



# CICA YOUTH COUNCIL



# MAIN GOALS OF THE CICA YOUTH COUNCIL

- To promote effective regional cooperation among national youth organizations of the CICA Member States

- To encourage the youth of CICA Member States to participate in implementation of youth policy of the CICA Member States

- To promote the development of civil culture and gender equality in order to implement the youth projects of the CICA Member States

- To promote direct contacts and communication among youth organizations of the CICA Member States



## International youth cooperation of the CICA Member States is based on the following principles:

- Democracy
- Respect for the rights and freedoms of the youth
- Equal opportunities for the youth of CICA Member States, regardless of nationality, social status, gender, language and religion

● To elaborate recommendations and proposals to improve the conditions for cooperation in the interest of the youth in CICA

● To exchange information with a view to developing cooperation among national youth organizations/ associations/ movements of the CICA Member States

● To develop plans/ programmes of cooperation among national youth organizations/ associations/ movements of the CICA Member States in sensitizing about democratic norms of behavior, developing attitude of gender equality, cultural exchange, sports and education


● To implement projects and hold events for the youth of the CICA Member States, including public campaigns, intergovernmental youth activities, discussion clubs, roundtables, youth forums and conferences




## STRUCTURE OF CICA YOUTH COUNCIL

The CICA Youth Council is comprised of two representatives nominated by each Member State


The representatives of the Member States nominated to the CICA Youth Council are:



One representative of governmental agency



One representative of public youth organizations or other organizations/associations engaged in the youth policy



CICA Secretary General and a representative of CICA Secretariat shall be ex-officio members of the Youth Council

## FUNCTIONING OF CICA YOUTH COUNCIL

Meetings of the CICA Youth Council shall be convened when necessary, but not less than once a year and shall have the necessary quorum when a majority of CICA Youth Council Member States are present

The CICA Youth Council may hold extraordinary meetings at the initiative of any Member State and with the consent of all other participating Member States

The venue and date of a regular meeting shall be notified by the host country

Decisions of the Youth Council shall be made on the basis of the rule of consensus and should be recommendatory in nature

Expenses incurred on the business trips of the delegates to CICA Youth Council meetings shall be covered by the sending side

## CHAIRPERSON OF THE CICA YOUTH COUNCIL



Representative of the current CICA Chair shall perform functions of the Chairperson of CICA Youth Council. Coordinator and Co-coordinator of CICA Human Dimension shall be co-Chairpersons of CICA Youth Council. The Chairperson shall work under the guidance of, and, in close coordination with Special Working Group and Senior Officials Committee of CICA.

## WORKING LANGUAGES



The working languages of the CICA Youth Council are English and Russian.

The language of the official documents shall be English.

## CHAIRPERSON OF THE CICA YOUTH COUNCIL SHALL EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CICA SECRETARIAT

Prepare draft agenda of meetings of CICA Youth Council

Organize meetings of CICA Youth Council in coordination with the host country and provide technical support to such meetings

Oversee the implementation of decisions taken at the meetings of CICA Youth Council

Provide the Focal Points (National Coordinators) of the CICA Youth Council with the copies of documents adopted at the meetings of the CICA Youth Council

The Chairperson may invite representatives of the relevant government bodies of CICA Member States, and/or youth organizations/associations/movements, who are not the members of CICA Youth Council to participate as guests in the meetings of CICA Youth Council, subject to the approval of SOC.

# SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CICA YOUTH COUNCIL AND THE RALLY OF VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT LEADERS UNDER ITS AUSPICES

On October 3–4, 2024, Kazakh Chairmanship hosted the Seventh CICA Youth Council Meeting and the CICA Rally of Volunteer Movement Leaders, initiated by President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

The event gathered over 450 leaders of volunteer organizations, active volunteers, diplomats, and senior officials responsible for volunteering and youth policy from 21 CICA Member States.

The main focus was on the role of volunteerism in promoting sustainable development, addressing healthcare, environment protection, emergency response, and social inclusion.

The heads of national delegations highlighted the advancement of volunteering in their countries, expressed support for relevant international initiatives and shared ideas for joint projects to enhance cooperation in the volunteering sector.

The Youth Council adopted recommendations to incorporate volunteerism into the CICA Catalogue of CBMs, aiming to promote peaceful cooperation and intercultural understanding in CICA region.

The outcomes of the Rally are expected to enhance youth engagement and regional cooperation within the framework of CICA's sustainable development objectives, advancing goals for the International Year of Volunteers in 2026.



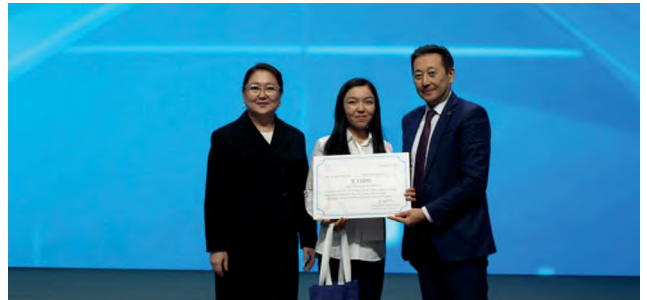


# INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST FOR CICA YOUTH

The Seventh CICA Youth Council Meeting featured an award ceremony for the winners of the essay contest among the youth of CICA Member States, centered on the theme «The Future of Asia We Want: Ideas for the CICA Region». After careful evaluation of 31 outstanding essays from 8 countries, the winners from Bahrain, Bangladesh, and Kazakhstan received certificates from the CICA Secretariat along with cash prizes.

At the event, winners presented their essays, which covered a broad range of topics such as environmental sustainability, economic development, cultural heritage, youth empowerment, technological innovation, and international diplomacy. Their essays are published on the CICA website.

Looking ahead, winners of future competitions will not only see their work published but will also have opportunities to participate at CICA initiatives, helping to foster youth leadership in the region.





# THE SECOND RALLY OF THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT LEADERS OF CICA COUNTRIES

Building on the success of initial gathering, the second Rally of the Volunteer Movement Leaders of CICA Countries will convene in Baku. Leaders from youth volunteer organizations across CICA Member States will join this pivotal event.



December 2025, Azerbaijan

# HISTORY

31 MARCH 2014

The CICA Youth Council was established by the decision of SOC

10-13 AUGUST 2015

BEIJING, CHINA  
First meeting

**Agenda:**  
employment and entrepreneurship of youth, Preventing youth from involving in violence, fundamental rights of youth, promotion of youth exchange and people-to-people bonds

21-22 JULY 2016

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN  
Second meeting

**Agenda:**  
role of youth in security and prevention of extremism, youth cooperation in promotion of peace and stability

13-14 JULY 2022

ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN  
Fifth meeting (hybrid)

**Agenda:**  
youth and student exchange programmes, countering youth radicalization, preventive measures against harmful behaviors, prioritizing youth development in national and regional development agendas

12 OCTOBER 2023

SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN  
Sixth meeting

**Agenda:**  
causes of youth radicalization: prevention and necessary actions, the role of the media in countering the radicalization of youth, organizing meaningful leisure time for youth in the context of countering the threats of terrorism

13-14 APRIL 2018

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

Third meeting

**Agenda:**

role of youth in meeting the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, contribution of international events to the development of countries and role of youth

18 JUNE 2021

ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN

Fourth meeting (online)

**Agenda:**

democratic principles and norms, gender equality among the youth, cultural exchange, joint research projects, academic mobility, modern challenges, including the pandemic

3-4 OCTOBER 2024

ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN

Seventh meeting

**Agenda:**

volunteerism in society and its role in promoting sustainable development in Asia. The Council adopted the recommendations on further steps to promote volunteerism within the CICA framework.

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BAKU, AZERBAIJAN



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