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## Climate Change and Environment

### **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought: How Does Central Asia Contributes? 17/06/2025**

On June 17, the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is marked under the theme "Restore the land. Unlock the opportunities". This message aligns closely with the objectives of the RESILAND CA+ program, which focuses on restoring degraded lands across Central Asia.

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### **Integrating Climate Adaptation into Territorial and Basin Planning in the Chon-Kemin and Chu River Basin 18/06/2025**

Representatives from the relevant departments of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan participated in a training seminar on integrating climate adaptation into territorial and basin planning in the Chon-Kemin and Chu River basins. The event aimed to strengthen cooperation between the two countries in addressing climate change adaptation.

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### **Training on Climate Risk Assessment and Climate Change Adaptation took place in Mary in the Murghab River Basin 19/06/2025**

A training on climate risk assessment and climate change adaptation in the Murghab River Basin was held in Mary from June 17 to 19. The three-day training was conducted within the framework of the regional program of the German Agency for International Cooperation.

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### **Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan Strengthen Environmental Cooperation in Central Asia 20/06/2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — On 19 June 2025, the international exhibition Eco Expo Central Asia 2025 was officially opened in Tashkent by Aziz Abdukhakimov, Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Yerlan Nysanbayev, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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## **Kyrgyzstan Promotes Mountain Agenda in International Arena 20/06/2025**

The Kyrgyz Republic is participating in the 62nd session of the Bonn Climate Change Conference under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), according to the official website of the President of Kyrgyzstan.

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## **Central Asian Countries and China Stand United Against Climate Threats 22/06/2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — The second “Central Asia – China” Summit held in Astana was a landmark event in many respects, once again highlighting the strong commitment of the regional countries to deepen multilateral cooperation and implement joint development strategies.

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## **Uzbekistan Launches Joint Hazardous Waste Management Project with Saudi Arabia and France 23/06/2025**

Uzbekistan is implementing a joint project with companies from Saudi Arabia and France in the field of hazardous industrial waste management, *Gazeta.uz* reports, citing the press service of the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection, and Climate Change of Uzbekistan.

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## **New publication: Reaction of Minimal Streamflow to Natural Factors in the Context of Climate Uncertainty in Kazakhstan 25/06/2025**

We are pleased to announce the recent publication of a scientific article co-authored by LESLIE participants and collaborators from leading academic and research institutions in Kazakhstan, Greece, and Spain. The paper, entitled “Reaction of Minimal Streamflow to Natural Factors in the Context of Climate Uncertainty” has been published in the prestigious journal *Water Resources Management* (Springer, 2025).

Read more: [here](#)

## **UN warns of worsening drought in Central Asia 26/06/2025**

According to the study, the countries of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan are experiencing accelerated glacier melt, rising temperatures, and

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worsening water security.

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## Water resources

### **Tajikistan's Leadership in Global Water Agenda Highlighted in Brussels 16/06/2025**

Tajikistan's prominent role in the global water agenda was recognized at a special event held in Brussels titled "*Water Action and Environmental Traditions for a Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Future*," reports *Avesta.tj*.

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### **Uzbekistan and HESCO Maritime & Water Discuss Water Supply Projects 18.06.2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — Diplomats from the Embassy of Uzbekistan held a meeting with Reza Ardestani, Managing Director of international company HESCO Maritime & Water, and Muhammad Abdulwaris, Project Manager of the company's Cairo branch, according to the Dunyo news agency.

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### **Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan negotiating new draft agreement on water distribution 20/06/2025**

Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are negotiating a new draft agreement on water distribution. This was announced by Kazakh Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Nurzhan Nurzhigitov at a conference dedicated to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scientific-Research Institution for Irrigation and Water Problems of Uzbekistan ongoing in Tashkent.

Read more: [here](#)

### **Kazakh PM assigns to set up regional water risk management headquarters 20/06/2025**

The Kazakh Prime Minister, Olzhas Bektenov, held a meeting on the progress of the crop season, Kazinform News Agency cites the Government's press service.

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## **Uzbekistan to provide additional 1.5bn cubic meters of irrigation water to Kazakhstan via Syrdarya River 20/06/2025**

14.2 billion cubic meters of irrigation water have already been delivered into Kazakhstan's Shardarinsk reservoir via the Syrdarya River from Uzbekistan since October 1, 2024, Kazakh Water Resources and Irrigation Minister Nurzhan Nurzhigitov said, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

Read more: [here](#)

## **Kazakhstan and ADB strengthen partnership to modernize water infrastructure 24/06/2025**

Kazakhstan's Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Nurzhan Nurzhigitov, held talks with Gennadiy Zhukov, Director General of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Central and West Asia, [Trend](#) reports.

Read more: [here](#)

## **Uzbekistan and Malaysia Agree to Expand Cooperation in Energy, Water Resources, and Islamic Finance 24/06/2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — On 23 June, a meeting was held between the Malaysian delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Energy Transition and Water Resources Transformation Dato' Sri Fadillah bin Haji Yusof and Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance Jamshid Kuchkarov.

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## **Kazakhstan sends 4.8 bln cu m of water for irrigation 26/06/2025**

Since the beginning of the crop season Kazsushar affiliates received 4.8 billion cubic

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meters of water for irrigation, 1st Vice Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation Nurlan Aldamzharov told a briefing, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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## Energy sector

### **Kazakhstan Explains Choice of Rosatom for First Nuclear Power Plant 16/06/2025**

On June 16, 2025, Kazakhstan's Atomic Energy Agency explained why Russian state corporation Rosatom was selected to lead the construction of the country's first nuclear power plant, according to *Zakon.kz*.

Read more: [here](#)

### **Turkmenistan Calls for Expanded Energy Cooperation with Central Asia and China 18/06/2024**

Turkmenistan advocates for deeper energy cooperation with Central Asian countries and China, President Serdar Berdimuhamedov stated during the second "Central Asia–China" summit, according to Turkmen state news agency *TDH*.

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### **Uzbekistan Proposes Integration of Central Asian and Chinese Power Grids 19/06/2025**

Uzbekistan has put forward an initiative to integrate the power grids of Central Asia with China, aiming to create a large-scale regional energy corridor. The proposal was announced by Deputy Minister of Energy Umid Mamadaminov in an interview with *Uzbekistan 24*, *Gazeta.uz* reports.

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### **Uzbekistan and Russia Advance Talks on Building Two Nuclear Power Plants 20/06/2025**

Uzbekistan and Russia are actively negotiating the construction of two nuclear power plants - a large 2 GW facility and a smaller 110 MW station, *Fergana* reports, citing Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak's remarks at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF-2025).

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## **Tajikistan Unveils Roadmap to Achieve SDG 7 on Clean and Affordable Energy 24/06/2025**

At the 3rd International Conference on “Prospects for the Development of Renewable Energy in the Republic of Tajikistan,” held in Dushanbe, the country presented a strategic roadmap to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7): ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy. The announcement was reported by *Asia-Plus*.

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## **Uzbekistan Accelerates Green Energy Transition with \$6 Bln in Foreign Investment 24/06/2025**

Uzbekistan is rapidly expanding its green energy sector to ensure a stable and sustainable energy supply for its growing economy. According to a report on the official website of the President of Uzbekistan, nearly \$6 billion in foreign direct investment has been attracted to the sector in a short period, with annual electricity production increasing from 59 billion to 82 billion kilowatt-hours.

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## **Nuclear and Renewable Projects Critical for Kazakhstan’s Energy Stability 24/06/2025**

The timely launch of a nuclear power plant and renewable energy facilities is vital to ensuring Kazakhstan’s stable energy supply, according to a statement from the KAZENERGY Association.

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## **Afghanistan’s multilateral relationship with CA countries**

## **Afghanistan Sees Increase in Air Traffic Amid Middle East Tensions 16.06.2025**

Officials from Afghanistan’s Ministry of Transport and Aviation say that overflights through the country’s airspace have increased following the outbreak of conflict between Iran and Israel, *Ariananews.af* reports.

They emphasize that Afghan airspace is secure, and airlines can safely use this route for

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their flights.

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## **Kazakhstan names its Special Representative for Afghanistan 16/06/2025**

The Head of State decreed to appoint Ambassador-at-Large of the Kazakh Foreign Ministry Yerkin Tukumov as the Special Representative of Kazakhstan for Afghanistan, Kazinform News Agency learnt from the Akorda press service.

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## **Afghanistan and Turkmenistan Set to Expand Transport and Transit Cooperation 19/06/2025**

Afghanistan and Turkmenistan are poised to significantly expand their transport and transit cooperation, the Afghan Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation announced, *Orient.tm* reports.

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## **Turkmenistan and the European Union discussed regional security and development of Afghanistan 20/06/2025**

On 17 June 2025, within the framework of the 17<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Dialogue between Turkmenistan and the European Union, a bilateral meeting was held between Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Ahmet Gurbanov and Director of the European External Action Service for Asia Paola Pampaloni. About this reports MFA of Turkmenistan.

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## **Uzbekistan and Switzerland Discuss Cooperation on Afghan Issues and Water Resources 27/06/2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — On 25 June 2025, the Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan, Ismatulla Irgashev, held talks with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Swiss Confederation to Uzbekistan, Konstantin Obolensky.

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## Cooperation between Central Asian countries

### **Latecomer advantage: Central Asia's prospects for embracing technology 16/06/2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Astana, Kazakhstan, on June 16 for the second China–Central Asia Summit marks another milestone in reviving a historic bond shaped by the ancient Silk Road — a shared civilizational journey linking China and Central Asia.

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### **Second Summit: China, Central Asia Strengthen Strategic Partnership 18/06/2025**

The second China–Central Asia Summit was held in the capital of Kazakhstan, Astana, bringing together the leaders of all Central Asian countries and the President of China. This event marked an important milestone in strengthening political dialogue and expanding multilateral cooperation.

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### **Akramjon Nematov: "The Stability of Central Asia Is a Key Factor for the Stability of All Eurasia" 27/06/2025**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** — From 23 to 25 June 2025, the XI International Scientific and Expert Forum "Primakov Readings" took place in Moscow, organized by the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of World Economy and International Relations.

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