

# Will Uzbekistan benefit from ratification of the Aarhus Convention?

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# Aarhus spirit in MDBs' policy commitments:

- Transparency and timely disclosure
- Public participation
- Accountability mechanisms

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**Uzbekistan: 2024 Commitments (\$ million)\***

Product Type	Sovereign	Nonsovereign	Total
Loans	1,050.00	124.03	1,174.03
Technical Assistance <sup>b</sup>	12.40	0.08	12.48
Trade and Supply Chain Finance, and Microfinance Programs <sup>c</sup>	–	187.93	187.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,062.40</b>	<b>312.05</b>	<b>1,374.45</b>

ADB's partnership with Uzbekistan supports the country's reforms toward a green and inclusive economy.

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**The World Bank in Uzbekistan**

The World Bank is supporting Uzbekistan's efforts to reduce poverty, create more and better jobs, enhance human capital, and build a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable market economy.

Uzbekistan Overview

## Featured

**NEW PROJECT**

**SUPPORTING POLICY REFORMS**

World Bank supports Uzbekistan in implementing policy reforms to spur job creation, private sector growth, and international trade

**RESULTS**

**UZBEKISTAN'S BOLD PUSH FOR UNLOCKING JOBS AND PROSPERITY**

How the World Bank Group is helping the country carry out economic and social transformation to improve lives.

**NEW PUBLICATION**

**UZBEKISTAN COUNTRY ECONOMIC MEMORANDUM**

This report analyzes the country's economic trajectory from 2010 to 2022.



## Uzbekistan Country Strategy 2024-2029

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# Human rights violations in Uzbek agricultural sector (incl. MDB funded projects)

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- Forced labour and exploitative practices
- Unfair labour conditions
- Land grabs and forced evictions
- Environmental pollution
- **Silencing of defenders**



Cotton harvest. By Angela Meier



..54% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY BY 2030



Wind power project in Bash, Uzbekistan

## Rapid development of energy sector in need of regulatory and strategic framework

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- Legislative framework at early stage of reform (new law on Strategic Environmental Assessment (2025)
- Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) for the renewable sector (in development)
- Comprehensive accessible public platform for information disclosure (incl. environmental issues) needed
- **Fundamental challenge: Weak and restricted civil society**



Bankwatch capacity building event during the EBRD AGM in Samarkand in 2023

# Public participation devoid of informed independent voices

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## UZBEKISTAN NEEDS

- Wider and freer civic space
- Inclusive enabling environment for grassroots organisations
- Support and capacity building


# Thank you!

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