



# **RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES OF THE COOPERATION ORGANIZATION OF TURKIC-SPEAKING COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH, ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE**

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**Annotation:** In this article, the member states of the international structure are presented with opportunities for discussion and deepening of cooperation and its development, development of close relations between Turkic-speaking countries, development of mutual trust, friendship, good neighborliness, stability and support of cooperation. They talked about the political issues of development, the provision of common problems in the world and the whole world, and the organization with interests.

**Key words:** Energy sector, supply chain, forum, "World Energy Congress", "Oil and Gas" exhibition-conference.

On April 22, 2016, a meeting of the expert group on cooperation in the field of alternative energy was organized in Istanbul. During the meeting, the parties exchanged information on the current situation regarding the development of alternative energy sources in their countries<sup>1</sup>. They noted that all member states have enormous renewable potential, particularly from wind, solar and small hydropower plants. However, they noted that renewable energy production represents a small fraction of all electricity installations in member states. In this regard, they agreed to consider the quadripartite signing of the "Declaration of cooperation on regulating the efforts of the member states of the Organization of Turkish States in the field of peaceful use of nuclear energy" in the coming period. On the other hand, the Secretariat participated in the 23rd World Energy Congress held in Istanbul on October 10-11, 2016 and spoke at a panel session by the Secretariat entitled "Regional Crossroads: Bringing Caspian Basin Gas to Global Markets". The Secretariat also participated in the 4th International Center for Strategic Studies of Nuclear Power Plants held in Istanbul on March 8, 2017, and the Ministerial Conference "Meeting the Challenge of Sustainable Energy" and "For

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Sustainable Development" held in Astana on June 11, 2017. participated in the eighth international energy forum<sup>2</sup>.

On October 15, 2019, during the 7th Strategic Research Center Committee of the Organization of Turkic States, which was held in Baku, the heads of state emphasized the importance of establishing cooperation in the energy sector and urged member countries to ensure security of supply. encouraged to cooperate and share know-how and experience. Liberalization of energy sector, organization of markets and/or operation. It was also noted that there is great potential for the establishment and improvement of the effectiveness of the "Energy Strategic Research Center" and the establishment and improvement of cooperation in the fields of renewable energy.

On February 23-24, 2021, the first meeting of the working group on cooperation in the field of energy and energy ministers of the member and observer states of the Organization of Turkic States was organized online, according to the order of the heads of state. This working platform, established within the framework of the Organization of Turkic States, provides regional cooperation by coordinating the policies of member states and strengthening the management of energy resources between the Centers for Strategic Studies<sup>3</sup>, It will also explore opportunities to expand cooperation in the field of energy strategic research and the use of advanced technologies in the field of renewable energy. region. In addition, the exchange of experience and best practices among member states, particularly in exploration and petroleum engineering, design of modern electric power systems, green energy, electric vehicles and renewable energy sources is an important part of cooperation.

On September 28, 2022, the 2nd meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the Organization of Turkish States (OTS) was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan<sup>4</sup>. The Ministers were informed online about the implementation of the agreed minutes of the 1st meeting of Ministers on Energy Affairs held on February 24, 2021 and appreciated the previous meetings of the OTS Energy Cooperation Working Group and shared their views on the current situation. expressed their support for the further development of Turkish cooperation in this important field in the field of energy in their countries and in the region. In this regard, the parties adopted the OTS Program on Cooperation in the Energy Sector for 2023-2027 and its corresponding action plan, which includes legislation and national programs in the energy sector, renewable and alternative energy sources, fossil fuel energy, nuclear power, leadership of the Center for Strategic Research in Energy, introduction of new technologies, capacity building programs and expansion of cooperation in the international arena.

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<sup>2</sup> **Organization of Turkic States attaches great importance to economic cooperation.**  
<https://www.turkiestates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari#2-economic-cooperation>

<sup>3</sup> **The activities of the OTS cover a wide range of cooperation.**  
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<sup>4</sup> Тюрккөзгычыные государства создали Совет банкковских ассоциаций  
<https://kapital.kz/finance/110153/tyurkoyazychnyye-gosudarstva-sozdali-sovet-bankovskikh-assotsiatsiy.html>



The ministers discussed promising opportunities for cooperation between the member and observer states, as well as in the Turkic world and beyond, as well as the issues of deepening cooperation in the field of energy, and creating inter-center mechanisms for strategic research through joint projects in the member and observer states. interregional connectivity, improvement of renewable and alternative energy sources. As one of the important outcomes of the meeting, the ministers agreed to establish a OTS Energy Coordinating Committee responsible for the implementation of the 5-year documents. The observer state, Hungary, expressed its readiness to host the next ministerial meeting. The meeting continues with international events and sessions within the Kazakhstan International Oil and Gas Exhibition-Conference (KIOGE) to be held in Almaty on September 28-30, 2022.

Cooperation in the field of health will begin with the special strategic research center meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the OTC on the topic of "Solidarity and cooperation in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic" held on April 10, 2020. As stipulated in the Baku Declaration adopted by the Committee of the Center for Strategic Studies of the OTS, the parties agreed to establish close cooperation between the Ministries of Health of the member states, exchange best practices<sup>5</sup> and provide assistance to each other in important topics related to the pandemic. On April 28, the Secretariat of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Health organized the 1st video conference meeting of the health ministers of the member and observer countries of the Turkic Council as the current chairman of the OTC.

The Ministers of Health discussed ways to implement the decisions made at the extraordinary Strategic Research Center and emphasized the importance of cooperation between member and observer states in the fight against COVID-19 and the post-pandemic within the OTS. At this meeting, the Health Coordination Office for the exchange of information and experience and best practices in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, epidemiological studies and scientific research of dangerous infections among member and observer countries. A decision was made to establish the health scientific group. As a result of the ministerial meeting, the parties established the Health Care Coordination Committee, which is responsible for coordinating all issues of cooperation in the field of health care between the parties<sup>6</sup>. In order to expand coordination in the fight against COVID-19 and other dangerous infections, the "Health Scientific Group" consisting of leading scientists, specialists and experts, and the "Supply Chain Group" to provide each other with necessary products are operating within the coordination committee. As part of this cooperation, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey organized the first face-to-face vaccine workshop

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<sup>5</sup> Structuring an inter-university union for the universities of the OTS Member States. <https://www.turkicstates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari#6-education-cooperation>

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of the Health Scientific Group in Izmir on August 24-27, 2020, where Turkey shared its experience in vaccine development and pandemic response.

The Ministers of Health of the Member and Observer States met on October 30, 2020 in Istanbul at the 4th meeting of the Scientific Group on Health and adopted a Joint Declaration on the importance of international cooperation in the global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and its further spread. They also praised the coordination and cooperation efforts of the Turkic Council as an example of institutional sub-regional cooperation focusing on ways to develop unity for the benefit of the peoples.

Ministers emphasized the importance of maintaining the achieved level of cooperation, continuing it with new specific projects, as well as preparing the Pandemic Action Plan of OTS. 4 supply chain group meetings were organized where parties discussed and shared knowledge on current issues related to COVID-19 and other health priorities of member states<sup>7</sup>.

On December 16-17, 2021, the delegations of the OTS member states participated in the emergency health training exercise held in Izmir by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Development Organization. They also observed field practices on the spot. In the future, it is planned to organize such a joint training program for medical specialists of OTS member and observer countries. As part of this cooperation, on March 14-27, 2022 in Ankara, the Secretariat together with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey organized a second face-to-face training program to strengthen laboratory systems and develop the professional capacity of member and monitoring laboratory staff.

On October 30-31, 2022, the Turkish Medical World Congress of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) was held in Istanbul with the participation of the President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan<sup>8</sup>. Panel discussions and sessions were held on the first day of the World Turkish Medical Congress, whose main theme was "Transforming Global Health in the Post-Pandemic Era". The 2nd meeting of health ministers was held on October 31, 2022 in Istanbul within the framework of the Turkish Medical World Congress. The General Secretary and Ministers signed the "Joint Declaration of the 8th Turkic Medical World Congress of the Turkic States" and the "Respect for Medical History and Common Heritage" award ceremony.

A meeting of scientists from member and observer states of the United Nations was held. Among other things, the parties agreed to strengthen cooperation on studying the possibilities of supplying medicines, medical equipment and material needs, joint production and evaluation of purchasing possibilities of the member states. The parties on the delivery of personal protective equipment, vaccines, medicines, medical supplies and materials and the

<sup>7</sup> Turkic Medical World Congress of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS). <https://www.turkicstates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari>

<sup>8</sup> The First Working Group meeting on Agriculture Cooperation of the Organization of Turkic States. <https://www.turkicstates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari>



elimination of obstacles that prevent the free movement of these goods will hold the next meeting of the Ministers of Health and the Congress of the Turkish Medical World in 2023. They agreed to hold the Strategic Research Center in Arkand. At the end of the program, an award ceremony "Respect for the History of Medicine and Common Heritage" was held, and President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan presented the General Secretary Amreyev and the Health Ministers of OTS with awards for their outstanding work in the past. then the pandemic process and his significant contribution to the cooperation between the Turkic countries.

On October 19, 2021, the first meeting of the Working Group of the Organization of Turkic States on cooperation in the field of agriculture was held online. More than 35 government representatives and experts from member and observer states of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Hungary took part in the meeting. At the meeting, the parties gave information about the current situation in the field of agriculture, reforms being implemented, new digital transformation tools used in agriculture, as well as information about projects within the organization and prospects for future cooperation. The member and observer states emphasized the need for joint efforts and efforts to create synergies at the regional level to increase food security and agricultural productivity through capacity building and technology transfer cooperation in close cooperation with international organizations such as IFAD and FAO<sup>9</sup>.

On December 8, 2021, an online meeting with the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and the National Land Center was held at the Secretariat of the Organization of Turkic States with the support of the Organization's representative office in Budapest. During the meeting, the participants exchanged views on the prospects of establishing close cooperation. cooperation in agricultural development with special interest in transfer of knowledge on farming, horticulture, animal husbandry, irrigation development and water conservation technologies. The parties also discussed the issue of attracting Hungarian agricultural business communities to the "Turkish Agricultural Forum" planned to be held in Uzbekistan in 2022 in order to activate B2B and G2B cooperation in the field of agriculture between the member states.

On July 4, 2022, the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) convened the first meeting of ministers responsible for agriculture in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. The ministers shared the latest developments in the agricultural sector in their countries, as well as their post-pandemic recovery plans. Also, the importance of developing joint programs and projects to increase the trade of agricultural products in the region, involving the private sector and attracting investments among member and observer states was emphasized<sup>10</sup>.

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<sup>9</sup> The First Working Group meeting on Agriculture Cooperation of the Organization of Turkic States. <https://www.turkicstates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari>

<sup>10</sup> Аватков В.А. Внешняя и внутренняя политика Турции. Ключевые изменения в 2020 г. *Theatrum mundi*. Ankara. 2022. P.-52-53.



Mentioning agriculture as one of the decisive areas of economic development, the Parties expressed their readiness to strengthen relations between member and observer states in this field, and to deepen mutually beneficial cooperation in agriculture and experience with each other. confirmed that they are ready to develop exchange programs. At the end of the meeting, the Parties signed the "Communique of the First Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for Agriculture of the Organization of Turkic States", which outlines the general framework for future cooperation and activities, including the promotion of innovation in institutions, policies, science and technology, increasing agricultural productivity, Inheriting and developing agricultural expertise, balancing food supply based on crop maturity, improving access to inclusive financial services, credit or credit, and improving ICT exchange in agriculture. and cooperation, development and implementation of appropriate action plans to solve the main problems in agriculture and implementation of various specific projects in this field. The parties agreed to establish five sub-groups under the Working Group on Agricultural Cooperation to implement the above-mentioned issues.

On July 4, 2022, in Tashkent, the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) organized the First Turkish Agroforum in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Turkic States (TTSI)<sup>11</sup>. The forum was held within the framework of the 1st meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture and aimed at creating a single platform for discussion on the main issues of agricultural cooperation in the Turkish region and encouraging mutual cooperation of business circles in the expansion of trade in agriculture between the OTS member and Uzbekistan. More than 300 officials of relevant ministries from member and observer countries, representatives of international and regional organizations and leading companies in the field of agriculture participated in the forum. As part of the forum program, thematic sessions with presentations and speeches on investment proposals, company projects and opportunities for expanding cooperation with business structures were held. In addition, B2B meetings and bilateral talks served as a convenient place for communication and establishing new contacts between forum participants.

**Conclusion:** In conclusion, in order to raise the standard of living of the population, the participating countries strive for comprehensive and proportionate economic growth, social and cultural development in the region, science and technology, education, health, culture, youth, sports, tourism and cooperates in other fields, strives to encourage cooperation between the mass media in promoting and popularizing the great cultural and historical heritage of the Turkic peoples.

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<sup>11</sup> **Common culture, language and history of the Turkic States are the main pillars that underpin the cooperation within the framework of the Organization of Turkic States.**<https://www.turkicstates.org/en/isbirligi-alanlari#6-education-cooperation>



Experts believe that the prospects for the activities of the Organization of Turkic States are stable. The organization will remain one of the mechanisms of multilateral cooperation in the region of Central Asia, Asia Minor and the Caspian Sea basin. At the same time, OTS's integration agenda is expanding in economy, tourism, transit and transport, as well as cultural and humanitarian fields. In the long-term perspective, the OTS will become a sub-regional association and a unique regional cooperation mechanism in the vast space between Europe, the Middle East, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

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