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Climate Change and Environment

Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan Launch Pilot Project to Restore Ferula 27/11/2025

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As part of deepening Turkmen-Uzbek environmental cooperation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan are initiating a joint pilot project aimed at restoring populations of wild Ferula species. This project will be part of a larger effort to combat desertification and develop desert agroforestry.

Read more: [here](#)

In search of clean air: is Tajikistan facing climate driven migration? 28/11/2025

In the capital of Tajikistan, Dushanbe, deteriorating air quality is increasingly shaping where people live and how they plan their future. Dust storms, smog, high concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) have become part of daily life.

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Uzbekistan and AIIB Sign \$500 Mln Agreement to Support Green Economic Transition 02/12/2025

The Government of Uzbekistan and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) have signed an agreement to allocate 500 million dollars for the implementation of the Program for Transition to a Green and Sustainable Market Economy, *Sputnik-Uzbekistan* reports.

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Tashkent Hosts Meeting on Measures to Combat Air Pollution 03/12/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — A meeting of the Special Commission on Atmospheric Air Quality, chaired by Saida Mirziyoyeva, Head of the Presidential Administration, was held in Tashkent to address air pollution issues.

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Uzbekistan Strengthens Cooperation with the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Conservation 03.12.2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — In Samarkand, on the sidelines of the 20th CITES Conference of the Parties, a meeting took place between Aziz Abdukhakimov, Advisor to the President and Chairman of the National Committee on Ecology and Climate

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Change, and Musonda Mumba, Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention.

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Kyrgyzstan Strengthens Climate Cooperation at UNFCCC COP30 08/12/2025

During the 30th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP30), Kyrgyzstan's Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology, and Technical Supervision, Meder Mashiev, held a series of bilateral meetings with representatives of international climate funds, including the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Adaptation Fund, and the Loss and Damage Fund, *Akchabar.kg* reports.

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Turkmenistan Experts Participate in Caspian Littoral States Environmental Forum 08/12/2025

The First International Environmental Forum of the Caspian Littoral States has commenced in Makhachkala, Russian Federation, dedicated to developing crucial joint mechanisms for protecting the Caspian Sea ecosystem.

The two-day event (December 8–9) brings together nearly 300 experts in ecology, biology, and geophysics from all five littoral nations: Turkmenistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, and Iran.

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In Tashkent, Central Asian Countries Discuss Regional Partnership in Landscape Restoration 09/12/2025

Tashkent – Uzbekistan - December 9, 2025 – In Tashkent, the Agency for Increasing Forests and Green Areas and Combating Desertification under the National Committee on Ecology and Climate Change of Uzbekistan hosted the Regional Dialogue on the Restoration of Landscapes in Central Asia on December 9–10, 2025.

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UNICEF and Turkmenistan: Preschool Educators Master a New Climate Program 09/12/2025

A key training seminar aimed at enhancing environmental awareness among the

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youngest generation was held in Ashgabat. On December 4, at the UN Office in Turkmenistan, preschool teachers, Ministry of Education specialists, and researchers studied a new program on climate change adaptation.

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The Central Asia-Russia Interregional Group (IRG) Presented a Model for Combating Desertification to the UN 09/12/2025

In its recent statement at the plenary session of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (CRIC-23) in Panama, the Central Asia-Russia Interregional Group (IRG) formally presented a model for effective regional partnership to the global community. The six-country group emphasized that it has evolved into an effective mechanism for scientific and practical cooperation aimed at combating land degradation, droughts, and dust storms—threats that are critical for arid zones.

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2025 becomes the second-hottest year on record 10/12/2025

The year 2025 is set to become the second-hottest ever recorded, surpassed only by the unprecedented global heat of 2024, according to data from the UN and the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S).

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Glacier and water conservation: Bishkek discusses the country's sustainable future 10.12.2025

Bishkek, Dec. 10, 2025. /Kabar/. The international conference "Water, Mountains, and Glaciers of the Kyrgyz Republic: A Sustainable Future" is taking place in Bishkek today. The event is being organized by the Jusup Balasagyn Kyrgyz National University and the Green Energy Public Foundation.

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Bishkek hosts International Mountain Day conference 10.12.2025

Bishkek, Dec.10, 2025 /Kabar/. International conference entitled "Waters, Mountains and

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Glaciers of Kyrgyzstan, a Sustainable Future" is being held in Bishkek on the occasion of International Mountain Day.

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GGGI Discussed Progress of Central Asia Climate Resilience Project in Tashkent 10.12.2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) held the second meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) in Tashkent to review the progress of the regional project “Strengthening Climate Resilience through the Implementation of Innovative Intelligent Flood and Drought Management Technologies in Central Asia (2024–2027).”

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Uzbekistan and World Bank Discuss Expanding Cooperation in Agriculture and Environment 10.12.2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 9 December, in Tashkent, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance Jamshid Kuchkarov held a meeting with Sameh Wahba, Regional Director of the World Bank for Sustainable Development in Europe and Central Asia.

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Central Asia Launches Project to Close Gaps in Climate Finance 11/12/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 10 December, a regional event was held under the project “Closing Gaps in Climate Finance in Central Asia”, organized jointly with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).

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Turkmenistan shared its experience on forest restoration and combat desertification at the Regional 10/12/2025

The aim of 2021-2025 National Forestry Program of Turkmenistan is to create ecologically

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wellbeing conditions, restore forest and biodiversity conservation, ensure sustainable forest management, support scientific and investigation works, and strengthen legislative base and international cooperation.

The National Forestry Program of Turkmenistan includes such activities as creation of forest-park zones and protection forest zones, afforestation in Aral Sea Region, forest inventory and monitoring.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan defines Climate Education Development Strategy 2040 11/12/2025

Bishkek, Dec. 11, 2025. /Kabar/. National conference dedicated to the development of climate education in Kyrgyz schools was held in Bishkek.

According to the press service of the Ministry of Education, the event brought together government officials, educators from all regions of the country, the expert community, and representatives of international organizations to discuss practical steps to improve the quality of climate education.

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Water resources

New irrigation technology using drainage water developed in Kazakhstan 01/12/2025

The Kazakh Scientific Research Institute of Water Economy is currently implementing four irrigation and land reclamation projects under grant funding, [Qazinform News Agency](#) has learnt from the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation.

Read more: [here](#)

Third Amudarya and Syrdarya Basin Dialogue and Development Partner Dialogue Held in Tashkent 02/12/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 2–3 December 2025, Tashkent is hosting the third meeting of the Basin Dialogues for the Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers, alongside

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the Development Partner Dialogue.

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Switzerland Highlights the Importance of Regional Dialogue on Water Management in the Amudarya and Syrdarya Basins 03/12/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — Speaking at the third meeting dedicated to advancing dialogue on the Amudarya and Syrdarya river basins, Andrin Fink, Head of Cooperation and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland in Uzbekistan, underscored the importance of joint regional efforts amid shrinking water resources and climate change.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakh Schoolgirl Develops Device to Extract Water from Air, Ministry Supports Pilot Launch 08.12.2025

Kazakhstan's Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Nurzhan Nurzhigitov, met with Dana Kadyrbek, a student of Almaty Gymnasium No. 79, who developed an innovative device that collects water from the atmosphere using advanced nanomaterials, *Kazinform* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakh Government to revise cropping structure amid projected water shortage in southern regions 09/12/2025

Irrigation water shortage in the country's south may reach 1 billion m³ in the upcoming cropping season, Qazinform News Agency quotes Deputy Prime Minister Kanat Bozumbayev as saying at the Government's weekly meeting today.

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Turkistan region to expand water-saving technologies to 400,000 hectares 09/12/2025

Over the next five years, Turkistan region plans to expand the use of water-saving technologies to 400,000 hectares, Qazinform News Agency reports.

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Kazakhstan ratifies Protocol on Water and Health 10/12/2025

Head of State Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed today the law ratifying the Protocol on Water and Health (PWH) to the 1992 UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, [Qazinform News Agency](#) cites Akorda.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan strengthens water resource oversight with Launch of National Water Council 11/12/2025

According to the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources (MoEWR)'s press center, opening the meeting, Deputy Prime Minister Sulaimon Ziyozoda [stressed](#) that climate change, glacial retreat, population growth, and industrial development are creating new challenges for food security, green energy, and irrigation systems. In this context, integrated water resource management has become a national priority.

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Dushanbe to host International Conference on Water for Sustainable Development in 2026 11/12/2025

On December 9, 2025, a two-day meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Implementation of the UNGA Resolution on the “Decade of Action for Cryospheric Sciences, 2025-2034” commenced at UNESCO Headquarters.

Read more: [here](#)

European Union and Tajikistan mark completion of long-term water-safety infrastructure in Istiqlol 11/12/2025

The European Union and Republic of Tajikistan today marked the successful completion of two newly constructed pipelines in the city of Istiqlol (formerly Taboshar), an important milestone under the EU's long-standing commitment to improving environmental safety and addressing uranium legacy sites in Central Asia.

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National Water Council convenes for 1st meeting in Dushanbe 11/12/2025

Dushanbe hosted the first meeting of the National Water Council, which coordinates the adoption of the key decisions on the use, protection, and sustainable management of the country's water resources, [Qazinform News Agency](#) reports.

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Energy sector

Kyrgyzstan faces growing energy crisis, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan step in to help 04/12/2025

As winter approaches, concerns over potential heating and electricity shortages in Kyrgyzstan are intensifying, with neighboring Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan stepping in to prevent a full-scale crisis.

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Turkmenistan Discusses Expansion of Gas Export Routes with Global Gas Centre 04/12/2025

On December 1, Turkmenistan's Deputy Prime Minister for the fuel and energy sector, Batyr Amanov, held talks in Ashgabat with the Executive Director of the Global Gas Centre, Valérie Ducrot, *Biznes Turkmenistan* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan Expands Regional Energy Cooperation and Launches New "Green" Projects 05/12/2025

Uzbekistan is expanding regional cooperation in the energy sector and focusing on creating a unified energy market, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev said on December 5 during a ceremony marking the launch of new energy facilities in Tashkent, *Gazeta.uz* reports.

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Turkmenistan's Fuel and Energy Sector Demonstrates Steady Growth. 05/12/2025

Deputy Prime Minister Batyr Amanov, who oversees the oil and gas sector, presented a report on the industry's performance for the first 11 months of this year at a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan.

According to him, the Turkmennebit State Concern fulfilled its oil production plan by 109%, confirming its steady growth dynamics.

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EBRD and EU helping to tackle energy losses in Tajikistan 05/12/2025

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is helping to enhance the sustainability and efficiency of Tajikistan's electricity distribution network by organizing a financing package of up to €43 million for [Shabakahoi Taqsimoti Barq](#) (STB) – the country's state-owned power utility responsible for electricity distribution.

Read more: [here](#)

President of Uzbekistan stresses importance of advancing energy projects with Kyrgyzstan 07/12/2025

Bishkek, Dec. 6, 2025. /Kabar/. President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev received Minister of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic Taalaibek Ibrayev.

At the beginning of the meeting, the distinguished guest conveyed sincere greetings from Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov to the head of state.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan, WB discuss cooperation in energy sector 08/12/2025

DUSHANBE, 08.12.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On December 8, 2025, the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan Farrukh Hamralizoda held a meeting with newly appointed World Bank Group Country Manager for Tajikistan Gael Raballand, Khovar reports citing Tajik MFA information department.

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Tajikistan Unveils Long-Term Power Sector Development Strategy for GBAO 10/12/2025

A major project titled “Strategy for the Development of the Electric Power Sector of the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO) until 2050” was presented in Dushanbe, *Orient.tm* reports.

The event was held at the Dushanbe Serena Hotel and gathered representatives of relevant ministries, the leadership of Pamir Energy JSC, experts, and development partners, according to the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan.

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Afghanistan’s multilateral relationship with CA countries

Turkmenistan Shows Interest in Connecting the “North–South” Corridor with Afghan and Pakistani Routes 27/11/2025

At the 3rd International Forum “North–South Transport Corridor — New Horizons” held in Astrakhan, participants focused on expanding the North–South International Transport Corridor (ITC) through the inclusion of new members and the development of additional routes, *Orient.tm* reports.

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Taliban Delegation Discussed Border Security Issues in Tajikistan 27/11/2025

A Taliban delegation led by Mohammad Ismail Ghaznawi, the group’s governor of Badakhshan, has travelled to Tajikistan for discussions on border coordination and related security issues, *Afintl.af* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan ready to expand its ties and cooperation with ECO: FM Muttaqi 28.11.2025

The Foreign Minister of the Islamic Emirate, Amir Khan Muttaqi, took part for the first time in the 29th Meeting of the ECO Council of Foreign Ministers, which was hosted by Kazakhstan and held online, stating that Afghanistan is ready to expand its relations and cooperation with the organization, reports *Afintl.af*.

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Destabilization on Afghanistan's Borders: A New Wave of Regional Tension 01.12.2025

At the end of November 2025, a series of incidents on the Tajik-Afghan border resulted in the deaths of five Chinese citizens, *Eurasiatoday.ru* reports. The events occurred amid a gradual improvement in relations between Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan to Significantly Increase Meat Imports from Afghanistan 01/12/2025

Tashkent plans to substantially boost meat imports from Afghanistan as part of a new phase of cooperation in agriculture and livestock, reports *AVA Press*.

The agreement was reached during a meeting between Uzbekistan's Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Afghanistan's Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan Reports New Armed Attack from Afghan Territory 02/12/2025

The press center of the Border Troops of Tajikistan's State Committee for National Security has reported another armed attack originating from Afghanistan, *Khovar* news agency reports.

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Uzbekistan–Afghanistan Border Crossings Reopened via Termez–Hairaton Bridge 03/12/2025

The Termez–Hairaton border crossing points between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan have resumed operations, enabling passengers to travel safely and directly between the two countries. Visa requirements, however, remain in place, reports *Chamber.uz*, the official portal of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan.

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Kazakhstan Reaffirms Support for Major Economic Projects in Afghanistan 09/12/2025

Kazakhstan has reiterated its backing for major economic and connectivity projects in Afghanistan during a high-level meeting between Yerkin Tukumov, the Kazakh President's Special Envoy, and Sirajuddin Haqqani, the Islamic Emirate's Minister of

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Interior, in Kabul, *Ariananews.af* reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakh Delegation Strengthens Ties with EU at Central Asia Economic Forum 27.11.2025

The Kazakh delegation, led by Deputy Prime Minister and Head of the Government Office of Kazakhstan, Galymzhan Koishybayev, participated in the Third *European Union – Central Asia Economic Forum* held in Tashkent, *Kazinform* reports.

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Central Asian economies show diverging growth trends in 2025, international forecasts show 29.11.2025

Central Asia is set for robust economic growth in 2025, but the pace and drivers differ significantly across countries.

Data obtained and analyzed by [Trend](#) from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and Asian Development Bank (ADB) indicates differences in projected growth across the region, with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan showing higher projected rates, Uzbekistan exhibiting moderately strong growth, and Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan forecasted to expand at a more moderate pace.

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Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan Strengthen Systemic Economic Partnership 10/12/2025

Economic cooperation between Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan has entered a stage of stable and structured partnership. The two countries have moved beyond isolated projects, shifting their focus to industrial cooperation, trade expansion, and predictable investment mechanisms. This progress is supported by regular intergovernmental dialogue and joint infrastructure initiatives, *Orient.tm* reports.

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President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon reaffirms commitment to

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developing cooperation with Turkmenistan within strategic partnership 11/12/2025

On December 11, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Leader of the Nation, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, met with the President of Turkmenistan, Honorable Serdar Berdimuhamedov, on the sidelines of the Peace and Trust Forum in Ashgabat.

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