth in the climate agenda 11/03/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 11 March, a presentation of the Strategy for involving youth in the climate agenda took place in the building of the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change.

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Water resources

Turkmenistan is committed to the water dialogue in the spirit of good neighborliness and the norms of international law 04/03/2024

Turkmenistan is active in its initiatives on the systematic use of water resources, taking into account the interests of all States in the region and the comprehensive solution of water and economic problems based on the principles of equality and mutual consent. "Our country stands for water cooperation with neighboring countries to be carried out in accordance with international law, in the spirit of traditional good-neighborliness and brotherhood," Kerim Saparov, Head of the Department of Agrarian Reforms of the Ministry

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of Agriculture of Turkmenistan, said at the Turkmen-Afghan Economic Forum in Ashgabat.

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THE INCEPTION MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PROJECT "CLIMATE SENSITIVE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA" 05/03/2024

Central Asia – On 5 March 2024, the inception meeting of the regional project "Climate Sensitive Water Resources Management in Central Asia" was held online.

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Energy sector

WB may allocate $500 mln for Kambarata HPP in Kyrgyzstan 05/03/2024

The World Bank is ready to allocate $500 million for the construction of the Kambaratinskaya HPP-1 in Kyrgyzstan, which is being built on the Naryn River, stated the Minister of Energy of Kyrgyzstan, Taalaibek Ibraev, Economist.kg reports.

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Two new energy facilities and gas boiler houses to be built in Bishkek 05/03/2024

Deputy Minister of Energy Talaibek Baigaziev, at a press conference at Kabar Agency, told what energy projects are planned to be implemented in Bishkek, Kabar reports.

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Energy ring to be created in Central Asia with participation of Iran 07/03/2024

Iran intends to collaborate with Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan in the field of electricity exchange, announced the Minister of Energy of Iran, Ali-Akbar Mehrabian, during negotiations with the Minister of Energy of Uzbekistan, Jurabek Mirzamakhmudov, Eurasia Today reports.

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German W. Hass Future intends to invest €300 mln in construction of solar power plants in Kyrgyzstan 07/03/2024

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The German company W. Hass Future is ready to invest over €300 million in the construction of solar power plants in Kyrgyzstan. This information was revealed following a meeting in Bishkek between the company's head, Waldemar Hass, and the head of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kyrgyzstan, Temir Sariyev, Economist.kg reports.

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World Bank delegation members visit the Roghun hydropower plant site 11/03/2024

A delegation of the World Bank Group Board of Executive Directors (EDs) concluded a landmark visit to Central Asia, following a series of engagements in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan on March 9, says press release issued by the World Bank.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Turkmenistan expands electricity supply network to Afghanistan 04/03/2024

Turkmenistan is taking consistent steps to increase the volumes and diversify the routes of electricity supply to Afghanistan. Myrat Artykov, the head of the Ministry of Energy's International Projects Department for the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan direction, shared details about current and planned initiatives in this area at the Turkmen-Afghan Business Forum in Ashgabat, Orient reports.

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Turkmen and Afghan companies concluded 16 deals worth more than $7.7 million 05/03/2024

At the Turkmen-Afghan business forum, which was held in Ashgabat on March 4-5, one memorandum and 16 agreements were signed between Turkmen and Afghan private companies. The total amount of export contracts amounted to more than 7 million 721 thousand US dollars.

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Afghanistan supports principle of mutual consent and equality with its neighbors in use of transboundary hydro resources 05/03/2024

At the Turkmen-Afghan Business Forum in Ashgabat, the parties identified the agro-

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industrial complex as a promising area of cooperation, where the rational use of water resources, including transboundary resources, plays a key role, Turkmenportal reports.

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The Afghan delegation got acquainted with the activities of the Termez International Trade Center 06/03/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A delegation led by the chief adviser to the Minister of Industry and Trade of Afghanistan F. Azizi made an official visit to Surkhandarya region of Uzbekistan.

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Results of visit of trade and economic mission of Afghanistan summed up in Ashgabat 06/03/2024

The results of the visit to Ashgabat of the Afghan delegation led by Acting Minister of Industry and Trade Nuruddin Azizi were summed up in Ashgabat at a bilateral meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan. The Turkmen side was led by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov, Orient reports.

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Turkmenistan called on Afghanistan to take science-based approach to water abstraction from transboundary rivers 07/03/2024

During negotiations in Ashgabat with the Afghan delegation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, among other important issues, emphasized the topic of cooperation in the water management sector, Orient reports.

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Afghan traders call the exhibition in Ashgabat "profitable", reporting large sales 08/03/2024

After the end of the exhibition of Afghan goods in Ashgabat, Acting Minister of Industry and Trade Nuruddin Azizi said that a significant amount of the country's products presented at the three-day exhibition had been sold.

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WB resumes financing construction of Afghan section of CASA-1000

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power line 11/03/2024

The World Bank, after a two-year pause, is resuming funding for the implementation of the interregional power transmission line CASA-1000 in Afghanistan, according to information from the Afghan power company Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS), Asia Plus reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Foreign ministers of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan discussed border issue in Antalya 04/03/2024

The foreign ministers of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan discussed a range of issues of bilateral relations on the sidelines of the Antalya Diplomatic Forum, reports the press service of the Tajik Foreign Ministry.

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Uzbekistan intends to strengthen cooperation with Kazakhstan in field of logistics 11/03/2024

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan intend to strengthen transit, transport and logistics cooperation. This possibility and prospects were discussed at a meeting in Tashkent by the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Uzbekistan Beibut Atamkulov and the head of the Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan Ilkhom Makhkamov, Sputnik reports.

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Turkmenistan expanded economic cooperation with Central Asian countries 11/03/2024

The domestic and foreign policy of Turkmenistan is based on the development of market relations, the efficient use of natural resources, the creation of favorable conditions for the lives of citizens, the building of good neighborly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation. CentralAsia.news columnist Vadim Shagiakhmedov spoke about this.

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Government delegations of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan discuss state border demarcation 11/03/2024

Bishkek, March 11, 2024. /Kabar/. From March 4 to March 8, a regular meeting of

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working groups of government delegations of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan on the work of the Joint Kyrgyz-Uzbek Demarcation Commission took place in Osh, press service of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan increase interregional mutual tourist flows 11/03/2024

Bishkek, March 11, 2024. /Kabar/. The issues of further development of interregional mutual tourist flows were discussed at a meeting of representatives of the Consulate General of Uzbekistan with the head of the local company “Munduz Tourist” Umarzhon Yosiddinov in the city of Osh, Dunyo News Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan reported.

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