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Climate Change and Environment

Tajikistan joins International Union for Conservation of Nature 02/06/2025

Tajikistan has officially joined the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as its 88th member state. The announcement was made during the International High-Level Conference on Glacier Preservation currently taking place in Dushanbe, Khovar reported.

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International Scientific and Practical Conference "Environmental aspects of implementing innovative technologies in the development of hydrocarbon fields" 02/06/2025

June 5th, annually observed as World Environment Day, holds special significance for the global community. On this very day, Ashgabat will host a significant event: the International Scientific and Practical Conference "Ecological Aspects of Implementing Innovative Technologies in Hydrocarbon Field Development" (TESC 2025). This event aims to serve as a key platform for discussing pressing issues of sustainable development in the energy sector, exchanging best practices, and

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developing practical solutions to reduce negative environmental impacts.

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Turkmenistan Discusses Prospects for Environmental Cooperation With International Partners in Dushanbe 02/06/2025

A Turkmen delegation led by Minister of Environmental Protection Chary Babaniyazov held a series of meetings with international partners during the High-Level International Conference on Glacier Protection, held from May 29 to 31 in Dushanbe. The discussions aimed to strengthen cooperation in the field of environmental protection.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan's President Calls for Urgent Global Action to Preserve Glaciers 02/06/2025

Speaking at the High-Level International Conference on Glacier Preservation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, outlined a set of concrete proposals aimed at protecting glaciers and mitigating the impacts of their rapid melting.

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Participants of the First Central Asia–Italy Summit Called to Cooperate on Climate Change Mitigation 02/06/2025

DUSHANBE, 02.06.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – President of the Republic of Tajikistan, H.E. Emomali Rahmon, has called on the participating countries of the first “Central Asia–Italy” Summit to work together in combating climate change and adapting to its consequences — one of the most pressing challenges of our time.

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“This is Not Just Ice – This is Life”: UN Deputy Chief Calls for Urgent Action at Glaciers Conference in Dushanbe 02/06/2025

DUSHANBE, 02.06.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – Speaking at the International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation in Dushanbe, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina Mohammed, delivered a compelling call for global urgency in protecting the world's glaciers and the ecosystems and communities they sustain, reports UN News.

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Turkmenistan 03/06/2025

On the 2nd of June, a scientific and practical conference on ecology was held at the Turkmen Agricultural University named after S.A. Nyyazov with the participation of the faculty, graduate students, young scientists and students of the university.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan enhance nature protection on the Ustyurt Plateau 03/06/2025

Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan have [agreed](#) to jointly protect the nature of the Ustyurt Plateau, a unique ecosystem home to rare animal species. A roadmap extending to 2030 will aid in preserving migration routes and improving monitoring.

Delegations from the three parties to the Ustyurt Memorandum—Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan—have signed a roadmap to strengthen nature protection on the Ustyurt Plateau. The Michael Succow Foundation (a charitable foundation for nature conservation) and the Secretariat of the UN Bonn Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals assisted in the document's development.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan Explores Hosting a Future Green Climate Fund Board Meeting 03/06/2025

DUSHANBE, 03.06.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – The Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, Bahodur Sheralizoda, held a meeting in Dushanbe with Mafalda Duarte, Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), during her visit to participate in the High-Level International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation.

Read more: [here](#)

Japanese Researcher Highlights Tajikistan's Role in Regional Water Security at High-Level Glaciers' Conference 03/06/2025

DUSHANBE, 03.06.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – A Japanese researcher from Kyoto University emphasized Tajikistan's pivotal role in regional water sustainability during the High-Level International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation, held in Dushanbe from May 29 to 31.

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Uzbekistan becomes IUCN's Central Asian hub for conservation and climate initiatives 04/06/2025

Prime Minister of Uzbekistan, Abdulla Aripov, held a meeting with the Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Dr. Grethel Aguilar, Kun.uz reported.

During the talks, it was noted that since Uzbekistan joined the IUCN in 2021, cooperation has been developing in a stable and constructive manner. Special attention was given to the establishment of the first IUCN office for Central Asia in Uzbekistan. PM Aripov emphasized that hosting the office on the campus of the Central Asian University for Environmental and Climate Change Studies (Green University) would help forge close ties with the scientific community, as well as engage students, young scholars, and researchers in the organization's work.

Read more: [here](#)

Ashgabat hosted the International Conference TESC 2025 on Environmental Aspects in Energy 05/06/2025

On June 5, World Environment Day, Ashgabat hosted the International Scientific and Practical Conference "Environmental Aspects of Implementing Innovative Technologies in the Development of Hydrocarbon Fields" TESC 2025. The forum brought together representatives of government agencies, major energy companies, international organizations and academic communities.

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President of Turkmenistan Extends Greetings on World Environment Day 05/06/2025

President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov congratulated environmental workers and all compatriots on the occasion of World Environment Day. In his message, he noted that during the International Year of Peace and Trust, the country is successfully implementing programs focused on afforestation, nature conservation, and maintaining ecological balance.

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Turkmenistan Promotes Environmental Agenda, Attracts Japanese

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Technologies 06/06/2025

On World Environment Day, the Turkmenistan Pavilion at EXPO 2025 in Osaka hosted a conference titled “*Environmental Well-being – A Key Condition for Sustainable Development*”, according to *Orient.tm*.

The event brought together Turkmenistan’s Ambassador to Japan Atadurdy Bayramov, representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan, EXPO staff, and numerous visitors. The Turkmenistan Pavilion is recognized as one of the most vibrant and engaging at EXPO 2025.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan to Host the 8th Assembly of the Global Environment Facility 09/06/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — At the 69th meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), held in Washington, D.C., the international community highly praised Uzbekistan’s large-scale reforms in the fields of ecology and climate under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The country’s achievements in environmental protection and sustainable development were prominently presented.

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Priority Measures for Glacier Preservation in Central Asia Identified in Dushanbe: Forum 5 Outcomes 12/06/2025

On May 31, 2025, the International High-Level Conference on Glacier Preservation concluded in Dushanbe. Countries of Central Asia, with active support from international organizations, developed priority action areas to protect glaciers – the region’s key water sources.

During the pre-conference event, **Forum 5: Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Resilience, Glacier Preservation, and Water Cooperation** – a set of key priority areas was endorsed:

- Developing sustainable financing mechanisms and partnerships for climate adaptation and enhanced water cooperation.
- Deepening transboundary and interdisciplinary cooperation based on scientific data and institutional accountability.
- Strengthening science-policy synergy through joint research and learning.

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- Expanding women's participation in water management and climate policy.
- Actively engaging youth in addressing the region's water and climate challenges.

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High-Level Side Event on Glaciers' Preservation Held in Paris at the Initiative of Tajikistan 13/06/2025

DUSHANBE, 13.06.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On June 12, at the initiative of Tajikistan, and in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO, a high-level side event entitled “From the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation to the Decade of Action for Cryospheric Sciences 2025–2034” was held in Paris.

Read more: [here](#)

Water resources

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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Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan sign protocol on shared operation of Bahri Tochik Water Reservoir 02/06/2025

Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have signed a protocol on shared operation of Bahri Tochik Water Reservoir from June to August 2025, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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UN to support training water management professionals for Central Asia 05/06/2025

A research-to-practice conference on “Water Diplomacy in Central Asia: Problems, Solutions and Cooperation” was held today in Tashkent, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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Kazakhstan names new First Vice Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation 09/06/2025

Nurlan Aldamzharov has been appointed First Vice Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kazinform News Agency cites the press service of the Kazakh Government.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan preparing Joint Project to Monitor Water from Space 10/06/2025

Uzbekistan has already implemented a space monitoring program covering ecology, water and forestry, said Deputy Director of the Uzbekcosmos Agency Mukhiddin Ibragimov, *Eurasiatoday.ru* reports.

"We have digitized 60 of the country's largest reservoirs. We can track online how much water has been accumulated, how it is used and for what needs it is directed. The main consumer is agriculture," Ibragimov said.

Read more: [here](#)

Training Held in Samarkand on Integrating Climate Adaptation into Territorial and Basin Planning in the Zarafshan River Basin 13/06/2025

The Zarafshan River plays a critical role in providing water resources for the economies of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. Approximately 7.5 million people live within the basin, the majority of whom reside in Uzbekistan, where large agricultural clusters are located in the Samarkand, Navoi, and Bukhara regions. In contrast, the upper part of the basin in Tajikistan is predominantly home to small-scale farmers, mainly engaged in rice cultivation around the Penjikent area.

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Energy sector

Kazakh Energy Minister, Secretary General of OPEC meet in Astana

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Kazakh Energy Minister Yerlan Akkenzhenov held a meeting today with His Excellency Haitham Al Ghais, Secretary General of OPEC in Astana, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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UN Round Table Highlights Pathways for Green Energy Transition in Turkmenistan 04/06/2025

A high-level United Nations round table on “Supporting Policy Making and National Capacity towards Green Energy Transition in Turkmenistan” brought together key stakeholders to discuss the country’s future in sustainable energy. The event, moderated by UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Dmitry Shlapachenko, was held as part of the International Scientific and Practical Conference on “Environmental Aspects of Implementing Innovative Technologies in the Development of Hydrocarbon Fields.”

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ADB Expresses Readiness to Fund Energy Projects in Kyrgyzstan, Including Kambar-Ata HPP-1 05/06/2025

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has expressed its readiness to finance key energy projects in Kyrgyzstan, including the strategic Kambar-Ata Hydropower Plant-1 (HPP-1).

The announcement followed a meeting between Kyrgyz Minister of Energy Taalaibek Ibraev and ADB leadership in Manila, held on June 4, as reported by *Eurasiatoday.ru*.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmenistan's GDP, overfulfillment in energy sector and double-digit growth in retail trade 05/06/2025

At a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan on June 4, the economic results for January-May of this year were summed up. According to Deputy Prime Ministers Hojamyrat Geldimyradov and Batyr Amanov, key macroeconomic and industry indicators demonstrate stable positive dynamics - from GDP growth and domestic trade to overfulfillment of plans in the oil and gas complex.

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Tajikistan and Qatar Plan to Develop Green and Renewable Energy Cooperation 11/06/2025

DUSHANBE, 11.06.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan and Qatar intend to expand cooperation in investment, green, and renewable energy sectors. This agreement was reached on June 10 during a meeting between Zavki Zavkizoda, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Tajikistan, and Ahmad bin Muhammad Al-Sayed, State Minister for Foreign Trade of Qatar, held within the framework of the 4th International Investment Forum in Tashkent.

Read more: [here](#)

Investors from 13 countries participated in auctions for renewable energy projects in Kazakhstan 13/06/2025

Investment companies from 13 countries participated in auctions for renewable energy projects with a total capacity of 5,725 MW, according to the press service of Kazakhstan's Ministry of Energy.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan to recognize authorities of Afghanistan when time comes - Abdulaziz Kamilov 02/06/2025

Uzbekistan pursues a pragmatic and principled approach in its engagement with Afghanistan's current authorities and supports the idea of an international dialogue involving the Taliban. This was stated by Abdullaziz Kamilov, Deputy Secretary of the Security Council under the President of Uzbekistan and Special Representative of the Head of State for Foreign Policy, in an interview with Ishonch.uz, as reported by Gazeta.uz.

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Turkmenistan and Afghanistan work on joint energy projects 03/06/2025

A technical delegation from Afghanistan's energy company Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat visited Turkmenistan to discuss a number of energy projects, *Kabul*

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Times reported on Monday, citing a statement from the company.

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Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan expand mutual trade 04/06/2025

On the sidelines of the International Forum in Astana, First Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic Daniyar Amangeldiev held a bilateral meeting with Afghanistan's Minister of Industry and Trade, Nooruddin Azizi, the Kyrgyz government's press service reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Want To Defend Rights Of Afghans In Europe, Says Taliban FM 05/06/2025

Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Taliban foreign minister, has said the group wants access to Afghan communities in Europe to provide consular services and to defend what it describes as the "human rights" of Afghans living abroad, *Afintl.af* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan sends humanitarian aid to Afghanistan in honor of Eid al-Adha 05/06/2025

A new shipment of humanitarian aid from Uzbekistan has been delivered to Balkh Province in Afghanistan, the press service of the Surkhandarya regional administration reported, *Gazeta.uz* reports.

Following the instructions of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Uzbekistan sent 183 tons of food supplies to the neighboring country in honor of Eid al-Adha (Qurban Hayit).

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan, Uzbekistan discuss boosting economic ties at Tashkent Forum 12/06/2025

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev has met with Afghanistan's Acting Minister of Industry and Trade, Nooruddin Azizi, during the International Investment Forum in Tashkent to discuss expanding bilateral economic cooperation across key sectors, *Ariananews.af* reports.

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Delegation of Afghanistan's State Corporation Visits Bukhara Region

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — A delegation from the State Corporation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, headed by General Director Ahmadjon Bilol, visited Bukhara Region to explore opportunities for regional cooperation.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kyrgyzstan strengthens economic ties with Central Asian countries and China 03/06/2025

Bishkek, June 3, 2025 /Kabar/. Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic Bakyt Sydykov took part in the second Meeting of the Ministers of Economy and Trade of the Central Asian countries and the People's Republic of China in Astana.

Read more: [here](#)

President of Tajikistan meets with the Heads of Government of the CIS participating states 05/06/2025

DUSHANBE, 05.06.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On June 5, at the Palace of the Nation, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Leader of the Nation, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, met with the Heads of Government of the CIS Participating States, who had arrived in Dushanbe.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan–Uzbekistan Trade Turnover Reaches \$184 Million 07/06/2025

DUSHANBE, 07.06.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – During the 11th CIS Council on Industrial Policy meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan's Minister of Economic Development and Trade Zavki Zavkizoda met with Uzbekistan's Minister of Investments, Industry, and Trade Laziz Kudratov.

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