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Climate Change and Environment

No water, no food: Central Asia reminded of the threats 03/04/2025

Chronic malnutrition, rising obesity among children, and vulnerability to climate change are key challenges facing Tajikistan, according to the Europe and Central Asia: Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2024 report, released by the United Nations on April 2, 2025.

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On April 2, an event was held at the National Bank of Tajikistan (NBT) to mark the successful completion of the Climate Transition Planning Program. This initiative, jointly organized by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and NBT, played a key role in implementing sustainable finance principles in Tajikistan's banking sector.

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President of Uzbekistan addresses the Samarkand International Climate Forum 04/04/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 4 April 2025, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev delivered a speech during the plenary session of the Samarkand International Climate Forum.

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Sadyr Zhaparov takes part in climate forum in Samarkand 04.04.2025

Bishkek, April 4, 2025. /Kabar/. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov took part in the international forum "Central Asia in the Face of Global Climate Threats: Solidarity for Common Prosperity", held in Samarkand on April 4.

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Zhaparov proposes European partners to join large-scale energy projects in Kyrgyzstan 04/04/2025

Bishkek, April 4, 2025. /Kabar/. "We invite European partners to join large-scale hydropower projects being implemented in Kyrgyzstan, President Sadyr Zhaparov said today at a meeting of the First Central Asia – European Union Summit in Samarkand.

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President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon participates in the High-Level Forum under the theme “Central Asia facing global climate challenges: consolidation for common prosperity” 04/04/2025

On April 4, in the city of Samarkand, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Leader of the Nation, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, participated and spoke at the High-Level Forum entitled “Central Asia facing global climate challenges: consolidation for common prosperity”.

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Central Asia unites to tackle environmental crisis 05/04/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On the opening day of the Samarkand Climate Forum, a landmark ministerial session titled "Central Asia in the Face of the Triple Planetary Crisis" was held, underscoring the region's growing commitment to environmental cooperation.

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Tajikistan Announces Priorities in Combating Triple Environmental Crisis 07/04/2025

Ministers of Ecology from Central Asian countries and Mongolia discussed joint measures to combat the triple planetary crisis - climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental pollution - during a high-level plenary session at the Climate Forum in Samarkand, reports *Asiaplus.tj*.

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3 Central Asian countries included in list of countries exposed to climate risks for macroeconomics 08/04/2025

While, according to the results of 2024, the Asia-Pacific region will account for 60% of global economic growth, some countries in the world are still not ready to cope with climate shocks and the consequences of transitioning to a more eco-friendly system. This is stated in a report published on April 8 by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), as reported by *Asiaplus.tj*.

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Tajikistan listed among countries vulnerable to climate risks for macroeconomics 08/04/2025

Climate shocks are disrupting livelihoods and economies in Asia and the Pacific. A much-needed transition to low-carbon development can also exert unintended socioeconomic costs. A deeper understanding of how climate change, climate action and macroeconomic outcomes interact is essential for long-term economic stability and development in the region. The 2025 edition of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* examines this nexus and conducts a new macroeconomic-climate readiness assessment.

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ALIPH launches funding call to safeguard Central Asia's cultural

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heritage from climate threats 09/04/2025

At the Aral Culture Summit in Nukus, Uzbekistan, Valéry Freland, Executive Director of the International alliance for the protection of heritage (ALIPH), announced a new call for projects in partnership with the European Union's Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI), says press release issued by the European Union (EU) Delegation to Tajikistan. The goal is to counter the growing threat climate change and disasters pose to cultural heritage across Central Asia — specifically in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

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SECCA visit to Turkmenistan: exchange of experience in the field of energy and climate policy modeling 09/04/2025

Experts and international consultants of the European Union project "Sustainable Energy Relations in Central Asia" visited Turkmenistan from March 31 to April 4 of this year.

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ISMI: The Samarkand climate forum – embodying the new reality in Central Asia 10/04/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 10 April, an international scientific-practical conference was held in Tashkent on the theme "Water Diplomacy in Central Asia: Trust, Dialogue, and Multilateral Cooperation for Sustainable Development."

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Turkmenistan Shows Progress in Combating Methane Emissions 10/04/2025

Turkmenistan has made a significant environmental breakthrough, reaching zero methane emissions in November and December 2024, according to the MARS platform monitoring conducted in cooperation with UNEP. Particularly impressive results were recorded in the Darvaza crater area, which confirms the effectiveness of the country's climate policy. This is stated in a statement by the organizers of the International Scientific and Practical Conference TESC 2025, *Turkmenportal.com* reports.

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Tajikistan launches glacier preservation campaign 11/04/2025

Ahead of the upcoming High-Level International Conference set to take place in Dushanbe at the

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end of May, a series of events has been launched — from seminars for journalists to creative social media challenges. These initiatives reflect the country's ambitious climate agenda and aim to unite the global community in addressing the rapid melting of glaciers.

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Kyrgyzstan strengthens action on climate resilience and early warning systems 11/04/2025

Bishkek, April 11, 2025. /Kabar/. The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic, in collaboration with the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Food Programme, and key development partners, convened an International Scientific and Practical Conference on Monitoring and Forecasting Climate-Related Natural Disasters focused on improving the monitoring and forecasting of climate-related natural disasters.

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Turkmenistan Marks Completion of Significant Phase in Climate Adaptation Planning 11/04/2025

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Green Climate Fund (GCF) project "Developing a National Adaptation Planning Process in Turkmenistan" (NAP), implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan, concluded with a high-level final conference held at the "Yyldyz" Hotel on 10 April 2025. The event highlighted the project's key achievements and outlined the country's plans for addressing the ongoing challenges posed by climate change.

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Nature conservation solutions for agricultural production 14/04/2025

On April 14 of this year, a three-day interactive seminar began at the Central Library of Turkmenabat. The event was organized as part of a project by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) titled "Enhancing Capacities for Climate-Resilient Water Management."

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Water resources

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79% of water in Central Asia used for irrigation, says EDB and UNIDO Report 02/04/2025

Irrigated agriculture consumes 79% of all water resources in Central Asia – 100.4 cubic meters out of 127.3 cubic kilometers per year. These figures are provided in a joint analytical report by the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) and UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization).

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Turkmenistan at the CA-EU Climate Forum: emphasis on water and methane 05/04/2025

Addressing the international forum "Central Asia in the Face of Global Climate Challenges: Consolidation for Common Prosperity" the President of Turkmenistan, Serdar Berdimuhamedov, emphasized the traditionally significant role of the climate agenda within the "Central Asia – European Union" format.

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Kazakhstan received 12.6 bln cubic meters of water from Uzbekistan in 6 months 07/04/2025

As reported by the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nurzhan Nurzhigitov, Uzbekistan supplied Kazakhstan with 12.6 billion cubic meters of water from October last year to April 1 of this year.

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Construction of Upper Naryn Cascade to begin in Kyrgyzstan 10/04/2025

Construction of the Upper Naryn Cascade of Hydroelectric Power Plants will soon begin in Kyrgyzstan, said Kyrgyz Energy Minister Taalaibek Ibrayev at the IX Congress "Hydroenergy: Central Asia and the Caspian Sea", *Kaktus.media* reports.

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President signs Water Code of Kazakhstan 09/04/2025

The Head of State has signed the Water Code of Kazakhstan, Kazinform News Agency

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learned from the Akorda press service. Earlier, the Majilis deputies agreed with the Senate's proposed wording of separate articles of the Water Code.

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Neymatov: Conceptualizing water diplomacy as a key to region's mutual water challenges 10/04/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 10 April, an international scientific-practical conference was held in Tashkent on the theme: "Water Diplomacy in Central Asia: Trust, Dialogue, and Multilateral Cooperation for Sustainable Development."

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Kyrgyzstan participates in conference on water diplomacy in Tashkent 10/04/2025

Bishkek, April 10, 2025. /Kabar/. Representatives of Kyrgyzstan are taking part today in the International scientific and practical conference "Water Diplomacy in Central Asia: Trust, Dialogue and Multilateral Cooperation for Sustainable Development", the press service of the National Institute for Strategic Initiatives (NISI) under the President of Uzbekistan reported.

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2nd Coordination Council meeting: Documents to promote cooperation in Kazakhstan's water sector signed in Astana 10/04/2025

The second meeting of the Coordination Council of Partners for the development of the water sector of the Republic of Kazakhstan was held in Astana. The event was chaired by Nurzhan Nurzhigitov, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, and Katarzyna Wawiernia, UNDP Resident Representative in Kazakhstan. The event gathered representatives of international organizations and financial institutions, foreign development agencies, the diplomatic corps, and the business community, Kazinform News Agency cites the website of UNDP in Kazakhstan.

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Islamic Development Bank to back construction of water reservoirs in

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Kazakhstan 11/04/2025

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) will finance the construction of four water reservoirs in Kazakhstan, Kazinform News Agency learnt from the Kazakh Water Resources and Irrigation Ministry.

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Prospects for the development of water diplomacy in Central Asia discussed in Tashkent 12/04/2025

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Energy sector

Kyrgyzstan to Receive Electricity from Turkmenistan by End of 2025 01/04/2025

Turkmenistan will continue supplying electricity to Kyrgyzstan until 2026. This was announced by Kyrgyzstan’s Minister of Energy, Taalaybek Ibraev, during a meeting of the parliamentary committee on the fuel and energy complex, subsoil use, and industrial policy (Jogorku Kenesh) of Kyrgyz parliament.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan to establish National Energy Efficiency Agency 02/04/2025

A presidential decree has been adopted outlining measures to improve public administration in energy efficiency and to develop the market for energy service companies in Uzbekistan, UzA reports.

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EU President Ursula von der Leyen Mentions the Huge Potential of the Rogun HPP in Tajikistan 04/04/2025

DUSHANBE, 04.04.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – Every country in Central Asia has huge potential for sustainable energy, from wind to solar, from hydro to geothermal. This was stated today by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in her speech at the International Conference entitled “Central Asia Facing Global Climate Challenges:

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Consolidation for Shared Prosperity.”

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UAE Discusses Attracting ADFD Investments to Rogun HPP Construction 09/04/2025

In the UAE capital, Abu Dhabi, discussions were held on attracting capital from the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) to continue the construction of the Rogun Hydroelectric Power Plant (HPP) in Tajikistan, *Khovar* reports, citing the State Committee for Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan and IRENA expand cooperation in development of renewable energy 11/04/2025

Tajikistan's Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Daler Juma, held a meeting with Gurbuz Gonul, Director of Country Engagement and Partnerships at the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), in Dushanbe on April 9.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan on way to energy independence: dozens of new HPPs being built 14/04/2025

Bishkek, April 14, 2025. /Kabar/. A real era of renewal has begun in the energy sector of Kyrgyzstan, head of the information service of the presidential administration Daiyrbek Orunbekov told.

Read more: [here](#)

WB Ready to Continue Supporting Construction of Rogun HPP in Tajikistan 15/04/2025

An official delegation from the World Bank, led by Managing Director of Operations Anna Bjerde and Vice President for Europe and Central Asia Antonella Bassani, expressed readiness to continue supporting the completion of the Rogun Hydropower Plant in Tajikistan. The delegation visited Tajikistan and reviewed the construction progress of the Rogun HPP, reports *Asiaplus.tj*.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Mirziyoyev said World underestimates threats from Afghanistan

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04/04/2025

The President of Uzbekistan, in his speech at the first "Central Asia - EU" summit, addressed the issue of regional security and cooperation with Afghanistan.

Security threats are common for both regions, including terrorism, extremism, radicalism, cybercrime, drug trafficking, and illegal migration, according to *Gazeta.uz*.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan implementing Trans-Afghan Railway construction project together with Russia 09/04/2025

The Ministries of Transport of Uzbekistan and Russia, together with JSC "Uzbekistan Railways" and JSC "Russian Railways," have signed a set of documents to begin the practical implementation of the Trans-Afghan railway construction project, the press service of the Russian Ministry of Transport reports.

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Nesar Mohammad Numan: Afghanistan is Ready for Constructive Engagement on Water Cooperation 12/04/2025

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Delegation of Afghanistan participated in regional water and climate dialogue for the first time 14/04/2025

More than 100 representatives of over 10 states, including Turkmenistan and other countries sharing the basins of two major rivers of Central Asia - the Amu Darya and Syr Darya, participated in the international scientific and practical conference on "Water diplomacy in Central Asia: trust, dialogue and multilateral cooperation for sustainable development" held in Tashkent on April 10. The event was organized by the Institute for Strategic and Interregional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (ISRS).

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan launch \$10 bln industrial cooperation project 01/04/2025

President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has signed a law ratifying the interstate agreement with Uzbekistan on the establishment of the International Center for Industrial Cooperation "Central Asia," according to the official website of the President of Kazakhstan.

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Trade turnover between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan increases 01/04/2025

Bishkek, April 1, 2025. /Kabar /. In January-February 2025, trade turnover between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan amounted to 163 million US dollars, according to data of the Statistics Agency of Uzbekistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyz, Uzbek Presidents hold talks in Samarkand 03/04/2025

Bishkek, April 3, 2025. /Kabar/. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov met with President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev as part of his working visit to Samarkand.

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President Emomali Rahmon attends the Central Asia-European Union Summit 04/04/2025

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Central Asia and EU adopted Declaration on strategic partnership 04/04/2025

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The leaders of Central Asian countries and the European Union adopted a joint declaration following the first-ever summit between the two regions, which took place in Samarkand, the European Council's press service reported.

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Question of EU-like integration of Central Asia comes to fore 05/04/2025

The first summit between the Central Asian states and the European Union in Samarkand has officially added a new partner to the region's favored "C5+" format. As is fitting for major debuts, the event was filled with declarations of friendship and strategic necessity. Whether Brussels' interests are merely about protocol-driven updates to the Central Asia strategy or have more far-reaching goals remains to be analyzed.

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UN Urges Continued Donor Support For Afghans In 2025 07/04/2025

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has called on donor countries to maintain their support for the Afghan people in 2025. The agency warned that 22.9 million Afghans remain in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, *Afintl.af* reports.

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Central Asian countries stress importance of strengthening parliamentary dialogue 07/04/2025

On April 7, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, received heads of parliamentary delegations from Central Asian countries who arrived to participate in the 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, according to the press service of the CIS Executive Committee.

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WB and ADB allocate \$400 mln to Uzbekistan for development of regional authorities 08/04/2025

The Ministry of Economy of Uzbekistan is sign an agreement with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for \$400 million to improve the efficiency of government agencies. The relevant instruction was published on the *Lex.uz* website.

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