
CENTRAL ASIAN STATES PROPOSE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL TO COORDINATE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

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Central Asian states plan the creation of a regional platform to coordinate the development of local self-government, Trend reports via the Kyrgyz Development Policy Institute.

The issue was raised at the first Local Self-Governance in Central Asia forum, which brought together representatives of government bodies, municipal associations, international organizations, think tanks and experts from across the region. The event was organized by Uzbekistans Mahallas Association and the Development Policy Institute of Kyrgyzstan, with support from UK-funded and Swiss-backed development programs.

A key outcome of the forum was a proposal to establish a Council of Local Self-Government and Local Development in Central Asia. The council is envisioned as a permanent regional platform uniting government agencies, local authorities, municipal associations and communities from all 5 Central Asian countries.

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