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A new training module for teachers called "Introduction to the Climate Change Issues and the Practical Application of the 'Climate Box' Interactive Learning Toolkit in Educational Organizations" was presented In Turkmenistan.

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The purpose of creative contests is to form the youth environmental culture 01/05/2024

In Dashoguz velayat of Turkmenistan, events were held aimed at developing the environmental culture of the younger generation and identifying creatively gifted young people.

The local Council of the Magtymguly Youth Organization of Turkmenistan, together with the main departments of education and culture of the velayat and the UNESCO club of the Turkmen Agricultural Institute, under the title "Environmental Protection is an Important Concept of Sustainable Development", held a drawing competition and an exhibition "Environmental Protection" among students of secondary schools, students of higher and secondary vocational education institutions.

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WHAT THE WORLD NON-GOVERNMENTAL MECHANISMS DOES KYRGYZSTAN USE TO FINANCE SPECIALLY PROTECTED NATURAL AREAS? 02/05/2024

The Sary-Chelek Nature Reserve, established in Kyrgyzstan in 1959, hosted a seminar to review existing and potential mechanisms for financing specially protected natural areas (SPNA).

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Climate change issues and COP29 are on Agenda of OTS 02/05/2024

Secretary General of the Organization of Turkic States Ambassador Kubanychbek Omuraliev attended the Opening Ceremony of the 6th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Baku, themed 'Dialogue for Peace and Global Security: Cooperation and Leadership in Interconnectivity', under the auspices of Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan and delivered a speech at the 3rd High-level Meeting of International Organizations on the theme of "Sustainable Pathways for a Greener Future: Collaborative Actions for COP29 and Beyond" within Forum on held on 1 May, 2024 in Baku.

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EC IFAS AND CAREC: NEW PROSPECTS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION 03/05/2024

Today, on May 3, a meeting of the heads of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) and the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS) was held in Astana.

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CAREC TAKES STOCK OF THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR THE ARAL SEA BASIN FOR 2016 – 2024 04/05/2024

The Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) summed up the results of the regional project "Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin" (CAMP4ASB) for 2016 – 2024 during a World Bank mission to the CAREC office.

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Climate Change and Adaptation Conference takes place in Tashkent 06/05/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 6-7 May 2024 Conference on Climate Change and Adaptation took place in Tashkent.

The conference was organized by UNDP jointly with the Committee on the Development of the Aral Sea Region and Ecology of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Hydrometeorological Service Agency (Uzhydromet) of the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan with financial support from the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

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Water resources

Regional cooperation in water management 30/04/2024

Today, the "Arçabil" hotel in the capital hosted the regional conference of Central Asia countries on issues of water management, timed to Earth Day within the framework of implementation of the project of Regional Water and Vulnerable

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Environment Activity (WAVE).

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New hydrogeological service to monitor groundwater in Kazakhstan 02/05/2024

Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Olzhas Bektenov signed a Government resolution on the creation of the national hydrogeological service Kazhydrogeology, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports, citing prime minister's press service.

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USAID launched an automated water flow metering system on the Garagum Canal 03/05/2024

On the banks of the Garagum Canal near Ashgabat, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the State Water Resources Committee have launched a new automated system for metering water flow along this important route.

The development of the system belongs to the "Bosphorus" youth center and the "Garagumderýasuwhojalyk" association. The automated water accounting system will provide the government of Turkmenistan with valuable information on the flows and water intakes of the Garagum Canal.

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Kazakhstan appoints new Vice Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation 03/05/2024

Aslan Abdraimov has been appointed the Vice Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of Kazakhstan, Kazinform News Agency learned from the Kazakh Prime Minister's press service.

Aslan Abdraimov was born in 1981 in Almaty. He is a graduate of the Al-Farabi Kazakh State National University.

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Efficient Water Use: Key to Uzbekistan's Sustainable Development 03/05/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — During a panel discussion at the Investment

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Forum in Tashkent on 2 May 2024 on the topic "Water Resources Management: the Role of the State, Business, and Society," problems crucial for the sustainable development of the country were discussed.

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Kazakhstan and India focus on development of water resources cooperation 03/05/2024

Nurlan Zhalgasbayev, the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to India, met with Akshay Bhardwaj, the Vice President, JWIL Infra Ltd, Kazinform News Agency cites the Kazakh Foreign Ministry.

During the meeting, the parties discussed projects related to drinking water, irrigation, wastewater treatment and industrial waters, and exchanged views on investment cooperation in the field of water resources development.

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TRANSBOUNDARY RIVERS OF CENTRAL ASIA ARE UNDER WATER STRESS. HOW TO RESIST? 06/05/2024

The transboundary river basins of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan face the problem of insufficient water resources for the drinking and economic needs of the population of the Central Asian countries.

"Climate risk assessment helps effectively predict the consequences of climate change, in particular in the water sector, and quickly address the problems caused by climate change," said **Firuz Ibrohimov**, the Senior Monitoring and Reporting (M&E) Specialist at the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC).

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Energy sector

Results of meetings with the heads of largest energy companies during WEF 30/05/2024

Minister of Energy Almasadam Satkaliev participated in a special session of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Riyadh on April 28-29, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports, citing Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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Green Corridor project to connect energy systems of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan 02/05/2024

Tashkent hosted the second meeting of the energy ministers of Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, and Kazakhstan, UzA reports.

Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan Laziz Kudratov, Minister of Energy Jurabek Mirzamakhmudov, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan Almassadam Satkaliyev, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan Parviz Shahbazov, and others emphasized the importance of the practical results expected from the implementation of the project to connect the energy systems of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan.

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Construction of Kambarata HPP-1 is a landmark project for us - WB 02/05/2024

For us, the construction project of Kambarata HPP-1 is a landmark project, as it will not only help provide electricity to Kyrgyzstan, but also solve water and energy problems in the entire region. Regional Director of the World Bank for Central Asia Tatyana Proskuryakova said this at the III Tashkent Investment Forum, Akchabar reports.

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A presentation of the project for the construction of Kambarata HPP-1 takes place in Tashkent 03/05/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 2 May, at the panel session on energy of the III Tashkent International Investment Forum, the construction project of Kambarata HPP-1 was presented.

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Uzbekistan to build over 20 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 02/05/2024

Uzbekistan will create more than 20 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev said, Trend reports.

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IDB and Arab development funds to allocate $550 mln to finance Rogun Power Plant 02/05/2024

The Board of Executive Directors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has approved a project to finance the construction of the Roghun hydroelectric power station in Tajikistan for a total amount of $550 million. Of this, $150 million will be allocated from the IDB's own account, and the remaining $400 million from Arab development funds, *Asia Plus* reports.

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Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan intend to unite their energy systems 02/05/2024

Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to connect the energy systems of the three countries, Interfax reports.

The document was signed following a meeting on May 1 in Tashkent of the ministers of economy and energy of the three countries, said Azerbaijani Minister of Economy Mikail Jabbarov.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Issues regarding the creation of the Trans-Afghan multimodal transport corridor were discussed 01/05/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – A ministerial meeting of participants in the Trans-Afghan multimodal transport corridor covering Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan was held in Termez.

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Islamic Development Bank allocated $35 mln for implementation of 14 projects in Afghanistan 02/05/2024

In 2023, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) showed particular activity in implementing projects of humanitarian and socio-economic support to Afghanistan. As follows from the report of the financial institution, more than $35 million was allocated for these purposes, aimed at implementing 14 different programs, *Eurasia Today* reports.

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Entrepreneurs from Uzbekistan and Afghanistan entered into agreements worth US$44 million 03/05/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Entrepreneurs of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan entered into a number of agreements worth US$44 million, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan said.

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Delegation of Turkmenistan discussed expansion of trade ties with Afghanistan in Herat 06/05/2024

Ahigh-ranking business delegation led by the head of the Union of Traders and Industrialists of Turkmenistan visited the Herat province, *Bakhtarnews.af* reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

The meeting of the Turkmen-Uzbek Intergovernmental Commission 30/04/2024

Today, the administration centre of Lebap velayat hosted the regular meeting of the Joint Turkmen-Uzbek intergovernmental commission on issues of water management with participation of heads and representatives of a number of state structures of two neighbouring countries.

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Akylbek Zhaparov meets with Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Tashkent 02/05/2024

Tashkent, May 2, 2024. /Kabar/. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic Akylbek Zhaparov met with President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev on the sidelines of the III Tashkent Investment Forum.

The head of the Cabinet of Ministers conveyed greetings from President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov and congratulated him on the successful holding of the forum, noting that the event is becoming a new large-scale interregional platform for the entire Central Asian region.

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Tajikistan and Uzbekistan discussed border demarcation - a protocol signed 06/05/2024

The next meeting of the working groups of the Joint Tajik-Uzbek Demarcation Commission took place from April 29 to May 4 in Dushanbe.

During the meeting, the progress of demarcation work was discussed and mutually agreed upon proposals were prepared on the project demarcation line of the Tajik-Uzbek border, and a corresponding protocol was signed, reports the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan.

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