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Climate Change and Environment

CAREC LAUNCHES CACCC-2024 REGISTRATION 13/03/2024

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) launches registration of the Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2024).

In 2024, the Conference CACCC-2024 will consider critical issues pertaining to water, energy, food security, and environmental sustainability within the context of a climate-affected Central Asia.

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Kazakhstan to take care of environment in Aral Basin together with Uzbekistan 13/03/2024

Kazakhstan intends to improve the environmental situation in the Aral Sea Basin jointly with Uzbekistan, as stated in the bill "On the Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Cooperation in the Field of Ecology and Environmental Protection," approved by the deputies of the Majilis (lower house of the Kazakh parliament), Zakon.kz reports.

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Tajikistan and Iran Plan to Hold a Meeting of Heads of Rescue Departments on Glacier Protection in Dushanbe 13/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 13.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – The delegation of Tajikistan led by the Chairman of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense Rustam Nazarzoda visited Iran.

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Implementation of Tajikistan's Initiative for the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation 2025 Discussed in Geneva 14/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 14.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – On March 12, in Geneva, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to the Swiss Confederation, Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva Sharaf Sheralizoda met with the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization Professor Celeste Saulo.

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Uzbekistan will involve youth in solving problems of environmental protection 14/03/2024

Uzbekistan will involve youth in solving environmental and climate problems, the Podrobno.uz news agency reports.

As the Ministry of Ecology of the Republic said, a Youth Council of 75 people will be created under the department.

Environment ambassadors will appear in each region of Uzbekistan, who, with the support of the Youth Council, will develop regional maps of environmental problems.

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Training on adaptation to climate change was conducted for Turkmen specialists 14/03/2024

A two-day training course – training for trainers «Integrating adaptation to the impacts of climate change into water management planning in Turkmenistan» was held in Ashgabat this week.

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UNDP concludes a series of workshops on climate change adaptation for decision-makers from Ashgabat and Dashoguz velayat 18/03/2024

Within the framework of the project "Developing a National Adaptation Planning Process in Turkmenistan", implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with the financial support of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan, the final workshop of a series of events on adaptation to climate change was concluded. The workshop was held from March 13 to 15, 2024 in Ashgabat.

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A NEW LEVEL OF COOPERATION: THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ECOLOGY AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC AND CAREC 18/03/2024

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of

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the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Memorandum was signed at a meeting between the Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic, Melis Turgunbaev, and the CAREC team in Kyrgyzstan. Kuban Matraimov, Director of the CAREC branch in the Kyrgyz Republic, signed the Memorandum on behalf of the CAREC.

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Water resources

Water shortage problem in Central Asia getting worse 12/03/2024

The peak of river runoff in Central Asia will shift due to the accelerated melting of glaciers, stated Dmitry Petrakov, associate professor of cryolithology and glaciology at the Faculty of Geography of Moscow State University, in the program "In the Center of Asia," Eurasia Today reports.

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Indefinite moratorium to be imposed on mining mineral resources in Syrdarya basin 12/03/2024

From May 1, an indefinite moratorium will be introduced on the mining of mineral resources in the Syrdarya riverbed, and the responsibility for the damage caused to nature as a result of illegal mining will be increased.

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Registration of Media Representatives for the Third Dushanbe Water Conference Begun 15/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 15.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – From June 10 through June 13, 2024, under the Dushanbe Water Process, the Third High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action «Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028» will be held in Dushanbe.

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DUSHANBE WATER PROCESS: UNICEF Plans to Establish a Youth for Water and Climate Network in Tajikistan 16/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 16.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) **–** From June 10 through June 13, 2024, Dushanbe will host the third high-level international conference dedicated to the

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International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” 2018-2028, within the framework of the Dushanbe Water Process.

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President of ICID is on a working visit to Uzbekistan 18/03/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 17 March 2024, a meeting was held at the Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan with Marco Arcieri, President of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID).

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Energy sector

Tajikistan’s energy crisis: what happened on March 1 and what conclusions Tajik authorities should draw 11/03/2024

Recent cold weather in Tajikistan has caused a crisis in power supply and greatly increased the population’s problems. People are complaining about a lack of electricity, while officials claim that the cause was a sudden increase in demand for electricity from the population itself, which led to an accident on the country’s high-voltage power lines.

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Tajikistan bets it all on hydropower 13/03/2024

Posted on *Radio Liberty’s* website, an article by Chris Rickleton notes that having spent much of the last decade and several billion dollars building the Roghun "megadam," the project is clearly too big to fail from the point of view of Tajikistan's leadership.

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Uzbekhydroenergo and Masdar sign an agreement on the implementation of pumped storage hydropower projects in Uzbekistan 13/03/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Today, on 13 March in Tashkent, Uzbekhydroenergo JSC and Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company PJSC - Masdar, a clean energy power plant in the UAE, signed an agreement with the state-owned hydroelectric power producer in Uzbekistan to assess the feasibility of several projects on the

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accumulation of hydroelectric power in the country.

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Kazakhstan, Austria eye cooperation in investment, transit and transport and renewable energy sources sectors 15/03/2024

As part of a working visit to Vienna, Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu held bilateral negotiations with Minister of European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria Alexander Schallenberg. The parties discussed issues of further strengthening political interaction and outlined upcoming visits and events this year at the highest and high levels, Kazinform News Agency learnt from the Kazakh Foreign Ministry.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

WB resumes financing construction of Afghan section of CASA-1000 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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CSTO to adopt draft security program on Tajik-Afghan border by July 13/03/2024

The Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) plans to present its work on developing a program to strengthen the southern border by July 2024. This was stated by the Secretary General of the CSTO, Imangali Tasmagambetov, in an interview with TASS.

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Turkmenistan sends specialists to Afghanistan to complete construction of TAPI 14/03/2024

Enterprises of the state concern "Turkmengaz" are sending their specialists and workers to Afghanistan for the construction of the Afghan section of the TAPI gas pipeline (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India), Radio Azatlyk sources report.

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Delegation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan paid visit to Afghanistan 14/03/2024

The Uzbek delegation held a series of meetings and negotiations with officials of the interim government of Afghanistan, including Acting Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund, Acting Deputy Prime Minister Mawlawi Abdul Salam Hanafi, Acting Deputy Prime Minister Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaki, Acting Minister of Internal Affairs Khalifa Sirajuddin Haqqani, and Acting Minister of Trade and Industry Nuriddin Azizi.

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HPP to be built in Tajik Badakhshan to supply energy to Afghanistan and Pakistan 15/03/2024

The construction of the Sanobod Hydroelectric Power Plant in the Rushan District of the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region will allow the export of excess electricity abroad, particularly to northern Pakistan and Afghanistan, said Daler Juma, the Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, Asia Plus reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

President Emomali Rahmon Receives the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov 11/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 11.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, received the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Honorable Abdulla Aripov, who arrived in Tajikistan to participate in the next meeting of the Joint Intergovernmental Commission on Economic and Commercial Cooperation.

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Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Discuss Joint Production of Cars 12/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 12.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – On March 10, the Minister of Economic Development and Trade Zavki Zavkizoda met with the Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of Uzbekistan Laziz Kudratov.

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Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan to create common geodetic network to resolve border issues 13/03/2024

Representatives of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan discussed the creation of a common geodetic network and demarcation maps at the next meeting of the demarcation commission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan informed.

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Dushanbe Hosts a Meeting of the Tajik-Uzbek Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation 13/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 13.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, Dushanbe hosted a meeting of the Tajik-Uzbek Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation.

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USA ready to increase investment and trade in relations with Central Asia 15/03/2024

The United States will continue working to mitigate the consequences of sanctions against Russia for Central Asia, ready to increase trade volume with the region and boost investment flows there. This was stated by the Special Assistant to the President of the United States, Senior Director for Russia and Central Asia at the National Security Council, Nicholas Berliner, TASS reports.

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Co-chairs of the Tajik-Kyrgyz Governmental Delegations on the Border Delimitation and Demarcation 15/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 15.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – On March 15, the Tajik city of Buston hosted a regular meeting of the co-chairs of the governmental delegations of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic on the border delimitation and demarcation Saymumin Yatimov and Kamchybek Tashiev.

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Turkmenistan increases trade with Kyrgyzstan 18/03/2024

The positive dynamics of bilateral cooperation was reaffirmed during the meeting between the Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Bishkek, Nury Golliev, and the Minister of Energy of Kyrgyzstan, Taalaibek Ibraev, Orient reports.

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