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Climate Change and Environment

Kyrgyzstan launches landmark environmental initiative: \$52 mln for nature restoration 17/04/2025

Bishkek, April 17, 2025. /Kabar/. Kyrgyzstan has launched RESILAND CA+, a large-scale environmental initiative aimed at protecting nature and preventing natural disasters. Funded by the World Bank, the project will help mitigate mudflows, restore degraded lands, and strengthen regional cooperation on sustainable landscape management.

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Dushanbe hosts the first national climate forum 18/04/2025

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Chaired by the Agency for Hydrometeorology under the Committee for Environmental Protection of the Government of Tajikistan, the first National Climate Forum successfully concluded in Dushanbe on April 16.

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Tajikistan, Qatar discuss environment, climate cooperation 18/04/2025

On April 17, 2025, a meeting took place between the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Tajikistan to the State of Qatar, Nurmurod Mahmadali, and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change of the State of Qatar, Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Subaie.

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Turkmenistan actively implementing measures to reduce methane emissions 22/04/2025

Turkmenistan places great emphasis on ensuring environmental well-being, including the transition to “green” energy.

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Turkmenistan Participates in the International Conference "Global Mountain Dialogue" in Bishkek 24/04/2025

On April 24–25, 2025, the city of Bishkek is hosting the international conference “Global Mountain Dialogue for Sustainable Development: Towards the Bishkek+25 Summit.”

The forum is attended by the delegation of Turkmenistan led by Minister of Environmental Protection Ch.Babaniyazov, the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Japarov, as well as representatives of a number of foreign countries and international organizations.

Read more: [here](#)

Bishkek to host International Conference "Global Mountain Dialogue for Sustainable Development: Towards the Summit Bishkek+25" 24/04/2025

Bishkek, April 24, 2025. /Kabar/. The International Conference "Global Mountain Dialogue for Sustainable Development: Towards the Summit Bishkek+25 " will be held in

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Bishkek on April 24-25.

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Researchers find new tech to track forest water use amid flood, drought 25/04/2025

Researchers have found a new way to track how native woodlands use water, offering fresh insight into the impact of floods, droughts and terrain, a new research from Australia's Flinders University has revealed, [Xinhua](#) reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan faces the threat of escalating disaster triggered by climate change, says ADB report 25/04/2025

The Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s report, *Annual Report 2024*, [says](#) melting glaciers, floods, droughts, and heat stress can lead to irreversible economic, social, and environmental damage in Tajikistan, with food insecurity and other impacts most severe for women, children, and older people, especially in rural areas.

Read more: [here](#)

Eco Expo Central Asia 2025: Tashkent to Host First International Exhibition of Environmental Technologies 25.04.2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – From 19 to 21 June, the Central Asian Expo (CAEx) exhibition center in Tashkent will host the inaugural Eco Expo Central Asia 2025, the first international exhibition in the region dedicated to environmental technologies.

Read more: [here](#)

UN ESCAP Adopts Tajikistan Resolution on Water and Climate Cooperation 28/04/2025

At the 81st session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), a resolution titled "Strengthening Cooperation on Water Resources and Climate Change for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific Region" was unanimously adopted at the initiative of the Republic of Tajikistan, according to Tajikistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Climate change poses direct threat to food security, Kyrgyz scientist 28/04/2025

Mountain ecosystems are among the most vulnerable to global climate change. Increasingly frequent heatwaves and prolonged droughts have accelerated glacier retreat, leading to the depletion of water resources. For Central Asia, water scarcity presents a broad spectrum of threats, ranging from reduced hydroelectric power generation to declines in agricultural production — all of which are directly tied to the region's food security.

Read more: [here](#)

How climate change steals childhood from children in Tajikistan 29/04/2025

Tahmina is 13 years old girl living in Dushanbe. Last summer, when temperatures above 40°C lasted for days, her usual walk to the grocery store for bread ended with a visit to the doctor and several days of forced rest.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan Sign Roadmap to Protect Ustyurt Plateau 30/04/2025

Official representatives of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan - the three signatories of the Ustyurt Memorandum - have signed a joint roadmap to strengthen environmental protection of the Ustyurt Plateau. The document was developed with support from the Michael Succow Foundation and the Secretariat of the UN Bonn Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, *Gazeta.uz* reports.

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FAO to Support Tajikistan in Developing Agro-Sector and Addressing Climate Risks 30/04/2025

President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon met in Dushanbe with Qu Dongyu, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), *Asiaplus.tj* reports.

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Water resources

President urges concrete action to address water scarcity in Mangistau 18/04/2025

President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev tasked the Government and Samruk Kazyna Fund to take concrete action to reduce water scarcity in Mangistau region, Kazinform News Agency cites Akorda.

Read more: [here](#)

The water infrastructure of the Turkmenbashy Oil Processing Complex is being modernized in Turkmenistan 19/04/2025

During a recent session of the Cabinet of Ministers, B. Amanov reported to President Serdar Berdimuhamedov on the ongoing work to modernize water infrastructure facilities and systems of the [Turkmenbashy complex of oil refineries](#) belonging to the State Concern "Türkmennebit".

Read more: [here](#)

Foreign media on Kazakhstan: Kazakhstan advances water sector reform at high-level coordination meeting; Kazakhstan, a reliable partner of Europe in an uncertain world 20/04/2025

From recent news about Kazakhstan advancing high-level coordination in water sector development with UNDP, strengthening ties with the European Union, and enhancing cargo transport with Kuwait, Kazinform News Agency presents a weekly review of Kazakhstan's coverage in foreign media.

Read more: [here](#)

WB allocates \$121 mln for first phase of Water Supply and Sanitation Universal Access Program in Kyrgyzstan 22/04/2025

Bishkek, April 22, 2025. /Kabar/. The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors today approved \$121 million in financing for the first phase of the Kyrgyz Republic Water Supply

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and Sanitation Universal Access Program. This project is cofinanced by a \$50 million credit from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB); a \$20 million credit from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Fund; a \$9 million grant from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC); and a \$3.75 million grant from AIIB. The project is part of a broader, multi-phase programmatic approach, with a \$400 million financing envelope over the next decade, enabling the Kyrgyz government to provide universal access to and improve the sustainability of water supply and sanitation services across the country.

Read more: [here](#)

Issues of development of integrated plans for land and water resources use discussed 22/04/2025

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Turkmenistan, in partnership with the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan and with the support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), conducted a practical seminar in the Dashoguz velayat.

Read more: [here](#)

IFC ready to invest over \$130mIn in Kyrgyzstan's RES, water supply projects 24/04/2025

The Kyrgyz Republic is actively creating an open and sustainable business environment, demonstrating its readiness to attract private investment, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Adylbek Kasymaliev said during a meeting with Regional Vice President of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Hela Sheikhrouhu on the sidelines of the IMF and World Bank Spring Meetings in Washington, Kabar reported.

Read more: [here](#)

ADB to allocate \$47 mln to increase resilience of water resources in Kyrgyzstan to climate change 25/04/2025

Bishkek, April 25, 2025. /Kabar/. A meeting was held in Bishkek on Thursday with the participation of Deputy Minister of Water Resources, Agriculture and Processing Industry - Director of the Water Resources Service Nurlan Zhumayev and a delegation of the Asian

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Development Bank (ADB) led by Director of the Agriculture, Food, Nature and Rural Development Department Yasmin Siddiqi.

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Central Asian countries divided water resources of Syr Darya and Amu Darya among themselves 25/04/2025

Representatives of the five post-Soviet Central Asian republics have signed protocols and agreements on the allocation of resources from the Syr Darya and Amu Darya rivers to ensure irrigation of agricultural lands while also preserving the ecosystems of the water bodies. The relevant data were published in the documentation of the Interstate Coordinating Water Management Commission of the region, reports *Fergana.ru*.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan to receive about 12 billion cubic meters of water for irrigation in 2025 25/04/2025

In 2025, Tajikistan will receive about 12 billion cubic meters of water for irrigating agricultural crops. This decision was made at a meeting of the Interstate Coordination Water Management Commission (ICWMC), held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on April 5.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan to supply Kazakhstan with part of its water resources 28/04/2025

Kazakh authorities have announced their readiness to provide Kyrgyzstan with discounts on the transit and export of socially significant goods. This was revealed following negotiations in Astana between Kyrgyzstan's Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet Bakyt Torobaev and Kazakhstan's Deputy Prime Minister Serik Zhumangarin, according to a statement from the press service of the Government of Kazakhstan.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and ADB sign agreement to modernize water supply and sanitation infrastructure 28/04/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — In Washington, during the annual Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance of Uzbekistan Jamshid Kuchkarov met

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with President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Masatsugu Asakawa.

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Kyrgyzstan to Allocate Over \$57 mln for Irrigation System Development 30/04/2025

Kyrgyzstan will allocate 5 billion soms (over \$57 million) from the national budget to develop the country's irrigation system. The funds will support the implementation of ten major investment projects in the sector, announced Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture Bakyt Torobaev during a working visit to the Jalal-Abad region, where he reviewed the progress of ongoing irrigation initiatives, *Economist.kg* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan to receive \$38.8 mln from ADB to improve water supply in Naryn 30/04/2025

Kyrgyzstan will receive \$38.8 million from Asian Development Bank to improve water supply in Naryn Oblast, *Kabar* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Senate approves law to strengthen control over land and water resources 30/04/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — At a plenary session of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis, the Law "On Amendments and Additions to Certain Legislative Acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan" was discussed. The discussion emphasized that in recent years, reforms aimed at the efficient protection and rational use of land and water resources have been consistently implemented in the country. However, the task of improving the system for accounting free land, clarifying the procedure for transferring agricultural land to other categories, and strengthening the responsibility of landowners for timely payment upon land acquisition remains crucial.

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Energy sector

Iran one of the most important strategic regional partners of Tajikistan, says

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Tajik energy minister 21/04/2025

The Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, Daler Juma has described Iran as one of the country's most important strategic partners in the region, *IRNA* [reported](#) on April 19.

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Construction of Rogun dam discusses in Washington, D.C. 22/04/2025

DUSHANBE, 22.04.2025 /NIAT Khovar/. Minister of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan Faiziddin Kahkhorzoda met with Charles Cormier, Infrastructure Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia in Washington, reports the Ministry of Finance.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan, WB discus implementation of Kambarata HPP-1 22/04/2025

Bishkek, April 22, 2025. /Kabar/. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers - Head of the Presidential Administration Adylbek Kasymaliev, as part of a working trip to Washington on the sidelines of the Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group, held constructive talks with the Managing Director for Operations of the World Bank Anna Bjerde.

Read more: [here](#)

New UNDP project on energy efficiency in construction sector launched in Turkmenistan 30/04/2025

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has officially launched a new initiative titled "*Enhancing Turkmenistan's National Capacity by Improving the Regulatory Framework for an Energy-Efficient and Sustainable Building Sector.*" The project is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and implemented in collaboration with Turkmenistan's Ministry of Environmental Protection, according to *Turkmenportal.tm*.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Kazakhstan dispatches 36 trucks of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 17/04/2025

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A 36-truck convoy carrying 2,200-ton assistance goods from Kazakhstan entered Afghanistan through Hairatan crossing point in Balkh province, Kazinform News Agency has learnt from the press service of the Kazakh Government.

Read more: [here](#)

Exiled Afghan Leaders Propose Federal Constitution as Alternative Political Roadmap 21.04.2025

A group of Afghan politicians, scholars, and activists living in exile have come together to propose a new political framework for Afghanistan. Believing that federalism could offer a lasting solution to the country's long-standing political, religious, and ethnic divides, they officially unveiled a draft constitution for a future "Federal Republic of Afghanistan", *Khaama.com* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan proposes to open trading house in Afghanistan 22/04/2025

Kazakhstan handed over the second humanitarian aid consignment consisting of medication to Afghanistan, as part of a visit of a Kazakhstani delegation to the country, Kazinform News Agency reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan To Invest \$500 mln In Afghan Railway Project, Says Taliban 22/04/2025

The Taliban has announced that Kazakhstan plans to invest \$500 million in a major railway project in Afghanistan, as part of broader efforts to strengthen economic cooperation between the two sides, *Afintl.af* reports.

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Afghanistan's development remains uncertain – WB 23/04/2025

Amid increasing uncertainty in the global economy, South Asia's growth prospects have

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weakened, with projections downgraded in most countries in the region, including Afghanistan, reports *Ariananews.af*.

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Kazakhstan-Afghanistan Business Forum: Agreements worth USD 140 mln signed on Day 1 23/04/2025

Deputy Prime Minister-National Economy Minister of Kazakhstan Serik Zhumangarin met with Minister for Mines and Petroleum of Afghanistan Mullah Hidayatullah Badri, Kazinform News Agency learnt from the Ministry's press service.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan, Afghanistan agree on construction of Towrgondi-Herat railroad section 24/04/2025

Kazakhstan announced on Thursday the signing of a protocol of intent with Afghanistan on construction of Towrgondi-Herat-Kandahar-Spin Buldak railway, Kazinform News Agency cites primeminister.kz.

Read more: [here](#)

Taliban, Uzbekistan Discuss Railway Project & Trilateral Talks With Pakistan 28/04/2025

Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Taliban's acting Foreign Minister, held a telephone conversation with Bakhtiyor Saidov, Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister, to discuss the Trans-Afghan railway project and holding of a trilateral transit meeting with Pakistan, *Afintl.af* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Cooperation between Central Asian countries

President Japarov and Arkadag Berdimuhamedov held talks in Cholpon-Ata 23/04/2025

President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Japarov held talks today, April 23, with the Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, as part of his working visit to Kyrgyzstan in the city of Cholpon-Ata, the press service of the

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President of Kyrgyzstan informed.

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Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan plan to increase trade turnover to \$1 bln 23/04/2025

President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev discussed increasing trade turnover between Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to \$1 billion (81.3 billion rubles) in the coming years with the Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, according to the press service of the President of Kazakhstan.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmenistan offered Kyrgyzstan to use capabilities of Turkmenbashi port 24/04/2025

Turkmenistan has proposed that Kyrgyzstan create mutually acceptable conditions for using the infrastructure of the Turkmenbashi International Sea Port, Chairman of the Halk Maslakhaty of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov said during talks with Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov, *TDH* reports.

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