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Climate Change and Environment

Dushanbe to host International High-Level Conference on Glacier Conservation 03/03/2025

The conference "Strengthening Resilience to Climate Change in Tajikistan: Innovations in Water Management and Glacier Monitoring" was held on February 28 in Dushanbe. The event was organized within the framework of the International Year of Glacier Conservation with the participation of scientists, experts and partners on development.

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Climate Finance and Innovation: Key Mechanisms and Partnerships 04/03/2025

As part of the Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2025), **Panel Session 1: "Climate Finance and Innovation"** will bring together leading international and national experts to discuss cutting-edge financing mechanisms for climate initiatives.

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Exploring Environmental Protection: Tajik Delegation Visit to Spain 07/03/2025

In a significant step towards strengthening international cooperation on environmental conservation, a delegation from the Committee for Environmental Protection of the Government of Tajikistan is set to visit Aragon, Spain, from March 3 to March 7, 2025. This visit, organized by the University of Zaragoza and the Administration of Aragon, aims to foster knowledge exchange in biodiversity conservation, protected area management, and sustainable forest governance.

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Preparations for the 2026 Regional Climate Summit are underway 11/03/2025

Five representatives from each Central Asian country, representing the departments of environment, energy, industry, agriculture, water resources, labor and social protection, as well as national economy, will take part in the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the

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2026 Regional Climate Summit.

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Discussions were held on funding environmental initiatives in Central Asia 11/03/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 11 March, a "High-Level Policy Dialogue: Expanding Financing and Investment to Achieve Environmental Goals in Central Asia" took place in Tashkent.

This event was organized by Uzbekistan's Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection, and Climate Change, in collaboration with Germany's Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection (BMUV), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

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Climate change may reduce number of satellites that can sustainably operate in space: Study 11/03/2025

Climate change is reshaping the environment of near-Earth space in ways that could significantly limit the number of satellites able to safely operate in low Earth orbit by the end of the century, a new study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) warns, [Anadolu](#) reports.

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President signs law on accession to international environmental convention 14/03/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev has signed a law approving the country's accession to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making, and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, adopted in Aarhus on 25 June 1998.

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Water resources

Uzbekistan and the IWMI discuss cooperation on water use and innovation 03/03/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 3 March, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Bahromjon Aloyev met with Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, head of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) representation in Uzbekistan, to discuss bilateral cooperation in the water sector.

Read more: [here](#)

Drinking water supply significantly decreased in Central Asia 03/03/2025

The availability of drinking water per capita in Central Asia has decreased fourfold since the mid-20th century, said Jamshed Shoimzoda, Deputy Minister of Energy of Tajikistan, *Sputnik Tajikistan* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Experts Present Turkmenistan's Position on Water Issues at Symposium in Tokyo 05/03/2025

On March 5, an International Symposium on Water Issues and Natural Disasters for Cooperation and Partnership was held in Tokyo. The symposium was attended by high-ranking representatives of government agencies, international organizations, private companies, and civil society, *Orient.tm* reports.

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CAREC conducted two national training sessions in Tashkent for specialists in Uzbekistan's water management sector. 06/03/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan – On February 26-27, CAREC conducted two national training sessions on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) for Uzbekistan's water management organizations in Tashkent. The training was held as part of the project "Climate-responsive and gender-sensitive basin management" (hereinafter – the Project).

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Youth, Women, and the Future of Water Resources: CAREC at "Drops of the Future" in Vienna 12/03/2025

Austria hosted the final event of the "Drops of the Future" series in Vienna on February

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26-27, 2025. Organized by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in collaboration with Switzerland and the Austrian government, the event focused on the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus and aimed to engage young people, particularly young women, in addressing challenges related to water use, energy, and sustainable food production.

Read more: [here](#)

French company Suez to modernize water supply in Surkhandarya region 13/03/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — Uzbekistan's water supply company "Uzsuvta'minot" and the French company Suez have signed an agreement to modernize the water supply system in the Surkhandarya region. The document was formalized as part of the Uzbek-French business forum held on 11 March, ahead of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's visit to France.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and France eye promising projects to develop water supply and sanitation systems 14/03/2025

The strategic partnership between Uzbekistan and France is focused on implementing promising projects to develop water supply and sanitation systems, [UzA](#) reports.

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Energy sector

Kyrgyzstan cooperates with 22 Chinese partners in energy sector 03/03/2025

Kyrgyzstan cooperates with 22 partners from China in the fields of green energy and the coal industry. This was announced during a meeting between Kyrgyzstan's Minister of Energy, Talaybek Ibraev, and the Chinese Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan, Liu Jianping, [Akchabar.kg](#) reports.

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Uzbekistan speaks out about risks of construction Rogun HPS in Tajikistan 05/03/2025

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"We understand that completing the construction of the Rogun Hydropower Plant is a priority for the government of Tajikistan," said Ko Sakamoto, the new Country Director of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He made this statement in response to Tajikistan's request for \$500 million to continue the construction of the plant.

Read more: [here](#)

CERAWeek 2025 to Discuss Current Trends and the Future of Energy 11/03/2025

CERAWeek, an annual conference organized by S&P Global and recognized as the most influential gathering of energy sector leaders and experts, kicks off in Houston, Texas on March 10. The mission of CERAWeek is to help create a culture of idea sharing, learning, and building relationships between industry, government, and society to ensure the global energy future.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan and Afghanistan intend to increase trade turnover to \$3 billion 03/03/2025

The Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan reports on the meeting held on March 1 of this year between head of the department Laziz Kudratov and a delegation led by Minister of Trade of Afghanistan Nuruddin Azizi, who is on a visit to the Termez International Trade Center in the Surkhandarya region. During the meeting, the parties reviewed the current state of Uzbek-Afghan trade and economic relations and exchanged views on the prospects for their development. In this regard, specific measures are outlined to increase trade turnover to \$3 billion.

Read more: [here](#)

Roza Otunbayeva to brief UN Security Council on Afghanistan 04/03/2025

The United Nations has announced that Roza Otunbayeva, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan, will address the Security Council in a session about the situation in Afghanistan, *Khaama.com* reports.

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UN To Establish Regional Centre For Afghanistan In Kazakhstan 05/03/2025

The United Nations Regional Centre for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for Afghanistan and Central Asia will be established in Almaty, Kazakhstan's Presidential Office announced in a statement, *Afintl.af* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan set to open permanent trade center in northern Afghanistan 06/03/2025

Uzbekistan is set to open a trade center in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, which will provide Uzbek entrepreneurs with a platform to market their goods in Afghanistan, *Ariananews.af* reports.

According to Trend news agency, the center will cover an area of 220 square meters and will also be used to find new trading partners between Afghan and Uzbek entrepreneurs and expand export opportunities.

Read more: [here](#)

Anti-Taliban Forces Carried Out 91 Attacks In Three Months, Reports UN 07/03/2025

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has confirmed in his latest report that anti-Taliban armed groups conducted 91 attacks against the Taliban over the past three months, *Afintl.af* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan, together with partners, provide humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 07/03/2025

The official inauguration ceremony of the program "Promotion of Wheat Cultivation for Sustainable Development in Central Afghanistan" was held in Pul-i-Alam, the administrative center of Logar Province. Gaziz Akbassov, Charge d'Affaires of Kazakhstan in Afghanistan, participated in it, Kazinform News Agency cites the Kazakh Foreign Ministry.

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UN Envoy highlights challenges for Afghanistan's reintegration into the International Community 11/03/2025

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Roza Otunbayeva, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan, stressed the need for a political pathway to reintegrate Afghanistan into the international system, reports *Khaama.com*.

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Turkmenistan congratulates Kazakhstan on adoption of UN Resolution on Central Asia and Afghanistan 11/03/2025

The National Leader of the Turkmen people, Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, sent a congratulatory message to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, on the unanimous adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution "Regional Center of the United Nations for Sustainable Development Goals for Central Asia and Afghanistan," initiated by Kazakhstan, *TDH* reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Tokayev declared his continued support for Turkmenistan's peacekeeping efforts 03/03/2025

President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev reaffirmed his unwavering support for Turkmenistan's peacekeeping initiatives. This statement was made in a letter addressed to the National Leader of the Turkmen people, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, *TDH* reports.

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Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan discussed issues of restoration and development of trade and economic relations 04/03/2025

An expanded meeting was held in the capital of Tajikistan between the Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan and Head of the Presidential Administration, Adylbek Kasymaliev, and the Prime Minister of Tajikistan, Kahir Rasulzoda, focusing on key issues of bilateral cooperation, the press service of Kyrgyz Government reports.

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Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan strengthen trade and economic cooperation 12/03/2025

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On March 11, Turkmenistan's Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, N. Golliyev, met with the Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade of Kyrgyzstan, S. Bolotov.

During the meeting, the parties discussed prospects for expanding bilateral trade and economic cooperation, including the upcoming visit of a Kyrgyz business delegation to Turkmenistan and further strengthening of collaboration. Both sides emphasized their mutual interest in deepening the partnership and highlighted the significant potential for developing mutually beneficial ties.

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Tajik-Kyrgyz border to open on March 13 12/03/2025

Border crossings between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan will resume operations on March 13. The official opening ceremony will be attended by high-ranking representatives of both states, a source in the administration of Tajikistan's Sughd region told *Asiaplus.tj*.

Read more: [here](#)

President Rahmon spoke about results of his visit to Kyrgyzstan 13/03/2025

After the negotiations, Presidents Emomali Rahmon and Sadyr Japarov made statements to the media, *Avesta.tj* reports.

The heads of state highly praised the results of the official talks, including the announcement that air travel between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan will resume on March 14, 2025. The Tajik airline Somon Air will operate its first flight on the Dushanbe-Bishkek-Dushanbe route.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan agree on borders and strengthen economic ties 13/03/2025

In Bishkek, as part of the official visit of the President of Tajikistan, a ceremony was held for signing bilateral agreements. Following the negotiations, agreements were reached in the areas of trade, economy, agriculture, industry, customs control, youth policy, culture, construction, finance, and security, reports *Akchabar.kg*.

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Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan Presidents witness signing of new cooperation documents 13/03/2025

A total of 16 new cooperation documents were signed:

— Memorandum of Understanding between the Export Agency under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State Institution “Center for Development and Promotion of Export “Kyrgyz Export”” under the Ministry of Economy and Trade of the Kyrgyz Republic;

— Memorandum of Understanding between the Food Safety Committee under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Safety Inspectorate under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic on cooperation in the veterinary field;

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