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Climate Change and Environment

UNFPA Deputy Regional Director Visits Turkmenistan to Promote Reproductive Health and Climate Justice 16/05/2025

Klaus Beck, Deputy Regional Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, visited Turkmenistan this

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week, *Turkmenportal.com* reports.

During his visit, Beck participated in the Central Asian Climate Change Conference (CACCC) and held meetings with national and development partners to advance UNFPA's agenda in the areas of reproductive health and rights, gender equality, and youth empowerment.

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High-Level International Conference on Glacier Preservation to Serve as Global Platform for Resource Mobilization 16/05/2025

DUSHANBE, 16.05.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan is actively preparing to host the High-Level International Conference on Glacier Preservation, which will serve as a vital platform for global cooperation and resource mobilization aimed at protecting the world's glaciers.

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Scientific Workshop in Abu Dhabi Highlights Tajikistan's Global Climate Leadership and 30 Years of Diplomatic Relations with the UAE 17/05/2025

DUSHANBE, 17.05.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On the eve of the High-Level International Conference on Glaciers Preservation (to be held in Dushanbe from May 29 through May 31, 2025) and in celebration of the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Tajikistan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a scientific and theoretical workshop was held at the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research.

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Korean Government supports 18 million USD for the better capacity against climate change and for the modernization of agricultural sector 20/05/2025

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Government of Tajikistan signed two Records of Discussion (RoD) in Dushanbe on May 16 to launch development cooperation projects in the agriculture sector. Press release issued by KOICA says these agreements mark a significant step toward preparing climate change, improving food security, enhancing agricultural productivity and supporting local economic growth across the country.

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Unlicensed Gold Mining in Kyrgyzstan Causes Over \$11.4 mln in Environmental Damage 20/05/2025

Unscheduled inspections of enterprises involved in placer gold mining in Kyrgyzstan have revealed environmental damage amounting to 1.039 billion soms (approximately \$11.4 million). This was announced on May 20 by First Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Kubat Kaseinov during a session of the Jogorku Kenesh Committee on Fuel and Energy Complex, Subsoil Use, and Industrial Policy, *Economist.kg* reports.

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OTS Foreign Ministers' Council eyes enhancing cooperation in transport, logistics, climate change combating 21/05/2025

On the eve of the Informal Summit of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS), Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu took part in the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OTS member states, Kazinform News Agency learned from the MFA.

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Glaciers' Preservation Conference to Finalize Key Documents on Global Action 21/05/2025

DUSHANBE, 21.05.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – Several pivotal documents will be signed at the High-Level International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation, set to take place in Dushanbe on May 29-31, 2025, as announced at a briefing by the Tajik Ministry of Foreign Affairs on May 20.

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Tajikistan's National Academy of Sciences Signs Cooperation Agreement with German Research Institutes 21/05/2025

DUSHANBE, 21.05.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – The National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan has signed a cooperation agreement with several leading research institutes in Germany.

The agreement was formalized during an international conference held on May 16 at the National Academy of Sciences. The conference brought together scientists and researchers from Tajikistan and Germany, focusing on the theme "Preservation of

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Biodiversity and Ecosystems in Tajikistan.”

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Sea level rise will accelerate even if warming limited to 1.5°C, study warns 27/05/2025

DUSHANBE, 27.05.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – A team of climate scientists has reached an alarming conclusion: even if humanity manages to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, as outlined in the Paris Agreement, this will not stop accelerated ice melting and sea level rise, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

Read more: [here](#)

First High-Level International Conference on Glacier Preservation Held in Dushanbe 30/05/2025

The first high-level international conference on glacier preservation was held in Dushanbe, where the President of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, proposed launching a large-scale scientific expedition to study the glaciers of the country, *Eurasiatoday.ru* reports.

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Speech of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon at the High-Level International Conference on Glaciers’ Preservation 30/05/2025

I cordially welcome you to Tajikistan, which is hosting the first High-Level International Conference on Glaciers’ Preservation.

This Conference is an important step towards implementing the United Nations resolution declaring the year 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers’ Preservation.

Read more: [here](#)

Climate change causes loss of one-third of world’s mountain glaciers, Tajikistan’s president warns 30/05/2025

President Emomali Rahmon opened the First International Conference on Glaciers’ Preservation on May 30, emphasizing the urgent global crisis posed by the rapid melting of glaciers worldwide.

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Water resources

EU ready to support initiatives aimed at preserving water and energy resources, adapting to climate change 16/05/2025

Bishkek, May 16, 2025. /Kabar/. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic - Head of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic Adylbek Kasymaliev met with EU Special Representative for Central Asia Eduards Stiprais, the press service of the Cabinet of Ministers reported.

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Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan discuss water, energy systems operation in summer period 16/05/2025

Tashkent hosted a regular working meeting with the participation of the Ministers of Energy and Water Resources of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan, [UzA](#) reported.

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Spain's Aqualia keen on building wastewater treatment facilities in Kazakhstan 21/05/2025

Aqualia, one of the world's largest water management companies, is keen on building and modernizing wastewater treatment facilities in Kazakhstan, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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Kazakhstan, Germany enhance cooperation in dual education, water resources management 21/05/2025

On Tuesday, May 20, Astana hosted the 43rd meeting of the Berlin Eurasian Club, Kazinform News Agency learned from the Kazakh Foreign Ministry. The Kazakh-German cooperation in dual education and implementation of advanced technologies in water

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sector were discussed at the meeting.

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Regional workshops explore effective water management practices 22/05/2025

Climate change is exacerbating water stress in the arid Central Asian region, including Turkmenistan, and requires effective water management. Adaptation to climate change is the focus of a two-year project, “Improving the adaptive capacity of local communities to water scarcity and land degradation in two climate-prone regions of Turkmenistan,” implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in partnership with the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan with funding from the IOM Development Fund.

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Tajikistan and Saudi Arabia Discuss Investment Opportunities in Energy and Water Resources 23/05/2025

Tajikistan and Saudi Arabia held talks in Dushanbe on potential investments in the country’s energy and water resource sectors, according to the press service of the Tajik Ministry of Energy.

The meeting between Tajikistan’s Deputy Minister of Energy, Manuchehr Safarzoda, and the President of the Federation of Saudi Chambers, Hassan Al-Huwaizi, took place as part of the Tajik-Saudi Investment Forum.

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Kyrgyzstan, Netherlands discuss cooperation in water management 26/05/2025

Bishkek, May 26, 2025. / Kabar /. A meeting was held at the Ministry of Water Resources, Agriculture and Processing Industry between Deputy Minister - Director of the Water Resources Service Nurlan Zhumayev and a delegation from the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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Youth Network on Water and Climate Launched in Tajikistan 26/05/2025

DUSHANBE, 26.05.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – As part of the upcoming High-Level International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation, a special educational program for youth will be presented, aimed at raising awareness of climate change impacts on glaciers and ecosystems. The initiative is led by the Committee for Youth Affairs and Sports under the Government of Tajikistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan to rebuild 8,000 km of water supply and disposal networks 27/05/2025

Kazakhstan is set to rebuild 8,000 km of water supply and disposal networks and 2,800 km of discharge networks for up to 1 trillion tenge under the Energy and utilities sector modernization national project, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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Almost 50% of Kazakhstan's heat and water supply networks in deteriorated condition, warns minister 27/05/2025

Almost 50% of heat and water supply networks are in deteriorated condition in Kazakhstan, Industry and Construction Minister Yerssaiyn Nagaspayev said on Tuesday, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

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Plans for drinking water supply reviewed 27/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev was presented with detailed information on the progress of efforts to expand drinking water supply and sewage networks, which remain one of the priority areas directly affecting the quality of life and health of the population.

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From Glaciers to Farms: How regional cooperation is shaping Central Asia's water issues 28/05/2025

In a major show of regional cooperation, Central Asia's five countries recently agreed to a new water-sharing framework for the Syr Darya and Amu Darya—glacier-fed rivers

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essential to agriculture, energy, and drinking water across the region. Tajikistan, the source of both rivers and home to half of Central Asia's glaciers, plays a leading role. Its upstream location and growing investment in climate adaptation and early warning systems position it well to help shape a more cooperative and resource-smart region.

Read more: [here](#)

Water Diplomacy: Central Asian diplomats receive training in Kazakhstan 29/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — A two-day seminar titled “Transboundary Waters: A Driver of Sustainable Development” was held at the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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France’s SUEZ keen on modernizing Kazakhstan’s water infrastructure 30/05/2025

Vice Prime Minister Kanat Bozumbayev has met today with Silvère Delaunay, CEO of SUEZ for CIS, Kazinform News Agency learned from the press service of the Government.

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Energy sector

CASA-1000: Technical Code Officially Adopted at Intergovernmental Meeting in Dushanbe 16/05/2025

On May 15, the Intergovernmental Council on the Central Asia–South Asia Electricity Transmission and Trade Project (CASA-1000) officially adopted the Technical Code, *Asia-Plus* reports.

The document is considered one of the project’s key agreements. Its implementation is seen as essential for the parallel integration of the power grids of Central and South Asian countries.

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Japan Expresses Readiness to Expand Energy Cooperation with Tajikistan 16.05.2025

DUSHANBE, 16.05.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On May 14, Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, Daler Juma, held a meeting with the Ambassador of Japan to Tajikistan, Keiko Furuta, to discuss bilateral cooperation in the fields of energy and water resources.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakh Prime Minister Meets Shell Executive to Discuss Energy Cooperation 19/05/2025

Kazakhstan's Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov held a meeting in Astana with Peter Costello, President of Shell's Exploration and Production Division, *Kazinform* reports.

The discussion focused on the implementation of joint oil and gas projects and the prospects for expanding cooperation. The meeting was also attended by Ali Al-Janabi, Shell's Senior Vice President and Country Chair in Kazakhstan, and Suzanne Coughan, Vice President for Exploration in Core Countries and Namibia.

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Iran and Turkmenistan Deepen Energy Cooperation 21/05/2025

During a meeting in Tehran between Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Turkmenistan's Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov, the two sides emphasized the importance of expanding cooperation in the energy sector, *Eurasiatoday.ru* reports.

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Emomali Rahmon Stresses Energy Conservation as Key to Tajikistan's Energy Independence 21/05/2025

DUSHANBE, 21.05.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – To achieve energy independence, the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon emphasized the importance of energy conservation and the efficient use of electricity during the Republican Seminar-Meeting of Agricultural Producers and a subsequent meeting with activists in the Danghara district on May 17.

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Kyrgyzstan and neighbors asked WB to help update feasibility study for Kambar-Ata HPP-1 27/05/2025

Dubai has hosted the second ministerial roundtable on the Kambar-Ata-1 Hydropower Plant (HPP) project. Representatives of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan have formally requested technical and expert assistance from the World Bank to help prepare the largest energy project in the region, reports *Economist.kg*.

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Energy Ministers of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and the Kyrgyz Republic hold second ministerial roundtable on Kambarata HPP-1 project 29/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 26–27 May 2025, the second ministerial roundtable on the Kambarata Hydropower Plant-1 (HPP-1) project was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

During the meeting, clear objectives were agreed upon and concrete deadlines were set to accelerate the implementation of this strategic initiative.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Mazar-i-Sharif Hosts Key Event Honoring Turkmenistan's Neutrality and UN Year of Peace and Trust 19/05/2025

A significant roundtable discussion was held in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan, to mark the International Year of Peace and Trust and the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's permanent neutrality. The event, organized by the Consulate General of Turkmenistan, brought together key regional and international representatives, *Orient.tm* reports.

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Taliban reaffirms Afghanistan's commitment to regional peace, cooperation at Termez Dialogue 20/05/2025

Afghanistan's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Naeem says Afghanistan serves as a

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natural bridge between Central and South Asia and stands ready to play an active and constructive role in regional and international processes, *Afintl.af* reports.

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UN Envoy Otunbayeva Calls for Afghanistan's Inclusion in Central Asia's Collective Security System 21/05/2025

The UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan, Roza Otunbayeva, has emphasized the need to include Afghanistan in Central Asia's collective security framework, *Sputnik Uzbekistan* reports.

She made this statement during the first session of the Termez Dialogue on Connectivity between Central and South Asia.

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TAP Project: expanding Afghanistan's access to electricity and economic growth 28/05/2025

Afghanistan's national power company, Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS), held a technical meeting on the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan (TAP) Transmission Project, which brought together representatives from key Afghan ministries, including the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Economy, Industry and Trade, Energy and Water.

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Afghanistan is Kazakhstan's important partner in region, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev 29/05/2025

On the sidelines of the Astana International Forum, the Head of State, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, received acting Minister of Commerce and Industry of Afghanistan Nooruddin Aziz, Kazinform News Agency learnt from the Akorda press service.

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Kazakhstan expands cooperation with Afghanistan and other countries

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Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev announced the readiness of Kazakh companies to participate in Afghanistan's infrastructure projects and increase agricultural supplies, *Sputnik Kazakhstan* reports.

He announced this during a meeting with Acting Minister of Industry and Trade of Afghanistan Nuriddin Azizi within the framework of the International Forum in Astana.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

United States has image problem in Central Asia 16/05/2025

Among Central Asian citizens, China now has a better image than the United States, according to a comprehensive survey of political attitudes, *Eurasianet.org* reports.

The Democracy Perception Index bills itself as the “world’s largest annual study on how people perceive democracy.” The 2025 edition features data collected from over 111,000 respondents in 100 countries worldwide, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan and Kazakhstan Sign Technical Terms of Protocol on Preliminary Customs Information Exchange 22/05/2025

DUSHANBE, 22.05.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan and Kazakhstan have signed the technical terms of a protocol for exchanging preliminary customs information, reported the Press Center of the Customs Service under the Government of Tajikistan.

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Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan Strengthen Railway Cooperation 26/05/2025

Asignificant step towards enhancing transport connectivity in Central Asia was made during a trilateral working meeting of delegations from the state railway companies of Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. The meeting took place in Kazakhstan, reports *Trend*, citing the Ministry of Transport of Tajikistan.

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Turkmenistan Strengthen Agricultural Cooperation with Kazakhstan 27/05/2025

A delegation from the Wholesale Distribution Center of Aktau city, Mangystau Region, Kazakhstan, visited Turkmenistan to strengthen trade ties in the agricultural sector. This was reported by *Business Turkmenistan* on May 27, citing the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Turkmenistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Russia Agree on New Trade Route Bypassing Kazakhstan 30/05/2025

Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Russia have agreed to establish an alternative cargo route that bypasses Kazakhstan, reports *Eurasiatoday.ru*.

The new multimodal corridor runs through Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, then connects to the port of Turkmenbashi on the Caspian Sea. From there, goods are transported by sea to Russian ports in Astrakhan and Makhachkala.

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