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Climate Change and Environment

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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Climate Change Center to be opened in Turkmenistan with UN support 19/03/2024

In Turkmenistan, a Center for Climate Technologies in the Central Asian region will be established. It will be opened with the support of the UN. This was announced at a seminar on climate change adaptation for decision-makers in Turkmenistan, Daryo.uz reports.

The event was held within the framework of the project "Development of the National

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Adaptation Planning Process in Turkmenistan," implemented by UNDP with financial support from the Green Climate Fund (GCF), according to the statement.

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WMO issues red alert over record-breaking climate change indicators 20/03/2024

The United Nations'(UN) climate chief issued a red alert on Tuesday as new data showed that records for every single climate indicator were shattered in 2023, Xinhua reports.

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Turkmenistan strengthens international cooperation with agricultural organizations 22/03/2024

During a working visit of the Turkmenistan delegation to Italy, a series of meetings with leaders of international agricultural organizations took place, the press service of the Turkmen Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed.

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CLIMATE CHANGE MASTER CLASS OF CAREC 20/03/2024

The Coordinator of the Central Asia Climate Information Portal (CACIP) of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), **Azamat Kauazov**, conducted a master class covering various aspects of climate change in the media.

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DONOR ORGANIZATIONS MEET IN BISHKEK TO JOIN EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES 20/03/2024

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia Country Office for Kyrgyzstan participated in a meeting of donor organizations.

The meeting took place with the assistance of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic on March 19. It discussed projects of international development partners covering the areas of environment, climate change and disaster risk management.

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Water resources

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Kyrgyzstan and Japan discuss bilateral cooperation in water resources 19/03/2024

Deputy Minister of Water Resources, Agriculture and Processing Industry - Director of the Water Resources Service of the Kyrgyz Republic Almazbek Sokeyev held bilateral negotiations with Toru Ishikawa, Senior Director, Overseas Projects Division, Policy Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, Kabar reports.

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Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan to keep record of amount of water consumed by each other 19/03/2024

Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan agreed on installation of water meters to calculate the amount of water consumed by both sides, Kazinform News Agency reports citing the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation.

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Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan agree to install transboundary water meters 19/03/2024

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have agreed to install meters at each other's locations that will allow them to calculate the exact volume of water consumed by both countries, the press service of the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Kazakhstan reported.

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Ecological Party of Uzbekistan suggests to use rainwater to overcome shortage 19/03/2024

Around 1.1 billion people worldwide suffer from varying degrees of water scarcity. In Central Asia alone, glacier area has decreased by approximately 30% over the past 50-60 years, with Uzbekistan ranking 25th in the list of countries suffering from "water stress," Ritmeurasia.ru reports.

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March 22 - World Water Day 22/03/2024

World Water Day is celebrated annually on March 22 to draw attention to the importance of freshwater resources and promote sustainable management. This Day provides an opportunity to take action to overcome the global water crisis in support of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDGs): ensuring the availability and rational use of water resources and sanitation for all by 2030.

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New York Hosts a Meeting of the Co-chairs of the 2023 UN Water Conference 23/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 23.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – On March 22, on the sidelines of the high-level event "World Water Day 2024" in New York, delegations of the co-chairing countries of the UN Water Conference 2023, led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan and the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Water Resources of the Netherlands, met at the site of last year's conference and again noted the successful bilateral cooperation of the parties at last year's historic conference.

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Energy sector

A series of events to promote energy efficiency technologies was held in Mary 20/03/2024

As part of the joint project of UNDP and the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan "Sustainable Cities: Integrated Development of Green Cities in Ashgabat and Avaza", a series of events to improve energy efficiency were held from March 13 to 20 in the city of Mary. These include a training seminar on innovative energy efficiency technologies in the electricity industry and an international conference on the topic "Prospects for the introduction of "green" innovative technologies for energy efficiency in the electricity industry of Turkmenistan." The events were organized in cooperation with the Sustainable Energy Connections in Central Asia (SECCA) project, funded by the European Union.

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A Kazakh delegation took part in the first world's first Nuclear Energy Summit convened in Brussels on Thursday, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

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President kickstarts construction of three power plants in Namangan worth over $1 billion 25/03/2024

The president has inaugurated the commencement of construction for three new power stations in the Namangan region, summing up in a total investment exceeding $1 billion.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Company from Kyrgyzstan intends to mine gold and antimony in Afghanistan 19/03/2024

The Kyrgyz company "Allatoy" has expressed its intention to engage in the extraction of gold and antimony, as well as in the training of Afghan technical specialists, Sputnik Afghanistan reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kyrgyzstan starts next stage of China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway construction project 19/03/2024

Bishkek, March 19, 2024. / Kabar/. The state enterprise "National Company "Kyrgyz Temir Zholu" has begun the next stage of the implementation of the project for the construction of the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway.

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Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan develop cooperation in public diplomacy 19/03/2024

Tashkent, March 19, 2024 / Kabar /. The newly appointed head of the Osh regional

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branch of the Assembly of the People of Kyrgyzstan Berdigul Karaev and representatives of the Consulate General of Uzbekistan in the city of Osh discussed on Monday priority areas of Kyrgyz-Uzbek cooperation, the Dunyo News Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan reported.

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The Ministry of Education of Kyrgyzstan considered proposals for exchanges with Turkmenistan 20/03/2024

The Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Bishkek, Nury Golliev, met on Wednesday, March 20, with the Minister of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic, Dogdurkul Kendirbayeva.

The diplomat and the minister discussed current areas of cooperation between Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan in the field of education and science, speaking in favor of expanding ties and searching for new formats of interaction.

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