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Climate Change and Environment

Turkmenistan and GIZ join forces in fight against climate change 15/05/2024

Turkmenistan and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) have entered into an agreement on the implementation of a large-scale project aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change, Turkmenportal reported.

Read more: [here](#)

Central Asian economies to witness strong growth despite natural disasters in region – EBRD 15/05/2024

According to the latest [Regional Economic Prospects \(REP\)](#) report published by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Central Asian economies in 2024 are expected to see growth slowing to 5.4 per cent. However, a rebound to 5.9 per cent is expected in 2025.

Read more: [here](#)

Seminar participants discussed the impact of climate change on hydrological systems and agriculture 15/05/2024

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Change Research (PIK), with the support of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), held a joint workshop in Ashgabat on the topic «Strengthening climate resilience of the water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus in Turkmenistan and Central Asia».

Read more: [here](#)

The role of journalists in promoting environmental rights is growing 16/05/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 15 May, a round table was held in Tashkent on the topic: "The role of media and journalists in promoting and protecting the environmental rights of citizens." It is organized by the National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights together with a number of partners.

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Regional hands-on training workshop on the use of the ETF reporting

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tools for climate action in Central Asia 17/05/2024

A regional hands-on training workshop on the use of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) reporting tools for climate action in Central Asia was held in Bishkek from 15 to 17 May. The United Nations Development Programme, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology, and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), with the participation of the COP29 Presidency (Azerbaijan), hosted this important event for the countries of Central Asia as part of efforts to combat climate change and in line with the commitments of the Paris Agreement.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan was the first in the CIS to join the ICAO program on environmentally friendly aviation fuel 17/05/2024

Kazakhstan was the first in the Commonwealth of Independent States to join the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Capacity Building and Training Support in Sustainable Aviation Fuel (ACT-SAF) program.

Read more: [here](#)

The updated adaptation component of Turkmenistan's NDC has been presented 20/05/2024

A round table «Project of the adaptation component of the updated NDC of Turkmenistan» was held in Ashgabat with the participation of representatives of the main ministries, academic circles and civil society of the country. The purpose of the event was to present the updated adaptation component of Turkmenistan's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and discuss strategic issues related to adaptation to climate change in the country.

Read more: [here](#)

FOCUS ON CLIMATE CONTENT FOR CONTENT CREATORS IN CENTRAL ASIA 20/05/2024

On the eve of the Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2024), the first part of the training for content creators from Central Asian countries took place online.

The training purpose is to increase the amount of high-quality media content on the consequences of global climate change in Central Asian countries with a focus on land degradation and water and energy problems in the region.

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Water resources

WORLD WATER DAY IN CENTRAL ASIA: COOPERATION OF UNIVERSITIES 14/05/2024

World Water Day, celebrated on March 22 every year, is a global initiative aimed at raising awareness of the importance of clean water and sustainable water management. It was established by the UN General Assembly in 1992 and was first celebrated in 1993.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan to supply water to Kazakhstan during irrigation season 14/05/2024

Uzbekistan will supply 922 million cubic meters of water to Kazakhstan, which will flow through the Dostyk interstate canal during the irrigation season, Trend reports.

Read more: [here](#)

DUSHANBE WATER PROCESS. What Tourist Excursions Will Surprise the Participants of the Water Conference This Year? 14/05/2024

DUSHANBE, 14.05.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – From June 10 through June 13, Dushanbe will host the Third High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028” within the framework of the Dushanbe Water Process.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan experiences serious irrigation water shortages 15/05/2024

CABAR.asia says the residents of Uzbekistan’s Jizzakh region complain that due to a lack of irrigation water, they have to use drinking water to irrigate their lands. However, the traditions of saving water are forgotten.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbek regulatory authorities identified 2,600 cases of illegal connections to water supply and sewerage networks 16/05/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- As a result of the work done to ensure drinking water supply to the population this year, the level of drinking water supply to the population increased from 74.4 percent to 77.2 percent.

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Prime Minister of Tajikistan Kahir Rasulzoda addressed the 10th World Water Forum in Indonesia 20/05/2024

DUSHANBE, 20.05.2024 /NIAT «Khovar»/. On May 20, the delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan under the leadership of Prime Minister Kahir Rasulzoda took part and spoke at the 10th World Water Forum in Bali (Republic of Indonesia).

Read more: [here](#)

Energy sector

Tajikistan may connect to single energy ring of Central Asia by end of May 15/05/2024

Tajikistan may join the unified energy system of Central Asia by the end of May.

This was announced during the Energy Week (UEW 2024) in Tashkent by the Minister of Energy of Uzbekistan, Jurabek Mirzamakhmudov.

Read more: [here](#)

Energy systems of Central Asian countries and Azerbaijan unites to export energy to EU. 17/05/2024

On May 1, Labor Day, the governments of Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan marked the occasion by signing a memorandum of cooperation on uniting the energy systems of the three countries. Azerbaijan's Minister of Economy, Mikayil Jabbarov, expressed confidence that the parties would be able to integrate their energy systems and make effective use of renewable energy sources, as well as cooperate in the production of green energy and its export through Azerbaijan to Europe.

Read more: [here](#)

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva Gets Acquainted with Construction Works at the Rogun HPP 17/05/2024

DUSHANBE, 17.05.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Kristalina Georgieva visited the facilities of the Rogun hydroelectric power plant (HPP) as part of her visit to Tajikistan.

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ADB will most likely take part in financing Roghun hydropower project, says

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ADB official 17/05/2024

Mr. Eugene Zhukov, Director General of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Central and West Asia Regional Department, has told *Asia-Plus* about the Bank's possible participation in financing the Roghun hydropower project, resumption of lending to Tajikistan, and revising the country's economic forecasts taking into account the situation of Tajik migrants in Russia.

Read more: [here](#)

Kristalina Georgieva, IMF Managing Director: "Rogun HPP Is an Important Green Energy Project Not Only in Tajikistan and the Region, but also in the Whole World" 17/05/2024

DUSHANBE, 17.05.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Kristalina Georgieva visited the Tajik city of Rogun and got acquainted with the progress of work at the Rogun hydroelectric power plant (HPP).

Read more: [here](#)

Active preparation for the scientific conference TESC 2024 continues 18/05/2024

Registration for the International Scientific Conference "Energy Prospects, New Technologies and Environmental Aspects in the Development of Hydrocarbon Resources» (TESC 2024), which will be held on June 5-6 in Arkadag, Turkmenistan, continues.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Azizi: Afghanistan's doors are open to Central Asian companies 15/05/2024

The doors of Afghanistan are open to companies from Central Asia, stated the head of the Taliban Ministry of Industry and Trade, Nuruddin Azizi, at the KazanForum, Sputnik reports.

"Currently, many countries are in need of Afghanistan's mineral resources. We have large reserves of lithium and iron, as well as various construction materials and deposits of precious stones. We hope that investors will be interested in our economy," he said.

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Afghanistan denied the right to vote at UN General Assembly sessions 15/05/2024

The United Nations has deprived Afghanistan of the right to vote at the UN General Assembly sessions due to non-payment of the membership fee of this organization and not providing a valid reason for non-payment.

Afghan Voice Agency (AVA) reports that according to the list published by the United Nations, Afghanistan, Comoros, Ecuador, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Venezuela were six countries that had not paid the membership fee of the United Nations over the last two years.

Read more: [here](#)

A team of engineers arrived in Afghanistan to develop the Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan railway project 16/05/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 12 May, a delegation from Uzbekistan led by Transport Minister Ilkhom Makhkamov visited Afghanistan and held talks with Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Afghan Foreign Ministry reported.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan ready to purchase 1 mln tons of coal from Afghanistan annually 17/05/2024

Tashkent and Kabul intend to strengthen transport and economic cooperation. This is evidenced by the results of the negotiations between the special representative of the President of Uzbekistan, Ismatulla Ergashev, and the Minister of Transport, Ilkhom Makhkamov, with the leadership of the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Eurasia Today* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakh President calls participants of 1th meeting of secretaries of Security Councils of Central Asian countries in Astana to focus on Afghanistan 17/05/2024

Kazakhstan's President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, in welcoming the secretaries of the Security Councils of the Central Asian countries, noted, that the first meeting in this format is intended to become an effective platform for uniting efforts to prevent external and internal challenges and threats, as well as for developing necessary response measures, according to a statement from the press service of the President of Kazakhstan.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakhstan to construct trade and logistics complex on border jointly with Kyrgyzstan 15/05/2024

To implement cooperative projects in the production of dairy, meat, fruit and vegetable, textile, and pharmaceutical products, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan will construct a trade and logistics complex at the border. The corresponding law "On the Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic on the Creation and Regulation of Activities of an Industrial Trade and Logistics Complex in the Area of the Border Crossing Points 'Ak-Tilek' and 'Karassu'" was adopted by the Mazhilis (Kazakh Parliament) during a plenary session on Wednesday, Vlast.kz reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Central Asian countries to collaborate in three key security sectors 17/05/2024

The first gathering of the Security Council secretaries from Central Asian countries was held in Kazakhstan's capital, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Ways to simplify trade in Central Asia were discussed in Almaty 20/05/2024

Turkmenistan was represented at the 11th Regional Meeting of National Committees for Trade Facilitation of Central Asian Countries, which was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The event was organized within the framework of the regional project "Trade Facilitation in Central Asia", implemented by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).

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