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Climate Change and Environment

Integrating Climate Adaptation into Territorial and Basin Planning in the Isfayramsay and Shahimardan River Basins 02/07/2025

A training seminar on integrating climate adaptation into territorial and basin planning in the Isfayramsay and Shahimardan river basins was organized for representatives of relevant agencies from Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

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Integrating Climate Adaptation into Territorial and Basin Planning in the Murgab River Basin 02/07/2025

A training workshop was held for representatives of Turkmenistan's water management agencies on the integration of climate adaptation into territorial and basin planning in the Murgab River basin. The event aimed to strengthen institutional capacity and promote the practical application of climate change adaptation approaches.

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The RESILAND Tajikistan Project: Revitalizing Landscapes for Prosperity and a Sustainable Future 02/07/2025

Sughd Province, Tajikistan– From June 10 to 13, 2025, a working from the Resilient Tajikistan Landscape Restoration Project (RESILAND TJ), implemented by the Committee for Environmental Protection and the World Bank, conducted a field monitoring visit. The focus was on assessing the significant progress in the Ayni and Penjikent

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districts, specifically in pasture management (Subcomponent 2.2) and landscape restoration for improved livelihoods (Subcomponent 2.4).

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UN chief warns that environment is being attacked on all fronts 08/07/2025

UN Secretary-General António Guterres on July 7 warned that the environment is being attacked on all fronts and called on the international community to urgently tackle the intersection of health and climate issues.

Read more: [here](#)

New UNDP Regional Project Launched in Ashgabat to Strengthen Urban Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risks 11/07/2025

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in close partnership with Hyakimlik (Municipality) of Ashgabat, and with the participation of the Ministry of Construction and Architecture of Turkmenistan, organized an inception workshop as part of a regional project titled “Enhancing Urban Resilience to Disaster Risks and Climate Change in Central Asia”, funded by the Government of Japan. The project concept was introduced during the workshop held on July 10–11, 2025, at the UN Building in Ashgabat

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Central Asian Countries Launch Regional Steering Committee to Accelerate Methane Reduction Efforts 11/07/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan – July 10, 2025 representatives from five Central Asian countries gathered in Tashkent for the first meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) under the Central Asia Capacity Building for Methane Emission Reduction (CA CBMER) project. The meeting marked a significant milestone in regional cooperation to address methane emissions, particularly in the oil and gas sector.

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Water resources

Tajikistan at a crossroads: Invest in irrigation or face rural exodus 30/06/2025

As water scarcity intensifies and agricultural output stagnates, Tajikistan is under mounting

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pressure to overhaul its outdated irrigation systems or risk accelerating rural migration and food insecurity.

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Kyrgyzstan supplied Kazakhstan with more water than planned 03/07/2025

Since the beginning of the irrigation season, Kyrgyzstan has sent about 304.3 million cubic meters of water to Kazakhstan via the Shu and Talas rivers, which is 34.2 million m³ more than the planned volume, the Ministry of Water Resources of Kazakhstan reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan allocated \$308 mln for water supply modernization 03/07/2025

Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Olzhas Bektenov announced the allocation of 160 billion tenge (\$308 million) for the development of the country's water supply system, the press service of the government of Kazakhstan reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan could become Central Asia's irrigation hub, but major upgrades are needed 08/07/2025

Tajikistan has the potential to become the production and service base for a regional irrigation cluster in Central Asia, according to [a joint report](#) released by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). However, to realize this vision, the country must overhaul nearly 77% of its irrigation systems, most of which date back to the Soviet era and are now in poor condition.

Read more: [here](#)

We must strengthen our water diplomacy, urges Kazakh President Tokayev 09/07/2025

President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev of Kazakhstan believes that water security has become a key to the country's sustainable development, Kazinform News Agency has learnt from the Akorda press service.

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President Tokayev prioritizes drinking water treatment issues 09/07/2025

The Head of State prioritized providing people with clean drinking water and noted that certain measures are being taken lately, Kazinform News Agency learnt from the Akorda press service.

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Kazakh President awards water sector workers 09/07/2025

The Head of State, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, congratulated the workers of the country's water sector on their professional holiday, Kazinform News Agency reports citing the Akorda press service.

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Water-saving technologies to cover 1.3 mln ha of irrigated land in Kazakhstan 09/07/2025

Kazakhstan targets to largely increase the farming land using modern water-saving technologies. Area irrigated with such technologies will grow up to 1.3 million hectares by 2030, Kazinform News Agency reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan to scale up water-saving rice farming with drip irrigation 09/07/2025

In 2026, Uzbekistan will launch a rice cultivation project using drip irrigation across six regions. The initiative aims to adopt international experience from South Korea, the Philippines, Egypt, and Nepal to develop new rice varieties that require less water while

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maintaining high yields.

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By 2030, 72% of Tajikistan's population may gain access to clean water. can the goal be achieved? 11.07.2025

The government of Tajikistan has approved a new State Program for Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation for 2025–2029, aiming to tackle one of the country's most pressing challenges: access to clean water.

Read more: [here](#)

Energy sector

Cooperation for Green Energy: Turkmen Delegation Visits German University 02/07/2025

A delegation from Turkmenistan visited Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU) in Germany and held talks with the university management on establishing cooperation to implement sustainable development strategies. A three-year project on this topic has already started at MLU.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan and China debate green energy cooperation 03/07/2025

Kazakh Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov met with Hunan Junxin Huangbao Chairman Dao Guo Dai to discuss prospects for cooperation in the sphere of green economy and waste treatment, Kazinform News Agency cites primeminister.kz.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmenistan and Germany strengthen cooperation in "green energy" 04/07/2025

A delegation from Turkmenistan, comprising representatives from the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Education, and the State Energy Institute, recently concluded a visit to Germany. This visit was conducted within the framework of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) project titled "European Union for Green Development of

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Turkmenistan: Policy Dialogue and Action on Climate Change for 2024–2028".

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Turkmenistan to Join Second Phase of CAREC Trade Program Backed by ADB 07/07/2025

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has invited Turkmenistan to participate in the second phase of the Integrated Trade Agenda through 2030, implemented under the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program. The initiative has already been approved by President Serdar Berdimuhamedov, according to Turkmenistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan Faces Electricity Shortage Despite Growing Renewable Capacity 07/07/2025

Kazakhstan's economy is experiencing a significant electricity shortage, despite the presence of 230 power plants across the country, including 156 renewable energy facilities with a combined installed capacity of over 3 GW. According to the Government of Kazakhstan, electricity production in 2024 totaled 117.9 billion kWh, while consumption reached 119.9 billion kWh.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan, UAE reaffirm strategic partnership in energy 10/07/2025

Kazakh Energy Minister Yerlan Akkenzhenov and Emirati Energy and Infrastructure Minister Suhail Al Mazroui held talks on the sidelines of the 9th OPEC International Seminar in Vienna, Kazinform News Agency has learnt from the press service of the Energy Ministry of Kazakhstan.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

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As part of the visit of the delegation of Turkmenistan led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Rashid Meredov to Azerbaijan on July 3, a meeting was held with the acting Deputy Prime Minister of Afghanistan for Economic Affairs Abdul Ghani Baradar, *Orient.tm* reports.

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Turkmenistan and Afghanistan discussed TAPI and TAP projects in Khankendi 04/07/2025

As part of Turkmenistan's delegation visit to Azerbaijan, led by Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov, a meeting was held on July 3 with Afghanistan's Acting Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Abdul Ghani Baradar, *Orient.tm* reports.

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Uzbekistan and Afghanistan agreed to expand cooperation at meeting in Khankendi 04/07/2025

On the sidelines of the Economic Cooperation Organization summit in Khankendi, Azerbaijan, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held talks with Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, Acting Deputy Prime Minister of Afghanistan for Economic Affairs, *Gazeta.uz* reports.

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Mirziyoyev meets with Baradar: What Uzbekistan and Afghanistan agreed on 06/07/2025

Afghanistan plans to increase trade turnover with Uzbekistan to \$2 billion and expand exports to Central Asia and Russia. Uzbekistan is ready to supply more electricity and invest in the establishment of textile factories, cement production, oil refineries, as well as salt extraction and processing.

Read more: [here](#)

Taliban in talks with Uzbekistan over 500-kilowatt power transmission project 07/07/2025

Possible ways to accelerate the implementation of a 500 kV power transmission project from Uzbekistan to Afghanistan were discussed during a video conference between the head of the Afghan energy company Breshna Sherkat, Abdul Bari Omar, and the Minister of Energy of Uzbekistan, *Eurasiatoday.ru* reports.

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Uzbekistan and Afghanistan to Increase Mutual Trade Turnover to \$2

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On the sidelines of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) summit held last week in Khankendi, Azerbaijan, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held important talks with Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, according to *Sputnik Uzbekistan*.

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UN Warns of Escalating Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan Amid Mass Deportations 09/07/2025

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has issued a stark warning over a rapidly deteriorating humanitarian crisis, driven by the mass return of Afghan migrants from neighboring countries. According to UN figures, nearly 949,000 people have returned to Afghanistan in the first half of 2025 - including 741,000 from Iran and 208,000 from Pakistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Relations between Central Asia's nations and Afghanistan are warming 09/07/2025

Eurasianet [reports](#) that relations between the five Central Asian countries and Afghanistan are warming as plans move ahead for new rail links, increased trade and creating opportunities for ordinary Afghans.

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Taliban Envoy Holds Talks in Astana Amid Push for Diplomatic Recognition 10/07/2025

The Embassy of Afghanistan in Kazakhstan has confirmed that Mohammad-ur-Rahman, the Acting Ambassador of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) in Astana, held talks with Yerkin Tokumov, Kazakhstan's Special Representative for Afghanistan, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen bilateral ties and pursue official diplomatic recognition, *Ariananews.af* reports.

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Kazakhstan, Afghanistan vow stronger rail links to boost regional trade 11/07/2025

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At the invitation of the Afghan side, Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu arrived in Afghanistan on a working visit, Kazinform News Agency has learnt from the press service of the Kazakh Foreign Ministry.

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Kazakhstan, Afghanistan debate cooperation issues 12/07/2025

As part of his visit to Afghanistan, Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu held a meeting with Acting Minister of Industry and Trade of Afghanistan Nooruddin Azizi, Kazinform News Agency cites the press service of the Kazakh Foreign Ministry.

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Astana and Kabul Agreed to Increase Transportation via Turkmenistan 13.07.2025

Kazakhstan and Afghanistan have taken an important step towards the formation of a new major transport corridor, which is of strategic importance for the entire Central Asian region. During the recent visit of the Kazakh delegation to Kabul, a memorandum on the construction of the Trans-Afghan Railway was signed. This event opens up new prospects for increasing regional trade turnover and strengthening transport and logistics ties, in which Turkmenistan plays a key role.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan reaffirm commitment to strengthening bilateral ties 01/07/2025

DUSHANBE, 01.07.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On June 30, 2025, within the framework of an official visit to the Kyrgyz Republic, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan was received by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, reports Foreign Ministry

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of the country.

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Full-Scale Construction of China–Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan Railway Begins in Kyrgyzstan 01/07/2025

Full-scale construction has officially begun along the entire 304-kilometer stretch of the China–Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan railway that runs through Kyrgyz territory, according to *Akchabar.kg*.

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Tajikistan Seeks to Join China–Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan Railway Project 07/07/2025

Tajikistan has expressed interest in joining the China–Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan railway project, construction of which began earlier this year.

According to *Asia-Plus*, Tajik Transport Minister Azim Ibrohim discussed the country's potential involvement in the initiative with China's Minister of Transport, Liu Wei. The meeting took place on July 2 in Tianjin, China, during the 12th Meeting of Transport Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states.

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Kyrgyz President Japarov Visits Tajikistan for High-Level Confidential Talks with President Rahmon 08/07/2025

On July 8, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov arrived in Tajikistan on an official visit. The highlight of the visit was not a formal ceremony, but a private one-on-one meeting and closed-door talks with President Emomali Rahmon - held without press or extended delegations. The tete-a-tete format underscored the sensitivity and strategic significance of the discussions, which addressed not only bilateral concerns but also broader regional interests, *Eurasiatoday.ru* reports.

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Presidents of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan took part, via videoconference, in an opening ceremony of border checkpoint between the two countries 08/07/2025

DUSHANBE, 08.07.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – At the Palace of the Nation, after the

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completion of the meeting and negotiations at the highest level, the Heads of State — Honorable Emomali Rahmon and Honorable Sadyr Japarov — took part in the virtual opening ceremony of the border checkpoint «Tojvaron» — «Karamik» on the state border of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.

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Signing ceremony of new cooperation documents between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan 08/07/2025

DUSHANBE, 08.07.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – After the conclusion of the high-level talks between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, a ceremony of signing new cooperation documents was held in the presence and with the participation of the Heads of State, Honorable Emomali Rahmon and Honorable Sadyr Japarov.

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Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan plan to increase trade turnover to \$500 mln 08/07/2025

DUSHANBE, 08.07.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – The Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan Zavki Zavkizod held a meeting with Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic Bakyt Sydykov on July 7 in Dushanbe, reports MoEDT of Tajikistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan Expand Trade Ties Amid Strengthening Bilateral Relations 09/07/2025

As part of the state visit of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic to Tajikistan, Tajikistan's Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Zavqizoda Zavqi Amin, met with Kyrgyzstan's Minister of Economy and Commerce, Bakyt Sydykov, *Avesta.tj* reports.

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