CICA Achievements 2020-2024

September 2024

"CICA Ambassadors club"

"Committee of Permanent Representatives"

Previous CICA Chairs

Türkiye (2010-2014)

China (2014-2018)

Tajikistan (2018-2020)

Current CICA Chair

Kazakhstan (2020-2024)

Next CICA Chair

Azerbaijan (2024-2026)

starting from

7th CICA Ministerial Council meeting
(Baku, 19 December 2024)

Sixth CICA Summit
(Astana, October 2022)
Astana Statement on CICA Transformation
launched gradual, incremental and consensus-based transformation of CICA into a full-fledged international regional organization

Informal meeting of CICA Ministerial Council
(New York, September 2023)
Road Map for CICA Transformation (RMT)

Focus in 2024 :
elaborating **CICA Charter** (RMT Cluster 1)
updating **Rules of Procedure** (RMT Cluster 4)

President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on CICA Transformation:

**Need for CICA's
"step-by-step, gradual transformation"
(Fifth CICA Summit, Dushanbe, 2019)**

**"We are not creating a new organization,
but are moving to a new stage of
institutional development "
(Sixth CICA Summit, Astana, 2022)**

CICA Founding Documents

1999, Almaty, First CICA Ministerial Meeting:
Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the Member States

2002, Almaty, First CICA Summit: Almaty Act

2024, Baku, Seventh CICA Ministerial Council Meeting
dedicated statement marking the 25th anniversary of the 1999 Declaration

Road Map for CICA Transformation:
Kazakhstan's contribution

Cluster 3. International status of the Secretariat – amending Host Country Agreement

Draft amendments to the Host Country Agreement were agreed by Member States on 19 July 2024.

Next steps:

- ❑ Decree of the Government of Kazakhstan

- ❑ Signing by the Government of Kazakhstan and the Secretary General

- ❑ Ratification by the Parliament of Kazakhstan.

Priorities and initiatives for 2020-2022 and 2022-2024

CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES (CBMs): Strengthening the Implementation

- **January 2021, SOC:** new CBM on Epidemiological safety

- **June 2021 , SOC: General Guidelines for Conducting Events on CBM Implementation**

- **October 2021, 6th Ministerial meeting:** updated **CICA Catalogue of CBMs:**
  18 priority areas / list of coordinators and co-coordinators

- **June 2022, April 2023, June 2024, SOC:** annual review of CBM Implementation

- **August 2024, SOC:** approved draft **Modalities of CBM implementation**
  to be adopted at **7th Ministerial Council meeting** (Baku, 19 December 2024)

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Three new permanent institutions

- **Council of Eminent Persons** (initiated at Fifth CICA Summit in 2019): established in October 2021, 6th Ministerial meeting, membership pending

- **Think Tank Forum** (initiated by China in 2014) transformed into a permanent institution in October 2021, 11 meetings held

- **CICA Fund:** (initiated at Fifth CICA Summit in 2019): established in October 2022, Sixth CICA Summit, open for projects and funds

Sixth CICA Summit (Astana, 12-13 October 2022)
OUTCOMES (other than mentioned above):

- CICA **Plan of Action on Implementation of UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy**;

- Joint CICA **Leaders' Statement on Cooperation in the Field of Security of and in the Use of ICTs** (Russian-Chinese Initiative);

- Decision on the **Kazakh Chairmanship in 2022-2024**, dates of next MC meetings and Summit.

- **Appointment of the first CICA Secretary General** for four years.

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✓ **Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues** online on 28 August 2024. Adopted a **high-level statement** committing to enhanced cooperation, water management, climate action aligned with the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.

- **Rally of Volunteer Movement Leaders** under auspices of **7th CICA Youth Council ministerial meeting** (Astana, 3-4 October 2024) to strengthen youth exchange and cooperation of volunteer organizations. **Ministerial Statement on Promoting Volunteerism for Sustainable Development** adopted at **informal CICA MC meeting** (September 2023, New York).

- **Partnership Network of Leading Universities (PNLU)**: to enhance cooperation in education, science and technology. The SOC has finalized the **PNLU Memorandum. 7th CICA MC meeting** (Baku, 19 December 2024) **to adopt the Memorandum and inaugurate the PNLU**. Nomination of universities from MSs are expected.

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- **Institutionalization of the Finance Summit** to develop financial cooperation in the CICA region: concept paper and draft **Regulations** of the CICA Finance Summit were circulated on 31 July, expecting feedback from MSs. First expert meeting held on the margins of **Astana Finance Days** on 6 September 2024.

- **Council on Sustainable Connectivity (CSC):** unleashing the transit potential of MSs and strengthening sustainable transportation corridors. Echoing with **priorities of incoming Chairmanship of Azerbaijan.** Initiative being discussed at CICA expert meetings since February 2024

The 2010 CICA Convention on Privileges and Immunities

Ratification by Bangladesh in 2023, by China and Jordan in 2024

10 Member States signed and ratified

4 ratifications required for entry into force

8 Member States which signed but not ratified

CICA expansion and external relations since 2020

2021:   **Turkmenistan** – 9th Observer
SOC approval of establishing partnership with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)
SOC approval of establishing partnership with ASEAN

2022:   **Kuwait** – 28th Member State
Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) – 6th Partner Organization
Dialogue with *ASEAN*

2023:   **Saudi Arabia** – 10th Observer
Application of *Morocco* for Observer status (pending)

2024:   SOC approved establishing partnership with *UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)*:
MoU under consideration.
SOC approved MoU with *UN ESCAP* on 12 September 2024. Signing the MoU will make ESCAP the
7th Partner Organization.

Construction of CICA Headquarters
Decision by President Tokayev

What does it mean?

- CICA's face as full-fledged international organization

- CICA's institutional memory

- High-quality infrastructure for CICA operation

THANK YOU!

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