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Climate Change and Environment

Islamic Development Bank to support agriculture in Uzbekistan 01/04/2024

In the years 2024-2028, the infrastructure of rural areas in Uzbekistan will be improved in 21 districts of the Samarkand, Surkhandarya, and Kashkadarya regions. For this purpose, a preferential loan of $260 million for a period of 20 years is being attracted from the Islamic Development Bank, Kun.uz reports.

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UNDP promotes Turkmenistan's participation in efforts to restore the Aral Sea basin at the ICSD meeting in Astana 02/04/2024

Within the framework of the UNDP/GEF project "Conservation and Sustainable Management of Land Resources and High Nature Value Ecosystems in the Aral Sea Basin for Multiple Benefits", UNDP organized a trip of a high-level delegation from Turkmenistan to Astana, Kazakhstan, to participate in the meeting of the Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (ICSD IFAS), held on March 27-28, 2024, in Astana. The trip was organized in support of Turkmenistan's more active and informed participation in the implementation of

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regional cooperation within the framework of the IFAS programme to improve the management and restoration of the land and water resources of the Aral Sea basin.

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Tajikistan identified main problems in geology 02/04/2024

Timely and high-quality conduct of geological research and the fulfillment of tasks set before Tajikistan's industry depend on the level of technical readiness, stated the leadership of the Main Geological Administration under the government of Tajikistan, Asia Plus reports.

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FINANCING GREEN AND TRANSITION: TOWARDS A LOW-GHG AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT FUTURE 04/04/2024

The team of the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) program of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia participated in an online event, "Financing the Green and Transition: Towards a Low-GHG,Climate-Resilient Future", on 3-4 April 2024.

The main objective of this event is to provide a platform for co-operation and knowledge exchange between participants, holding discussions on sustainable finance and climate change.

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Water resources

Akylbek Zhaparov: Water and green energy should become unifying factors in Central Asia for sustainable region 02/04/2024

Bishkek, April 2, 2024 / Kabar/. Water and green energy can and should become unifying factors in Central Asia to ensure sustainable development of all states in the region, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic Akylbek Zhaparov told at the Agricultural Forum 2024 in Bishkek.

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FARMERS IMPLEMENT WATER-SAVING TECHNOLOGIES IN THE CHUI VALLEY OF KYRGYZSTAN 03/04/2024

Locals of the village of Kara-Zhygach in Alamedun district of Chui region continue to

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implement the project “Increasing economic independence and improving the status of women in rural areas in Central Asia through access to irrigation water and infrastructure”.

The project is implemented by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) with the financial support of the international charitable foundation “The Coca-Cola Foundation”.

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The water level in reservoir powering Nurek hydropower plant nears the critical point 04/04/2024

The water level in the reservoir the Nurek hydropower plant is at 857.64 meters, which is 5.07 meters lower compared to last year, Anvar Kiromiddinov, deputy engineer-in-chief of the Nurek hydropower plant, told reporters on April 3. The tour of the Nurek hydropower plant was organized for journalists by Barqi Tojik (Tajikistan’s power generation company).

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Water reservoirs in Kostanay region are 99% full 08/04/2024

Deputy head of the emergencies department of Kostanay region Assylbek Saduov reported on the flood situation in the region, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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Water management lessons Uzbekistan can learn from Las Vegas – Tackling water shortages 08/04/2024

During my recent trip to the U.S. for participation in the 'Democracy is More Than Election Day' international reporting tour, I had the opportunity to visit Las Vegas, situated in the heart of the Mojave Desert. Famous for its dazzling lights and sprawling casinos, Las Vegas presents a stark contrast with its critical challenge of water scarcity, veiled by its luxurious facade.

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Energy sector

Global renewable energy capacity up 52% in 5 years 02/04/2024

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ANKARA.The capacity of renewable energy projects reached 3,869 gigawatts last year, an increase of 52% over the last five years, the latest data from the International Renewable Energy Agency's Renewable Capacity Statistics 2024 report reveals.

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Tajik authorities introduce mandatory use of solar power for lighting buildings in Dushanbe 05/04/2024

The Committee for Architecture and Construction under the Government of Tajikistan (Committee) has endorsed an instruction providing for mandatory use of solar power for lighting buildings as well as during construction and reconstruction of buildings in the Tajik capital starting from April 1, 2024, says an order by the Committee head Nizom Mirzozoda posted on the Committee's *Facebook* page.

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World Future Energy Summit to accelerate meeting COP28 climate goals 05/04/2024

This month's World Future Energy Summit, hosted by Masdar in Abu Dhabi, is set to accelerate the remarkable progress made at COP28 last year, when the landmark 'UAE Consensus' was forged at the first-ever UN climate summit held in the Emirates, WAM reports.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

CASA-1000 to bring $75 mln annually to Afghanistan 02/04/2024

The project for transmitting electricity CASA-1000 will annually bring Afghanistan $75 million in transit fees, reported TOLOnews, citing the spokesperson for the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Afghanistan, Matiullah Abid.

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Afghanistan satisfied with prices and quality of liquefied gas from Turkmenistan 04/04/2024

The quality of liquefied gas and petroleum products imported from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan has improved, and the volume of deliveries has increased, said Maulvi

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Faizullah Tamim, the head of Afghanistan's National Standards Authority, during a meeting with the Turkmenistan Ambassador Hoja Ovezov. This was reported by the Afghan news agency Bakhtar news.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakhstan ready to expand strategic cooperation in gas industry with Turkmenistan 02/04/2024

The Chairman of the Board of the national company of Kazakhstan, QazaqGaz, Sanzhar Zharkeshov, held negotiations with the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan, Batyr Amanov, and the Chairman of the State Concern "TurkmenGaz," Maksat Babaev, in Ashgabat, Orient.tm reports.

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Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan to help each other in searching in case of plane crashes 03/04/2024

Senators of Kazakhstan have ratified the Agreement between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan on cooperation in the field of aviation search and rescue in the event of aircraft accidents, Zakon.kz reports.

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Tajik President and leader of Turkmen people identified ways for further cooperation 04/04/2024

President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon and Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov discussed various aspects of bilateral relations between the two countries in Dushanbe, the press service of the Tajikistan's head of state informed.

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Progress of implementation of Kyrgyz-Uzbek projects discussed in Tashkent 04/04/2024

Bishkek, April 4, 2024. / Kabar/. Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic Musa Dzhamanbaev and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Saidov discussed the progress of the implementation of Kyrgyz-Uzbek projects that were

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achieved at high and highest levels.

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Kazakh, Uzbek Presidents to hold informal meeting on April 5 05/04/2024

On April 5 this year, an informal meeting of President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev is to take place, Kazinform News Agency cites Akorda.

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