



### **Annual Action Plan of the CICA Think Tank Forum for 2025**

1. The Thirteenth Meeting of the CICA Think Tank Forum (TTF) will be held in the third quarter of 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan, in an offline format. The meeting will be supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan and will bring together think tank leaders and representatives from CICA Member States. The primary focus of this year's forum will be on improving the efficiency of the CICA organization, fostering regional security cooperation, advancing collaborative development efforts, and formulating policy recommendations to enhance the overall CICA mechanism, including the role of the Think Tank Forum within it.
2. A series of small-scale thematic workshops will be organized to promote collaboration among TTF members. These workshops will address key priorities for regional cooperation, including but not limited to energy security, food security, climate change, trade and investment facilitation, digital economy and youth development. TTF members are invited to voluntarily organize and moderate these workshops, offering a platform for the exchange of ideas and insights. The outcomes of these discussions will be consolidated and shared through the Secretariat and the TTF member network.
3. The TTF will focus on strengthening cooperation with the CICA Business Council by jointly compiling materials for a handbook to support the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the CICA region. TTF members are encouraged to leverage their research expertise to gather information on the policy measures and best practices from their respective countries. With the support of the CICA Business Council, the TTF will consolidate these insights to highlight effective policies that have promoted SME growth in CICA Member States.
4. The TTF will actively contribute to volunteerism initiatives under the CICA framework, and work to strengthen cooperation with the CICA Secretariat and the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) to organize a thematic side event

during the International Volunteer Day celebrations at the United Nations. TTF members are encouraged to offer voluntary support for these activities, including publishing research findings and sharing insights to promote the spirit of volunteerism and its impact on regional cooperation and development.

5. Information and analytical support to CICA activities will be fostered through the contribution of materials, such as reports and outlooks, from TTF members. Key topics may include review and outlook for Asia's security and development in 2025, and a report on the top ten achievements of CICA cooperation. The research outcomes will be circulated on the CICA website and relevant social media platforms.

6. TTF members are encouraged to actively contribute to the exchange of knowledge and information by submitting research materials and articles to the Secretariat for the creation of a catalogue of TTF member publications. This collaborative effort aims to enhance the quality and scope of discussions within the TTF network, helping to build stronger connections and encourage more informed dialogue on relevant topics.

7. The TTF will continue to organize specialized dialogue events for youth and women within its members, providing recommendations and insights aimed at enhancing the status of youth and women in CICA Member States.