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## **Climate Change and Environment**

### **Climate change impacts grip globe in 2024: WMO 02/01/2025**

Climate change impacts gripped the globe in 2024, with cascading impacts from mountain peaks to ocean depths and on communities, economies and the environment, WAM reports.

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### **Tajikistan, Pakistan strengthen cooperation in combating natural disasters 09/01/2025**

Tajikistan and Pakistan are strengthening cooperation in disaster prevention and response. This was stated by the Chairman of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense of Tajikistan, Rustam Nazarzoda, at an international conference organized by Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority, *Avesta.tj* reports.

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### **Uzbekistan expands green economy initiatives to combat climate change 10/01/2025**

Uzbekistan has unveiled ambitious plans to raise \$10 million through carbon credit trading as part of its 2025 state program, which prioritizes environmental protection and green economic development. The program aligns with the country's long-term “Uzbekistan – 2030” strategy, as 2025 has been declared the Year of Environmental Protection and the Green Economy by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, *KunUz* reported.

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### **President Tokayev: Global warming – one of major challenges for Central Asia 14/01/2025**

In his remarks at the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week Summit, the Head of State spoke on the importance of transport infrastructure, Kazinform News Agency cites the Akorda press service.

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### **Climate Change and Glacier Research Center established at Khujand State University 15/01/2025**

**DUSHANBE, 15.01.2025 /NIAT Khovar/.** Climate Change and Glaciers Research Center has been established at the Faculty of Geoecology and Tourism of Khujand State University named after Academician Bobojon Gafurov. This initiative was implemented within the years of study and development of natural, exact and mathematical sciences — 2020-2040 and the announcement of 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation.

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## Water resources

### **Five key achievements of Tajikistan in energy and water resources in 2024 02/01/2025**

The Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan (MoEWR) has highlighted significant achievements in the sector in 2024. Among the key accomplishments, according to the ministry, was the implementation of major renewable energy projects, which strengthened the country's energy independence.

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### **Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan approve project for installing automated water metering systems on Syrdarya river 08/01/2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have agreed on the technical specifications for installing automated water metering systems at 10 locations along the Syrdarya River.

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### **What topics were discussed by Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan during the 7th meeting of the Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group on Environmental Protection and Water Quality in the Syr Darya River Basin? 09/01/2025**

On December 20, 2024, the 7th meeting of the Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group (Commission) on Environmental Protection and Water Quality in the Syr Darya River Basin was held. The meeting took place online via the Zoom platform, with support from the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC).

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### **Hydrogeology Institute discusses water treatment projects with ERG Inc. 10/01/2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — A meeting was held at the State Unitary Enterprise "Institute of Hydrogeology and Engineering Geology" under the University of Geological Sciences of Uzbekistan's Ministry of Mining and Geology with a delegation from South Korean company ERG Inc., led by CEO Na Kyung Won.

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## **Uzbekistan plans to create central laboratories for drinking water quality control 13/01/2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — Uzbekistan plans to establish central laboratories in each region for testing the quality of drinking water.

This is outlined in the draft presidential decree as part of the state program for 2025, aimed at environmental protection and the development of a green economy.

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## **For the purpose of rational water use 13/01/2025**

The presence of an extensive park of modern specialized equipment allows specialists of the production association "Daşoguzsuwhojalyk" to provide the necessary capacity of waterways intended for irrigation of agricultural lands in the northern region of the country.

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## **President cancels moratorium on land transformation for construction of water management facilities 14/01/2025**

**Bishkek, Jan.14, 2025. /Kabar/.** President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov signed the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Amendments to the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic 'On Introduction of Moratorium on Transfer (Transformation) of Irrigated Arable Land into Other Categories of Land and Types of Land'.

Read more: [here](#)

## **Kazakhstan filled Northern Aral Sea with 2.6 bln cubic meters of water in a year 14/01/2025**

The Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Kazakhstan is implementing the second phase of a project to restore the Northern Aral Sea.

As a result of the first phase, the water volume in the sea increased by 42%, reaching 27 billion cubic meters. Water salinity decreased nearly fourfold, and the annual fish catch grew to 8,000 tons, according to the ministry's statement.

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## Energy sector

### **Uzbekistan to become the first country in the region to convert waste into energy 04/01/2025**

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — Uzbekistan is set to pioneer waste-to-energy conversion among Central Asian countries.

At the end of 2024, Vice President of Chinese company Shanghai SUS Environment Co. Ltd, Tom Shi, praised the partnership with Uzbekistan and outlined promising prospects in household waste-to-energy processing.

Read more: [here](#)

### **Uzbekistan to build first geothermal power plant in Central Asia 11/01/2025**

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — Uzbekistan is taking a significant step towards energy independence and sustainable development with plans to build the first geothermal power plant (GTES) in Central Asia.

This project aims to address the growing demand for electricity and ensure a stable energy supply for the country.

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### **President of Uzbekistan discusses implementation of major energy projects with the UAE 14/01/2025**

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, held a meeting with a delegation from the UAE, led by the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, Suhail Mohammed Al Mazrouei.

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### **Active role of Turkmenistan in developing cooperation in the field of transport and energy in the region was discussed 14/01/2025**

On January 9, 2025, representatives of the Embassy of Turkmenistan in Pakistan participated in an International Seminar on “Regional Trade and Connectivity: Opening New Horizons and Opportunities” organized by the Institute for Strategic Research, Development and Analysis (ISSRA) jointly with the National Logistics Corporation (NLC) of Pakistan. About this reports MFA of Turkmenistan.

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## **World Future Energy Summit 2025 kicks off in Abu Dhabi 14/01/2025**

World Future Energy Summit 2025, hosted by Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company – Masdar, opened today at the ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi as part of the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW), [WAM](#) reported.

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## **Rahmon assures full energy independence of Tajikistan in 2027 14/01/2025**

In his New Year's address to the Parliament of Tajikistan, President Emomali Rahmon announced that, starting May 2027, the country will completely eliminate its electricity deficit and achieve full energy independence. He attributed this to the increase in electricity production at Rogun HPP and other existing power plants, as well as the construction of new facilities, *Asiaplus.tj* reports.

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## **Tajikistan Leads Energy Transition in Central Asia 15/01/2025**

Tajikistan achieved the best results among Central Asian countries in the 2024 Energy Transition Index, prepared by the World Economic Forum (WEF).

The country ranked 71st globally, scoring 53.6 points. These indicators allowed Tajikistan to surpass Kyrgyzstan (80th place, 52.7 points) and Kazakhstan (98th place, 50.1 points). Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan were not included in the ranking, according to Daryo news agency.

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## **Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries**

### **Afghanistan, Turkmenistan discuss speeding up TAPI construction 09/01/2025**

At the beginning of 2025, a meeting took place in Kabul between Afghanistan's Acting Minister of Mines and Petroleum, Hidayatullah Badri, and the General Director of TAPI Pipeline Company Limited, Muhammetmyrat Amanov.

During the meeting, the parties discussed the latest developments in the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project, as well as issues related to

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accelerating the remaining work on the project, *Orient.tm* reports.

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### **Uzbekistan and Afghanistan sign goods transit agreement 14/01/2025**

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — Uzbekistan and Afghanistan have signed an agreement on the transit of goods, reports TOLONews.

The Afghan Ministry of Industry and Trade has also signed similar agreements with Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan.

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### **Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan denies signing a transit agreement with Afghanistan 14/01/2025**

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — The Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan has denied reports about signing a transit agreement with Afghanistan.

Earlier, it was reported citing TOLONews claimed that such an agreement had been signed between the two countries.

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## **Cooperation between Central Asian countries**

### **Heads of government of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan discussed issue of state borders 08/01/2025**

The trilateral meeting of the Prime Ministers of Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, during which the issue of state borders was discussed, took place on January 8, 2025.

The meeting was held at the junction of the state borders of the three countries - in the Batken region of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Fergana region of Uzbekistan, and the Sughd region of Tajikistan, according to a publication on the website of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan.

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### **Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan expand cooperation in Fergana Valley 09/01/2025**

**Bishkek, Jan. 9, 2025. / Kabar /. At the invitation of the Batken regional state**

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administration, a delegation of Uzbekistan consisting of official representatives, journalists-bloggers and tour operators headed by Deputy Khokim of the Fergana region Khurshidjon Akhmedov visited the region, Dunyo News Agency of Uzbekistan reported.

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### **New opportunities for Kyrgyz exporters: cooperation with Uzbekistan intensifies 13/01/2025**

**Bishkek, Jan.13, 2025. /Kabar/.** The Trade Mission of Kyrgyzstan in Uzbekistan signed a memorandum of cooperation with Food City Tashkent LLC.

The memorandum is aimed at developing trade and economic relations between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, as well as creating the necessary conditions for the promotion of Kyrgyz exporters to the Uzbek market, the Ministry of Economy reported.

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