

PROTOCOL
OF THE REGIONAL FORUM – MEETING OF THE HEADS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF
THE CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

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Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan

We, the heads of the delegations of the emergency authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, participants of the Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Central Asian Countries,

Recognizing that the countries of the region are currently facing problems related to the increasing scale of the negative consequences of natural disasters, accidents, and catastrophes, and to the growing vulnerability of people to natural and technological threats, which are intensifying due to emerging challenges, including climate change,

Taking into account the risks of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, the consequences of which cannot always be eliminated solely by the forces and resources of a single country,

Aware that strengthening regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and in the prevention and response to emergencies will contribute to resilience, improved well-being, and enhanced security of the Central Asian countries,

Supporting the efforts of the United Nations and other international organizations in disaster risk reduction and in the provision of international assistance in the event of emergencies, guided by the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and by the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,

Highly appreciating the contribution of the European Union and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction to strengthening regional cooperation among the Central Asian countries,

For the purpose of taking further measures to develop and strengthen regional and international cooperation, improve the institutional foundations for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral interstate agreements, establish sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction, and enhance preparedness for possible large-scale and transboundary emergencies,

Approved:

1. The Strategy for the Development of Cooperation of the Central Asian Countries in Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022–2030
2. The Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response
3. The Action Plan (Roadmap) for the Implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation of the Central Asian Countries in Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022–2023
4. The Concept for the Use of Unmanned Aerial Aviation for Disaster Risk Reduction and for the Prevention and Response to Emergency Situations in the Central Asian Countries

Decided:

1. To implement the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation of the Central Asian Countries in Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022–2030 on the basis of phased Action Plans (Roadmaps) through the initiation, development, promotion, and implementation of joint interstate and international programs and projects in the fields of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and emergency prevention and response, with technical support from donor agencies, international and non-governmental organizations, scientific and research institutions, and the private sector

2. To entrust the CCSRBS Secretariat of the Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Central Asian Countries with the establishment and implementation of measures to organize the activities of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response

3. To support the initiative of the CCSRBS Secretariat of the Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Central Asian Countries to develop and regularly present to interested parties a Regional Disaster Risk Profile of the Central Asian countries

4. To strengthen the implementation of organizational, legal, and technical measures for the development, improvement, introduction, and use of innovative information and communication technologies, including GIS and UAVs

5. By the end of November 2021, to review and submit to the CCSRBS Secretariat of the Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Central Asian Countries proposals for the establishment of a regional early warning system for the threat of emergencies

6. To support the proposal to hold the next Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Central Asian Countries in 2022 in the city of Dushanbe under the chairmanship of the Tajik side

7. To take note of the information presented and to provide full assistance in the implementation of regional initiatives, programs, and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation

- the UNDRR/EU initiative “Strengthening Disaster Resilience and Accelerating Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”

- the World Bank/EU program “Strengthening Financial Resilience and Accelerating Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”

- the UNDRR project on the creation of the INFORM subnational disaster risk assessment model for the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus

- the UNICEF project “Development of Unmanned Aviation to Ensure the Safety of Territories and Population, including Vulnerable Groups, from Emergencies and Disasters”

- the FAO project “Strengthening Capacity in Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness in the Agricultural Sector”

- the UNESCO/Adaptation Fund project “Reducing the Vulnerability of the Population of the Central Asian Region to Glacial Lake Outburst Floods under Climate Change Conditions”

- the ICIMOD projects to strengthen the capacity of diving and canine services of the emergency authorities of the Central Asian countries

- the initiative of the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan and LLP “12NIK” to attract grants for the implementation of a regional earthquake early warning system and interstate exchange of seismic information in the Central Asian countries

We express our gratitude and appreciation

to the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan for its warm hospitality and for organizing and hosting the Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Central Asian Countries

to the European Union and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction for providing technical and financial support to activities aimed at strengthening regional cooperation among the emergency authorities of the Central Asian countries in disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and emergency prevention and response.

**For the Ministry of Internal Affairs
of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations
of the Kyrgyz Republic**

**For the Committee for Emergency Situations
and Civil Defence under the Government
of the Republic of Tajikistan**

For the Ministry of Defence of Turkmenistan

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations
of the Republic of Uzbekistan**