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Climate Change and Environment

The development of a Subregional Joint Action Programme on Cryosphere continues 14/08/2025

In early August, a delegation from Turkmenistan participated in the fourth regional workshop within the framework of the project "Strengthening the resilience of Central Asian countries by enabling regional cooperation to assess glacio-nival systems to develop integrated methods for sustainable development and adaptation to climate change."

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakh Deputy PM Bozumbayev calls for coordinated action at CA meeting to tackle climate change and water shortages 14/08/2025

Kazakhstan's Deputy Prime Minister Kanat Bozumbayev on Thursday held the 90th meeting of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia (ICWC), Kazinform News Agency cites the press service of the Kazakh Government.

Read more: [here](#)

New drought monitoring system will help Tajikistan save millions 20/08/2025

Tajikistan will be able to benefit \$4-6 million annually in the coming years through the introduction of modern satellite technologies for drought monitoring.

On August 20, 2025, Tashkent announced the launch of a large-scale regional drought monitoring project using remote sensing technologies. The initiative is being implemented with the support of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and its budget at the first stage is \$300,000.

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UNICEF and Partners Empower Young Leaders for Climate Action as Summer School concludes in Ashgabat 20/08/2025

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As the Youth Climate Summer School 2025 concluded last week in Ashgabat, 35 young people celebrated the completion of the three months of intensive learning, collaboration and climate action.

Young people took center stage in discussions and activities spanning climate, environment, energy, agriculture, water, disaster risk reduction, biodiversity, waste management, project planning, and youth leadership. Through site visits — including to the Toprak recycling facility — they explored practical solutions and translated their ideas into actionable projects, showing how youth leadership can drive community climate action.

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Batyr Mamedov: The RESILAND CA Strengthens Environmental and Climate Agenda in Central Asia 26/08/2025

The RESILAND CA+ program has become an important part of the environmental and climate agenda in Central Asia, opening new horizons for regional cooperation and the sustainable development of mountain regions. This was stated today by Batyr Mammedov, Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), during a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic in Bishkek.

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World Lake Day: Preserving the Aquatic Ecosystems of Central Asia 27/08/2025

Each year, the global environmental community marks World Lake Day on 27 August, established by the United Nations General Assembly. This day is intended to highlight the vital role of lakes and freshwater ecosystems in the life of our planet, which are now under serious threat due to overexploitation, pollution, and climate change.

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Strengthening Cooperation: Ministry of Natural Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic and CAREC 27/08/2025

The Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic, Meder Mashiev, and the Executive Director of the Regional Environmental

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Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), Batyr Mammedov, discussed key areas of bilateral cooperation during a working meeting in Bishkek on August 26, 2025.

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Water resources

Central Asian water resources officials call for urgent overhaul of pumping infrastructure in northern Tajikistan 04/08/2025

Water resources officials from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan have jointly stressed the urgent need to modernize aging pumping stations in Tajikistan's Sughd province, which are consuming electricity at rates far exceeding acceptable norms due to severe wear and outdated equipment.

Read more: [here](#)

Water Resources Emerge as Central Asia's Key Challenge 15/08/2025

Water scarcity is becoming a major challenge for Central Asia in the medium term, said Sultan Akimbekov, Director of the Institute for Asian Studies, Kazinform.kz reports. Population growth and climate change are worsening the situation, he noted.

Read more: [here](#)

ICWC Meeting: Seeking Joint Solutions for Sustainable Water Resources Management in Central Asia 15/08/2025

At its 90th anniversary meeting, the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia (ICWC) discussed regional cooperation in the face of climate challenges and water scarcity in Central Asia.

The event took place on August 14, 2025, in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan. It brought together representatives of sectoral and foreign affairs agencies of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, as well as international financial institutions and development organizations, including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, GIZ, and others.

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Central Asia Unites to Tackle Water Crisis: Key Talks on Amu Darya and Syr Darya Allocations 18/08/2025

Kazakhstan hosted the 90th anniversary session of the Interstate Coordination Water

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Commission of Central Asia (ICWC), the Kazakh government announced.

The meeting was attended by Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister Kanat Bozumbayev, Kazakhstan's Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation Nurlan Nurgizhikov, Tajikistan's First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources Jamshed Shoimzoda, Turkmenistan's State Committee Chairman for Water Management Durdy Genjie, Uzbekistan's Minister of Water Economy Shavkat Hamrayev, and Kyrgyzstan's Ambassador to Kazakhstan Dastan Duishekeev, who participated as an observer.

Read more: [here](#)

New Kazakh Vice Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation appointed 25/08/2025

By the decree of the Kazakh Government, Talgat Momyshev has been appointed Vice Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kazinform News Agency reports.

Read more: [here](#)

President Emomali Rahmon attended commissioning ceremony of drinking water pipeline in Rogun city 26/08/2025

DUSHANBE, 26.08.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On August 26, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Leader of the Nation, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, commissioned a drinking water pipeline in Rogun city.

Read more: [here](#)

Energy sector

Tajikistan, Uzbekistan discuss strengthening energy cooperation 15/08/2025

DUSHANBE, 15.08.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – The Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan Daler Juma and the Minister of Energy of Uzbekistan Jurabek Mirzomakhmudov have met in Gulistan, Sughd Region, where they voiced satisfaction with current cooperation and pledged to further strengthen their fraternal and strategic partnership, reports Tajik MoEWR press-office.

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Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have agreed on the operation of energy systems for the coming winter 17/08/2025

The Ministers of Energy of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan discussed the coordination of energy systems in the upcoming winter period and the progress of the project "Reconnection to the unified energy System of Central Asia."

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan Strengthen Cooperation in the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy 19/08/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — Cooperation between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in the peaceful use of nuclear energy is built on friendly relations and develops through bilateral contacts, working visits, and specialized events.

Read more: [here](#)

Funding for Rogun HPP Conditional on Tajikistan Meeting Key Requirements - S&P 26/08/2025

International donors will release funding for the completion of the Rogun Hydropower Plant only after the government of Tajikistan fulfills all remaining conditions, Standard & Poor's Global Ratings has stated in a new analytical report, according to *spglobal.com*.

The report indicates that international partners, including the World Bank, are prepared to finance about 40% of the project's total \$6.4 billion cost—equivalent to Tajikistan's projected 2025 GDP. The financing package includes \$1.5 billion in commercial loans, \$850 million in grants, and \$550 million in concessional loans.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Historic \$243 Million Energy Deal Signed Between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan 18.08.2025

Kabul has witnessed the signing of one of the largest energy agreements in the history of relations between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, valued at \$243 million. The Afghan Ministry of Energy and Water Resources (DPMEA) confirmed the news.

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Afghanistan Aims to Become a Regional Transport Hub Between Central and South Asia 18/08/2025

New transport infrastructure projects in Afghanistan promise to strengthen its role as a regional transit hub, a major role in this process is given to cooperation with Turkmenistan and other countries in the region. According to the Ministry of Public Works of Afghanistan, the country's railway network is currently being actively expanded, opening up new prospects for the whole of Central and South Asia.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and Pakistan Discuss Construction of Trans-Afghan Railway 20/08/2025

A high-level meeting took place in Tashkent between Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of Pakistan's Armed Forces. The meeting was reported on the official website of the Uzbek President.

Read more: [here](#)

Ashgabat held negotiations with the delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan. 25/08/2025

On August 25, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan held meetings with the Pakistani delegation, headed by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (Additional Secretary for Western Asia and Afghanistan) Said Ali Asad Gillani. These talks marked a new stage in the development of bilateral relations, emphasizing mutual interest in expanding cooperation in key areas.

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First Meeting of Special Representatives of Central Asian Countries on Afghanistan Took Place 27/08/2025

The first meeting of special representatives of Central Asian countries on Afghanistan was held in Tashkent. Initiated by Uzbekistan, the event brought together delegations from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, marking a significant step toward establishing an independent regional platform to address the Afghan agenda. Details of

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the meeting were shared by the Uzbek news portal *UzDaily.uz*.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan Plan Steps to Boost Trade Volume to \$2 Billion 14/08/2025

Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan have agreed to prepare and hold meetings of a joint working group, co-chaired by deputy heads of government, aimed at developing a set of measures to increase bilateral trade turnover to \$2 billion, *Akchabar.kg* reports, citing the Kyrgyz Ministry of Economy.

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Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan Agree to Expand Air Connectivity with Up to 238 Weekly Flights 18/08/2025

The agreement was signed during negotiations between aviation authorities within the framework of the second conference of the Working Group on Cooperation in Civil Aviation "Central Asia - China" (C5+1), *Gazeta.uz* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, and Uzbekistan Hold Trilateral Summit in Avaza 22.08.2025

A high-level trilateral meeting involving Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, National Leader of the Turkmen people, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, and Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev began in the National Tourist Zone "Avaza" on the Caspian Sea coast, according to *Turkmenportal.tm*.

Read more: [here](#)

Sadyr Zhaparov held talks with Kassym-Jomart Tokayev in narrow format 22/08/2025

Bishkek, Aug. 22, 2025 /Kabar/. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov today, August 22, held talks with President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev in a narrow format as part of his official visit to Kyrgyzstan.

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Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan Strengthen Strategic Partnership at High-

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Level Summit 22/08/2025

Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov and Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev held the sixth meeting of the Supreme Interstate Council in Bishkek on August 21, where they discussed key areas of bilateral cooperation. The visit, part of a two-day trip by President Tokayev, was covered on the official website of the Kyrgyz President.

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Leaders of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan place their bets on “Middle Corridor” 25.08.2025

Following the trilateral summit in Turkmenistan’s Avaza tourist zone, attended by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Turkmen National Leader Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, the countries adopted a Joint Statement and signed memorandums on cooperation in transport and logistics, shipbuilding, civil aviation, and an agreement between the commodity exchanges of the three nations, reports *caravan-info.pro*.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan's Senate Chair Affirms Tajikistan as Key Strategic Partner 27/08/2025

Maulen Ashimbayev, Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, has reaffirmed Tajikistan’s strategic importance to Kazakhstan, calling it an “important and reliable partner.” The statement was made during a meeting with Rustam Emomali, Chairman of the National Assembly of Tajikistan, who is currently in Astana on an official visit, reports *Sputnik-Tajikistan*.

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