CICA
Think Tank Forum
CICA Think Tank Forum (TTF)

- an information and analytical advisory body of CICA, established for the provision of information and analytical support for activities within the CICA framework and to develop interaction among think tanks and research institutions of the CICA Member States.
The Think Tank Forum was convened at the initiative of China in 2014 within the framework of CICA.
Round tables of TTF

1st
20-22 March 2014

2nd
31 October – 01 November 2014

3rd
11-12 May 2015

4th
17-18 October 2015

5th
22-23 April 2016

6th
10-12 November 2017

7th
18-20 December 2019

8th
21 December 2020

1st Meeting
December 2021
online pending
In his speech at the 5th CICA Summit, President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev put forward the initiative to strengthen the capacity of the CICA TTF by transforming it into a permanent dialogue platform.

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<td>June 15, 2019</td>
<td>In his speech at the 5th CICA Summit, President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev put forward the initiative to strengthen the capacity of the CICA TTF by transforming it into a permanent dialogue platform.</td>
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<td>November 5, 2020</td>
<td>Sent to the Member States a non-paper prepared by the Chairmanship on the transformation of the CICA Think Tank Forum into a permanent platform.</td>
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<td>December 11, 2020</td>
<td>The CICA SOC decided to hold meetings of the Think Tank Forum on a regular basis. <em>(Item 7 of the SOC Decisions dated 11 Dec 2020)</em></td>
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<td>October 07, 2021</td>
<td>The Regulations of the CICA Think Tank Forum was adopted by the SOC decision dated 7 October 2021.</td>
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The TTF operates on the basis of the principles of voluntary participation, consensus, common aspiration for peace and progress of the CICA Member States and in accordance with the principles set forth in:

- Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States of 1999,
- Almaty Act of 2002,
- Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures.

The CICA Secretariat, when required, provides the TTF with organizational, technical and administrative support.
Goals and objectives of TTF

Provision of information and analytical support to the activities of CICA, including through the preparation of analytical, research and forecast reports, publications and other materials on matters of common interest to CICA.

Development of cooperation among think tanks, research and educational institutions of the Member States on CICA related issues, including through joint research activities and exchange of experience and research materials.

Organization of forums, conferences, workshops, round tables and other events on CICA related matters.

Promotion of establishment and development of contacts, information exchange and cooperation between scholars and experts of the Member States in all dimensions within the framework of CICA.

Publication of materials on research and analytical activities and materials of events held under the auspices of the Forum.

Other objectives as may be identified by the CICA Member States.
Composition of TTF

**Chair of TTF**
- Appointed by the CICA Chairmanship from among the Members of TTF
  - *term - two years*
- Appointed by Member States which coordinate and co-coordinate implementation of CBMs under priority areas of CICA dimensions on a voluntary basis
  - *term - two years*
- Assist the Chair of TTF in its work
- - overall coordination and management of TTF, coordination of interaction with other CICA structures;
- - Organization of meetings in coordination with Chairmanship and host country

**co-Chairs**
- One leading think tank or research institution from a CICA Member State on a voluntary basis

**Members of TTF**
- Member States may delegate, after approval by the CICA Member States, additional think tanks or research institutions or other official representatives from respective countries *for temporary participation* in the TTF
## Organization of TTF activities

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<th>Meetings of the TTF shall be held <strong>on a regular basis</strong>, at least once a year, and convened by the Chair and co-Chairs of the TTF in consultation with the CICA Chairmanship</th>
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<td>The TTF may hold extraordinary meetings at the initiative of any Member of the TTF and with the consent of the Chair and co-Chairs of the TTF and the CICA Chairmanship</td>
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<td>The CICA <strong>governing bodies</strong> may request the TTF to conduct information and analytical studies additional to the action plan</td>
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<td>The format, venue and date of a meeting shall be determined by the Chair and co-Chairs of the TTF in consultation with the CICA Chairmanship and the host country</td>
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<td>The Chair of the TTF, in agreement with co-Chairs of the TTF, the Chairmanship and the host country, and <strong>with the consent of the Members of the TTF</strong> may invite representatives of other international organizations and forums to the events of the TTF</td>
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<td>Materials produced by the TTF, including the results of analytical, scientific or research activities, shall be sent to the Secretariat for dissemination among the Member States</td>
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<td>The <strong>agenda of the meetings</strong> shall be proposed by the Chair of the TTF and <strong>sent to the Member States</strong> for suggestions no later than 30 days before the meeting</td>
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<td>The activities of the TTF shall be based on an <strong>annual action plan</strong>, which is developed and agreed upon by the TTF Members under the coordination of the Chair of the TTF and <strong>approved by the SOC</strong></td>
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<td>Publication of the TTF’s materials under the auspices of CICA shall be subject to the <strong>approval by the SOC</strong>. The materials of the TTF published under the auspices of CICA shall be posted on the website of the Secretariat</td>
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**Funding**

1. The costs of the organization of TTF meetings shall be borne by the host country.

2. Travel expenses of participants of TTF shall be covered by the participating organizations, accommodation and local transportation expenses shall be covered by the host organization.

3. CICA Member States may provide TTF with voluntary contributions.

**Languages**

1. The working languages of TTF shall be English and Russian.

2. The official documents of TTF shall be in English.