



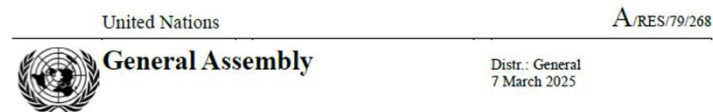
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SDG Centre for Central Asia & Afghanistan

United Nations Regional Centre • Almaty, Kazakhstan



UNGA Resolution 79/268 (March 2025)



Seventy-ninth session
Agenda item 13
Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up
to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences
and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 4 March 2025

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/79/L.57/Rev.1)]

79/268. United Nations Regional Centre for the Sustainable Development Goals for Central Asia and Afghanistan

The General Assembly,

Guided by the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage measures for regional cooperation to advance the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming also its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

Establishes a UN Regional Centre for the
SDGs in Almaty, Kazakhstan

Covers Central Asia (KAZ, KGZ, TJK, TKM,
UZB) and Afghanistan

Mandate: accelerate coordinated SDG
implementation through regional cooperation

Grounded in the 2030 Agenda & Addis Ababa
Action Agenda





Why a Regional Centre?



Many SDG challenges are transboundary: water, climate, land & biodiversity



Regional public goods: data, early-warning, corridors, power grids, markets



Creates a platform to share solutions and scale what works across borders



Strengthens voice & visibility of Central Asia and Afghanistan globally

Mandate & Core Functions

Coordinate & Convene

- Link governments, UN, IFIs, private sector & civil society
- Align regional priorities and joint action plans

Technical Support & Capacity

- Policy advice, training, toolkits, SDG financing guidance
- Support on data, statistics and geospatial for SDG tracking

Knowledge & Innovation Hub

- Share best practices, pilots and innovations for scale-up
- Broker partnerships and resources for regional projects



Current Status on Establishment of the Centre

Context & Significance

- Host Country Agreement signed for the new UN Regional Centre for the SDGs for Central Asia & Afghanistan (Almaty).
- Centre mandated by the UN General Assembly; terms of reference and leadership appointments forthcoming.

Next Steps

- Finalize ToR, appoint leadership, and operationalize the Centre.
- UN stands ready to support implementation so the Centre becomes a catalyst for SDG progress across Central Asia and Afghanistan.



Governance & Partnerships



Stronger regional cooperation on common challenges



Hub for innovation and idea exchange on sustainable development



Coordinate cross-border projects (water, energy, trade)



Elevate Central Asia's voice on global stage



Build resilient, inclusive



Hosted by Kazakhstan; operates within the UN development system



Works with UN country teams & regional entities for coherence



Advisory engagement of participating Member States



Strategic partners: IFIs, UN agencies, academia, NGOs, private sector



Results-focused with periodic progress reviews



Regional Priorities

- Water security & transboundary basin cooperation (Aral, Amu/Syr Darya)
- Climate adaptation & resilient infrastructure; disaster risk reduction
- Energy transition & connectivity; efficiency and renewables
- Food systems, land restoration & circular economy
- Human capital: health, education, skills & women's economic empowerment
- Data, statistics & geospatial systems for evidence-based policy



A Regional Focus – No One Left Behind



Complements existing efforts
(no duplication)



Focus on real needs of people
across the region



Tackles shared issues: environment,
climate, health, etc.



Tailored solutions: not a one-size-
fits-all approach





BENEFITS FOR AFGHANISTAN



Supports Afghanistan's development through regional programs



Platform for humanitarian aid and reconstruction coordination



Encourages trade and economic integration with Central Asia



Promotes stability: Afghan prosperity linked to regional security



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

BENEFITS FOR CENTRAL ASIA

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- Enhances capacity for SDG implementation
- Shares best practices across countries





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Early Deliverables (2025–2026)

- Regional SDG data & geospatial baseline + public dashboard
- Pilot: transboundary drought early-warning & response playbook
- Women-led MSME accelerator across 5 CA countries + Afghanistan
- Annual Regional SDG Forum & partnerships marketplace in Almaty



Conclusion & Outlook



Global support for this Centre underscores its importance



Opportunity to fast-track SDGs in Central Asia & Afghanistan by 2030



Success will require continued collaboration and adequate funding



Centre can be a “springboard for collective action” in the region



A model for regional solutions to global challenges



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Thank you!

