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Turkic Council

The **Turkic Council** (Azerbaijani: *Türk Şurası*; Kazakh: Typki keHeci, Túrki Keńesi; Kyrgyz: Түрк кеңеш; Turkish: *Türk Keneşi*;^[a] Uzbek: Turkiy Kengash), officially the **Cooperation** Council of Turkic-Speaking States (CCTS; Turkish: Türk Dili Konuşan Ülkeler İşbirliği Konseyi), is an international organization comprising some of the Turkic countries. It is an intergovernmental organization whose overarching aim is promoting comprehensive cooperation among Turkic states. It was founded on 3 October 2009 in Nakhchivan. The idea of setting up this cooperative council was first put forward by Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev back in 2006.

The General Secretariat is in Istanbul, Turkey. The member countries Azerbaijan, are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkey. Turkmenistan is currently not an official members of the council due to its neutral stance. However, they are possible future members of the council.^[5] Uzbekistan announced its intention to join the council on 30 April 2018,^[6] and formally applied for membership on September 12, 2019.^[7] Since late 2018, Hungary is an observer and may soon request full membership in the Turkic Council.^[8]

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Current Observer states		2 observer states Hungary			
Land and Water Area (Exclude Caspian Sea)	Leaders	Turkmenistan			
Events List of Secretaries-General of the	Secretary-General Honorary President	Baghdad Amreyev Nursultan Nazarbayev			
Turkic Council	Establishment	3 October 2009			
See also	Area				
Notes	• Total	4,242,362 km ² (1,637,985 sq mi)			
References External links	Website turkkon.org/ (http://turkkon.org/en-US/HomePage)				
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The organization was established on October 3,					

In 2012, the flag of the Turkic Council was adopted.

In late April 2018, it was announced that Uzbekistan is going to join the Turkic Council and attend the upcoming summit of the organisation in Bishkek.^[9]

Mission and objectives

The Preamble of the Nakhchivan Agreement reaffirms the will of Member States to adhere to the purposes and principles enshrined in the <u>Charter of the United Nations</u>, and defines the main objective of the Turkic Council as further deepening comprehensive cooperation among Turkic Speaking States, as well as making joint contributions to peace and stability in the region and in the world. Member States have confirmed their commitment to democratic values, human rights, the rule of law, and principles of good governance.

The Nakhchivan Agreement sets out the main purposes and tasks of the Organization as follows:

- Strengthening mutual confidence and friendship among the Parties;
- Developing common positions on foreign policy issues;
- Coordinating actions to combat international terrorism, separatism, extremism and crossborder crimes;
- Promoting effective regional and bilateral cooperation in all areas of common interest;
- Creating favorable conditions for trade and investment;
- Aiming for comprehensive and balanced economic growth, social and cultural development;
- Expanding interaction in the fields of science, technology, education, health, culture, sports and tourism;
- Encouraging interaction of mass media and other means of communication;

Promoting exchange of relevant legal information and enhancing legal cooperation.

Structure and operation

Main organs of the Turkic Council include:

- Council of Heads of State
- Council of Foreign Ministers
- Senior Officials Committee
- Council of Elders (Aksakals)
- The Secretariat

The main decision-making and governing body of the Turkic Council is the Council of Heads of State, which is presided over by the President whose country holds the chairmanship. The chairmanship rotates on an annual basis. All activities of the Turkic Council are coordinated and monitored by its <u>Secretariat</u>, which is located in Istanbul in accordance with the Nakchivan Agreement. Presidents meet once a year in a previously determined Turkic city. Senior officials, <u>Aksakals</u>, as well as other Ministers and government officials, all meet on a regular basis.

Projects

Since its founding agreement defines comprehensive cooperation among Turkic states as the organization's main objective and raison d'être, the Turkic Council is working on a whole variety of projects. The projects are grouped under six cooperation processes, which are: economy, culture, education, transport, customs, and <u>diaspora</u>. Examples of the projects include establishing the Turkic University Association and writing a common history textbook. The Turkic Council also works on ways to boost economic development in underdeveloped regions of Member States. The Secretariat brings together Economy Ministers, Education Ministers, Transport Ministers, Heads of Customs Administrations, and other senior officials from different ministries and agencies in order to work on ways to promote cooperation in relevant spheres. Prior to being brought before ministers and heads of administrations, projects and issues of cooperation are elaborated by working groups. One recently launched project is the establishment of a mechanism for closer cooperation among Turkic diasporas all over the world.

Affiliated bodies and organizations

The Turkic Council functions as an umbrella organization for all other cooperation mechanisms like:

- the Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic Speaking Countries (TURKPA) (administrative capital, Baku)
- the International Organization of Turkic Culture (TURKSOY) (administrative capital, Ankara)
- International Turkic Academy (administrative capital, Astana)
- Turkic Cultural Heritage Fund
- Center of Nomadic Civilizations (administrative capital, Bishkek)



The Turkic-speaking areas

Turkic Business Council (administrative capital, İstanbul)

Flag

The current flag of the Turkic Council was adopted at its 2nd Summit, which took place in <u>Bishkek</u> on 23 August 2012 and officially raised on 12 October 2012.^[10] The flag combines the symbols of the four members countries: the light blue color of the <u>flag of Kazakhstan</u>, the sun of the <u>flag of Kyrgyzstan</u>, the star of the <u>flag of Azerbaijan</u> and the crescent of the <u>Turkish flag</u>.

Summits

Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the newly independent Turkic States of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan as well as Turkey organized Summits of the Heads of Turkic Speaking States, the first of which took place in 1992 in Ankara. With the establishment of Turkic Council, at the 10th Summit it was decided to rename the top-level meetings to Turkic Council Summits.

Turkic Council Summit is the highlight of the year whereby Heads of State evaluate outcomes of the past period and set goals for the next year. The First Summit took place in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 20–21 October 2011 and focused primarily on economic cooperation. The Second Summit was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 22–23 August 2012 and concentrated on educational, scientific, and cultural cooperation. The Third Summit took place on 15–16 August 2013 in <u>Qabala</u>, Azerbaijan with a theme of transport and connectivity.^[11]

On October 15, 2019, the Seventh Turkic Council Summit was organized in <u>Baku</u> with the participation of Presidents of member states <u>Ilham Aliyev</u>, <u>Sooronbai Jeenbekov</u>, <u>Recep Tayyip Erdoğan</u>, <u>Shavkat Mirziyoyev</u>, as well as Purli Agamyradov as a guest, <u>Viktor Orban</u> as an observer and heads of Turkic cooperation institutions. The participants celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Nakhchivan Agreement on the establishment of the Turkic Council in addition to <u>Uzbekistan</u>'s joining the organization as a full-fledged member. The title of Honorary Chairman of the Turkic Council was given to the former President of <u>Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev</u>. In the conclusion of the Summit, the Heads of States signed Baku Declaration. Besides, the presidency in the Council officially passed to <u>Azerbaijan</u>.^{[12][13]}

International cooperation

Turkic Council is an observer at the <u>Economic Cooperation Organization</u>. The Organization has also applied for an observer status at the United Nations and the <u>Organization of Islamic Cooperation</u>. Besides, Turkic Council maintains close cooperative relations with the <u>Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe</u> and the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia.

Members

Current

Country	Population ^{[14][15]} (2018)	Area (km ²)	GDP (nominal) 2013 ^[16]	GDP per capita (nominal) 2013 ^[17]	Projected GDP per capita (nominal) (2019) ^[17]
Azerbaijan	9,949,537	86,600	\$74 billion	\$7,812	\$11,674
Kazakhstan	18,319,618	2,724,900	\$232 billion	\$13,509	\$20,609
o Kyrgyzstan	6,304,030	199,900	\$8 billion	\$1,280	\$1,898
Contraction Turkey	82,340,088	783,562	\$822 billion	\$10,721	\$13,301
Uzbekistan	32,476,244	447,400	\$62.64 billion	\$2,090	
Council	144,074,862	4,242,362	\$1136 billion	\$10,411	\$13,718

Observer states

Country	Population (2018) ^{[14][15]}	Area (km²)	GDP (nominal)	GDP per capita (nominal) (2014) ^[18]
Hungary ^[19]	9,707,499	90,030		\$12,640
Turkmenistan	5,850,901	488,100	\$47.93 billion	\$8,020

Land and Water Area (Exclude Caspian Sea)

EEZ+TIA is exclusive economic zone (EEZ) plus total internal area (TIA) which includes land and internal waters.

Rank	Country	Area	EEZ	Shelf	EEZ+TIA
1	C Turkey	783,562	261,654	56,093	1,045,216
2	Uzbekistan	447,400	0	0	447,400
3	Kazakhstan	2,724,900	0	0	2,724,900
4	Azerbaijan	86,600	0	0	86,600
5	Kyrgyzstan	199,900	0	0	199,900
6	Turkmenistan	488,100	0	0	488,100
	Total	4,730,462	261,654	56,093	4,992,116

Events

October 30, 1992	C Turkey	Ankara	First Turkic Council Summit
July 12, 1993	Kazakhstan	Almaty	the Almaty Agreement for founding TURKSOY
October 18, 1994	Co Turkey	İstanbul	Second Turkic Council Summit
August 28, 1995	o Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	Third Summit
October 21, 1996	Uzbekistan	Tashkent	Fourth Summit
June 9, 1998	Kazakhstan	Astana	Fifth Summit
April 8, 2000	Azerbaijan	Baku	Sixth Summit
April 26, 2001	Contraction Turkey	İstanbul	Seventh Summit
November 17, 2006	C Turkey	Antalya	Eighth Summit
November 21, 2008	C Turkey	İstanbul	the Istanbul Agreement for founding TURKPA
October 3, 2009	Azerbaijan	Nakhchivan	Ninth Summit, the Nakhchivan Agreement for founding the Turkic Council
September 15, 2010	Contraction Turkey	İstanbul	Tenth Summit (The end of Non-Corporate Summits of Turkic- Speaking Countries State)
October 21, 2011	Kazakhstan	Almaty	First Turkic Council Summit, Cooperation in Economic Area and Trade Area
August 23, 2012	Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	Second Turkic Council Summit, Cooperation in Education, Science and Culture ^[20]
August 16, 2013	Azerbaijan	Qabala	Third Turkic Council Summit, Cooperation in Transportation ^[21]
June 5, 2014	Contraction Turkey	Bodrum	Fourth Turkic Council Summit, Cooperation in Tourism ^[22]
December 24, 2014	Ukraine	Kiev	Opening of the first Turkic Council Regional Diaspora Center ^[23]
September 11, 2015	Kazakhstan	Astana	Fifth Turkic Council Summit, Cooperation in Media and Information
September 2, 2018	Syrgyzstan	Cholpon Ata	Sixth Turkic Council Summit
October 15, 2019	Azerbaijan	Baku	Seventh Turkic Council Summit

List of Secretaries-General of the Turkic Council

No.	Name	Country of origin	Took office	Left office	Note
1	Halil Akıncı	Co Turkey	3 October 2009	16 September 2014	End of extended term
2	Ramil Hasanov	Azerbaijan	16 September 2014	3 September 2018	End of extended term
3	Baghdad Amreyev	Kazakhstan	3 September 2018		

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- Azerbaijan Turkic Council relations
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