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Climate Change and Environment

Uzbek delegation participates in the 12th Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention 01/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 28 April, the 12th Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-12) began its work in Geneva, Switzerland. The event is being held in parallel with the 17th Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-17) and the 12th Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-12), and will continue until 9 May 2025.

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OSCE supports the development of educational curricula in renewable energy in Central Asia 02/05/2025

Central Asian countries have significant potential for renewable energy (RE) development. In recent years, their governments have set ambitious targets to reduce emissions and increase renewable energy capacity. The energy transition is set to transform societies and become a key motor for job creation and inclusive economic development in the region.

Read more: [here](#)

Ashgabat Consultation: How Turkmenistan can attract climate finance 03/05/2025

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) published on 2 May a detailed report on the consultation that took place in Ashgabat on April 17, 2025. The event brought together various representatives from all regions of Turkmenistan to discuss important issues: how to accelerate the country's access to financing for climate change projects and how to more actively involve private businesses in this.

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CACCC-2025: Central Asian Journalists Gear Up to Cover Climate Change 06/05/2025

In the lead-up to the Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2025), Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP) has launched a special media training for journalists and content creators across Central Asia.

The training, which runs from May 5 to 12 and is titled "**Climate Change: Content Diversity and Target Audiences**," includes online webinars, hands-on training sessions, and mentoring support to enhance participants' ability to communicate climate issues effectively.

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ADB plans more landslide risk management projects in Kyrgyzstan in future 07/05/2025

Bishkek, May 7, 2025. / Kabar I. The Asian Development Bank is looking at the potential to do more risk management projects in Kyrgyzstan in the future, Yasmin Siddiqi, Director for Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development in Central and West Asia at the ADB, said during a briefing as part of the 58th ADB Annual Meeting in Milan.

Read more: [here](#)

Climate financing for Central Asia discussed in Ashgabat 13/05/2025

The 7th Central Asian Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2025) has officially opened in Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan.

The forum began with the screening of a video titled "*Turkmenistan: Climate Change and the Green Transition*," reports *Turkmenportal.com*.

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Ashgabat discusses role of youth and women in combating climate change 12/05/2025

Today, on 12 May 2025, a seminar was held in Ashgabat on a topical issue – strengthening the role of youth and women in responding to climate change risks in Turkmenistan and Central Asia. The event was organized by the OSCE Centre in

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The seminar served as an important preparatory event for the upcoming 7th Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2025), which will be held in Ashgabat from May 13 to 15. The OSCE Centre organized the seminar in partnership with the Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP), the World Bank and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC).

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Ashgabat: Transboundary Landscape Restoration in Central Asian Countries Enters a New Phase 13/05/2025

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan – May 13, 2025 – Central Asia discussed key issues related to the restoration of transboundary landscapes at the third meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC).

Representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, along with international organizations and experts in sustainable landscape management, shared their experiences in implementing national projects, analyzed achieved results, discussed the alignment of policies to enhance climate resilience, and outlined an action plan for sustainable management of land and water resources in Central Asia.

Read more: [here](#)

Ashgabat opens CACCC-2025 13/05/2025

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan – May 13, 2025 – The Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2025) officially commenced today in Ashgabat.

The forum opened with an exhibition showcasing the unique and endemic flora and fauna of Turkmenistan, offering participants a glimpse into the country's natural heritage.

Read more: [here](#)

Water resources

Kazakh Ministry recommends planting less water-intensive crops amid looming hydrological droughts 13/05/2025

Kazakhstan may face hydrological droughts in May-July this year, Water Resources and Irrigation Minister Nurzhan Nurzhigitov warned, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

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Uzbekistan and Saudi Arabia discussed joint projects in energy, transport, and water resource management 13/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 12 May 2025, Deputy Minister of Investments, Industry, and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan Akram Aliyev held a meeting with a delegation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, headed by the Deputy Minister of Energy Fuad Mosay.

Read more: [here](#)

Energy sector

Kazakhstan sets 15% discount limit for nuclear plant supplies 05/05/2025

Kazakhstan's government has introduced new pricing rules that cap discounts on the purchase of key nuclear materials at 15%, reports *Kursiv.kz*.

The regulation applies to uranium hexafluoride — produced by converting uranium oxide, a finished product of Kazakhstan's uranium industry — and enriched uranium products.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan and France keen to expand cooperation in energy and critical raw materials 07/07/2025

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Roman Vassilenko met with Ambassador of the French Republic to the Republic of Kazakhstan Sylvain Guiaugué, Kazinform News Agency cites the Kazakh MFA.

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Tajikistan's Rogun HPP Will Be More Powerful Than Previously Planned

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The installed capacity of Tajikistan's Rogun Hydropower Plant will reach 3,780 megawatts (MW) upon full completion, *Asiaplus.tj* reports, citing the Rogun HPP Joint Stock Company.

Read more: [here](#)

**Energy Conference held by the Azerbaijani Embassy in Ashgabat
10/05/2025**

On the occasion of the 102nd anniversary of the birth of the National Leader of the Azerbaijani people, Heydar Aliyev, a conference entitled "Heydar Aliyev - Energy Diplomacy: Solidarity for a Green World" was held at the "Yıldız" hotel in Ashgabat by the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Turkmenistan.

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**First waste-to-energy plant in Central Asia to be built in Kyrgyzstan
12/05/2025**

The construction of a plant for producing electricity from solid household waste or waste-to-energy plant will be completed in December 2025. This became known on May 11, during a visit of President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov to a sanitary landfill in Bishkek, *Kabar* reports.

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Uzbekistan and Malaysia intensify cooperation in the field of peaceful nuclear energy 13/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 12 May 2025, a working meeting was held at the Agency for Atomic Energy under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan between the Director of the Agency, Azim Akhmedkhadjaev, and a delegation from the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Resources Transformation of Malaysia, headed by the Secretary General, Dato Haji Mad Zaydi Mohd Karli.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan and Afghanistan intensify trade and investment cooperation 01/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 29 April 2025, a meeting took place in Tashkent between the Deputy Minister of Investments, Industry, and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Akram Aliev, and the Deputy Minister of Industry, Mines, and Trade of Afghanistan, Mawlawi Ahmadullah Zohid.

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Uzbekistan and Afghanistan Bring Positions Closer to Managing Amu Darya Waters 01.05.2025

In April 2025, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan signed a significant agreement on the joint management of water resources in the Amu Darya River Basin — a milestone in strengthening regional cooperation and promoting the sustainable use of transboundary water resources. The announcement was made by the press service of the Government of Uzbekistan. *Eurasiatoday.ru* outlines the key implications of this development.

Read more: [here](#)

“Friendship Garden” to be established in Afghanistan 01/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — As part of a working visit to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, a delegation from Uzbekistan led by Deputy Minister of Agriculture Jamshid Abduzukhurov held talks with officials from Afghanistan's Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock.

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Uzbekistan and Afghanistan signed important agreements in agriculture and trade 02/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — During an official visit by a delegation led by

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Deputy Minister of Agriculture Jamshid Abduzokhurov to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, significant agreements were reached on agricultural and trade-economic cooperation between the two countries.

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Afghanistan, Tajikistan cooperate on border security issues – Taliban 06/05/2025

Security and border protection issues between Afghanistan and Tajikistan are resolved on the basis of intergovernmental and international agreements. This was stated by the official representative of the Taliban government Zabihullah Mujahid, *TOLONews* reports.

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Kyrgyzstan exported 25 times more to Afghanistan than it imported 08/05/2025

According to the results of the first two months of 2025, the volume of exports from Kyrgyzstan to Afghanistan amounted to 1.09 billion soms (\$12.5 million), while imports from Afghanistan totaled only 44.2 million soms (\$506,000). As a result, the trade balance favored Kyrgyzstan, reports *Akchabar.kg*.

Read more: [here](#)

90% Afghan households hit by Economic Shock last year – UN 09/05/2025

A recent report from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) highlights that 90% of Afghan households are facing an economic shock in 2024 due to the ongoing humanitarian crisis, *Khaama.com* reports.

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The heads of the MFA of Turkmenistan and Afghanistan discussed the acceleration of the TAPI pipeline construction 09/05/2025

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, Rashid Meredov, and the head of the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amir Khan Muttaqi, held online talks this week to review the progress of key regional infrastructure projects, with particular emphasis on accelerating the construction of the TAPI gas pipeline.

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Uzbekistan trade house in Kabul opens new opportunities for entrepreneurs 11/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — From 10 to 13 May, as part of the visit by Uzbek entrepreneurs to Kabul and Mazar-i-Sharif in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, a series of meetings and practical events are being held.

On the first day of the visit, members of the delegation, led by Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan Davron Vakhobov, held talks with representatives of Afghanistan's key ministries overseeing food and pharmaceutical regulation.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan expands electricity products export to the Afghan market 12/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — From 10 to 13 May 2025, important meetings and initiatives in the energy sector are taking place in Kabul and Mazar-i-Sharif as part of the visit of Uzbek entrepreneurs. One of the key events was the opening of the "Made in Uzbekistan" trade house, actively participating in the Uzbek electricity sector, offering a wide range of products.

Read more: [here](#)

Business meeting between Uzbek and Afghan entrepreneurs held in Kabul 12/05/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 11 May, the capital of Afghanistan, Kabul, hosted a business meeting titled "Strengthening Business Cooperation", bringing together representatives of the private sectors of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan.

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Uzbekistan and Afghanistan strengthen cooperation in the electric power sector 12/05/2025

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — From 10 to 13 May 2025, significant business meetings took place in Kabul and Mazar-i-Sharif as part of a visit by Uzbek entrepreneurs, focused on the electric power industry. The B2B-format negotiations marked an important step in developing bilateral cooperation.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and EU Special Representatives discuss regional security and Afghanistan 13.05.2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 12 May 2025, Ismatulla Irgashev, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan, met with Eduards Stiprais, the European Union's Special Representative for Central Asia.

Read more: [here](#)

Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Cooperation between trade unions of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan discussed in Tashkent 12/05/2025

Bishkek, May 12, 2025. /Kabar/. Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Uzbekistan Duishonkul Chotonov held a meeting with Chairman of the Federation of Trade Unions of Uzbekistan Kudratilla Rafikov, during which the parties discussed the interaction of the two countries in this area and further areas of cooperation, the press service of the Kyrgyz Embassy in Tashkent said. Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan - Uzbekistan Tourism Forum held in Samarkand 13/05/2025

Bishkek, May 13, 2025. /Kabar/. The Kyrgyzstan - Uzbekistan Tourism Forum was held in Samarkand, Uza reported.

The event was attended by tourism officials from Kyrgyzstan, entrepreneurs operating in Samarkand, and Deputy Speaker of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic Nurlanbek Azygaliev, who is currently visiting Uzbekistan.

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