



# CENTRAL ASIA CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

## *“Achieving the Global Climate Finance Goal through Regional and National Actions in Central Asia”*

May 13-15, 2025 | Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

### Information note

#### Background:

Since 2016, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) has organized the Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC), to facilitate regional dialogue on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Building on the foundation laid by CACCC 2024, themed “Bridging Climate Goals with Action: Making Ambitions a Reality,” the upcoming CACCC 2025 will focus on “Achieving the Global Climate Finance Goal through Regional and National Actions in Central Asia.” This conference will emphasize the vital role of transformation into actions recently agreed on by the UNFCCC COP29 (COP29) New Collective Quantified Financial Goal (NCQG) and the pivotal role of regional collaboration in enhancing the climate resilience of Central Asia.

Central Asia's region faces exceptional vulnerability to climate change, particularly in water and energy resources, agriculture, land management, and disaster risk reduction. Recent studies indicate that temperatures in Central Asia are rising faster than the global average, leading to increased desertification and glacial melt. Scheduled for May 2025, the 7th Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC 2025) will align discussions with national, and regional priorities and global climate agendas set forth by UNFCCC COP29 and COP30. In particular, the decisions made at COP29 will have significant implications for Central Asia, particularly in the context of climate financing, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), development and implementation of NAPs, and Regional Climate Change strategies. The conference will spotlight the progress made by Central Asian countries in climate mitigation and adaptation efforts. Participants will delve into advancements related to the preparation of the next round of NDCs (NDC 3.0). Climate finance will be a cross-cutting theme of the conference. Discussions will focus on mobilizing sufficient funds, the prudent management of these resources, and the alignment of fiscal policies to achieve climate objectives. CACCC 2025 will also explore the potential of Central Asia to transition towards greener, cleaner, and more climate-resilient growth with ensuring water and energy security.

The conference will be organized by the CAREC<sup>1</sup> in partnership with the World Bank, Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP)<sup>2</sup>, the RESILAND CA+ Program<sup>3</sup> and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)<sup>4</sup> and others. Each partner contributes thematic expertise to enable comprehensive discussions on climate resilience. In addition to these partners, the event is open to collaboration with other international donors, development agencies and partners.

#### Goal:

The CACCC 2025 aims to catalyze a transformative dialogue that empowers Central Asian nations to enhance their resilience to climate change through strategic climate financing in line with NCQG, promotion innovative solutions, and collaborative partnerships. This conference aims to create actionable frameworks that align national priorities with regional and global climate agendas, particularly in light of the commitments established at COP29 and COP30.

#### Expected Outcomes:

- Enhanced Climate Financing Mechanisms. Participants will discuss actionable strategies to mobilize climate finance, aiming for annual growth of regional climate funding by 25% over the next five years

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<sup>1</sup> The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia <https://carececo.org/en/main/>

<sup>2</sup> Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP) – a partnership between the World Bank, European Commission, Switzerland, and the UK which is supporting regional coordination, strengthening institutional capacities and promoting inter-sectoral integration to help achieve regional energy and water security in Central Asia <https://www.worldbank.org/en/region/eca/brief/cawep>

<sup>3</sup> Within Tajikistan Resilient Landscape Restoration Project <https://projects.vsemirnyjbank.org/ru/projects-operations/project-detail/P171524>

<sup>4</sup> Within the Climate Risk Management in Central Asia Regional Program <https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/131531.html>

to cover urgent needs of Central Asian countries. The conference is expected to yield innovative financing models and partnerships that can effectively support both climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives, leading to increased investment across the region.

- Showcasing Innovations in Climate Solutions. The conference will highlight successful case studies and innovative practices in climate resilience, particularly within water management, agriculture, and energy sectors. By creating a platform for sharing technological advancements, attendees will identify scalable solutions that can be implemented across Central Asia, fostering a culture of innovation in addressing climate challenges.
- Strengthened Regional Collaboration. CACCC 2025 aims to strengthen frameworks for transboundary cooperation among Central Asian countries to tackle shared climate challenges effectively.
- Alignment of National Policies with Global Agendas. The conference will encourage participating countries to assess approaches to update their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0) to align with global climate goals.

#### **Participants:**

CACCC 2025 is expected to attract around 200 participants, including high-level government officials from Central Asian countries responsible for climate change issues, representatives from ministries of finance, and economy, as well as international organizations, civil society organizations, business communities, and development partners. The conference will engage experts from critical sectors in climate resilience, including environmental protection, water resource management, agriculture, forestry, health, emergency services, and energy. By bringing together this diverse group of stakeholders, the conference will foster cross-sectoral dialogue and strengthen collaborative efforts in addressing climate change effectively across the region. To ensure diverse and inclusive engagement representatives from underrepresented groups may be invited additionally

#### **Participation**

Participation format: hybrid. Registration is required for online participation and special request for in-person attendance at the CACCC-2025.

**Venue:** ÝYLDYZ HOTEL  
Turkmenistan, Ashgabat, Bagtyyarlyk Ave, 17  
<https://yyldyzhotel.gov.tm/>

**Working language:** Russian, English. The organizers will provide simultaneous translation.

### Conference Overview:

The Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC 2025) will span three days, featuring a core two-day conference, complemented by side-events, post-conference events and field visits.

*The program is open to collaboration with partners who wish to participate in the sessions or organize special events for deeper engagement in the conference.*

Organization of post-conference events is open to all partners and stakeholders, providing a platform for in-depth discussions on key topics such as climate finance, capacity building, youth and civil society engagement, regional cooperation, and sector-specific climate challenges.

### Central Asia Climate Change Conference Program (preliminary outline)

Date: May 13-14, 2025

Time	Day 1	Day 2
	National Policies, Regional Collaboration, and Financial Mobilization	Deep-dive into sector-based solutions for overcoming climate change issues
08.30-09.00	Registration	Registration
09.00-09.40	<b>Opening Session:</b> <i>Welcoming Remarks</i>	<b>Panel Session 3: Landscapes Resilience and Adaptation</b>
09.40-10.40	<b>Opening Plenary: Regional and National Climate Policy - Progress and Plans</b>	
10.40-11.10	Group Photo Coffee break to all / Press conference with CA Countries' Government representatives (TBI)	Coffee break
11.10-13.00	<b>Panel Session 1: Climate Finance</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions 2 (up to 3)</b>
13.00-14.30	Lunch	Lunch / Simulation of WEF Nexus approach (Nexus Game)
14.30-16.00	<b>Panel Session 2: Regional Priorities and Collaboration on Climate</b>	<b>Panel Session 4: Advancing the Regional Climate Agenda and Preparing for COP30</b>
16.00-16.30	Coffee break	Coffee break
16.30-18.00	<b>Parallel Sessions 1 (up to 3)</b>	<b>Closing Session:</b> <i>Closing Remarks</i>
18.30-19.00	Q&A session for mass media with Development Partners Representatives and Climate Change Experts (TBI)	
19.30-21.30	Reception	

### Field Visits (TBI)

Date: May 15, 2025

This is expected, that local partners will organize field visits to relevant sites, providing participants with practical insights into climate initiatives implemented in Turkmenistan.

### Additional info:

CACCC-2025 Web page: <https://carececo.org/en/main/activity/meetings/caccc-2025/>

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