



# CICA THINK TANK FORUM



# MAIN GOALS OF THE CICA THINK TANK FORUM

CICA THINK TANK FORUM (TTF) is an 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.

- To provide information and analytical support to the activities of CICA, including through the preparation of analytical, research and projection reports, publications and other materials on CICA related matters

- To develop cooperation among think tanks, research and educational institutions of the Member States on CICA related matters, including through joint research activities and exchange of experience and research materials

- To hold forums, conferences, workshops, round tables and other events on CICA related matters

- To promote the establishment and development of contacts, information exchange and cooperation among scientists and experts of the Member States in all dimensions within the framework of CICA

- To publish 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



# CICA THINK TANK FORUM TRANSFORMS INTO A PERMANENT BODY

President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev emphasized the need for high-quality expertise to support the activities of CICA in his speech at the 5th Summit on June 15, 2019. He proposed transforming the CICA think tanks into a permanent dialogue platform to strengthen their capacity and enhance collaboration. Following this initiative, the Senior Officials Committee adopted the Regulations of the Think Tank Forum (TTF) on October 7, 2021, establishing a regulatory framework for its operations.

## ● 9th meeting

The 9th TTF meeting, held on December 28-29, 2021, marked its first session as a permanent advisory body. The meeting addressed key security challenges in the post-pandemic era, digital security cooperation, and the future transformation of CICA. The participants agreed on the need for CICA to evolve into a fully-fledged international organization to enhance regional security and cooperation.

## ● 10th meeting

The 10th TTF meeting, held in hybrid format from November 30 to December 1, 2022, brought together representatives from Member States, international organizations, and think tanks to discuss global challenges like food and energy security, green economy, and CICA's future.

## ● 11th meeting

The 11th TTF meeting was held in Xining, Qinghai, from August 27-30, 2023, under the guidance of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and co-hosted by the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies and the Foreign Affairs Office of Qinghai Province. The meeting brought together nearly 50 scholars and diplomats from countries including Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Türkiye, the UAE, Uzbekistan, and China, to discuss key issues related to Asian security and development in a hybrid format, with strong support from the CICA Secretariat.

## STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE CICA THINK TANK FORUM

### CHAIR OF THE THINK TANK FORUM:

- Appointed by the CICA Chairmanship from among the Members of the TTF for a two-year term
- Responsible for overall coordination and management of the TTF as well as coordination of interaction with other CICA structures
- Organizes meetings in coordination with the CICA Chairmanship and the host country

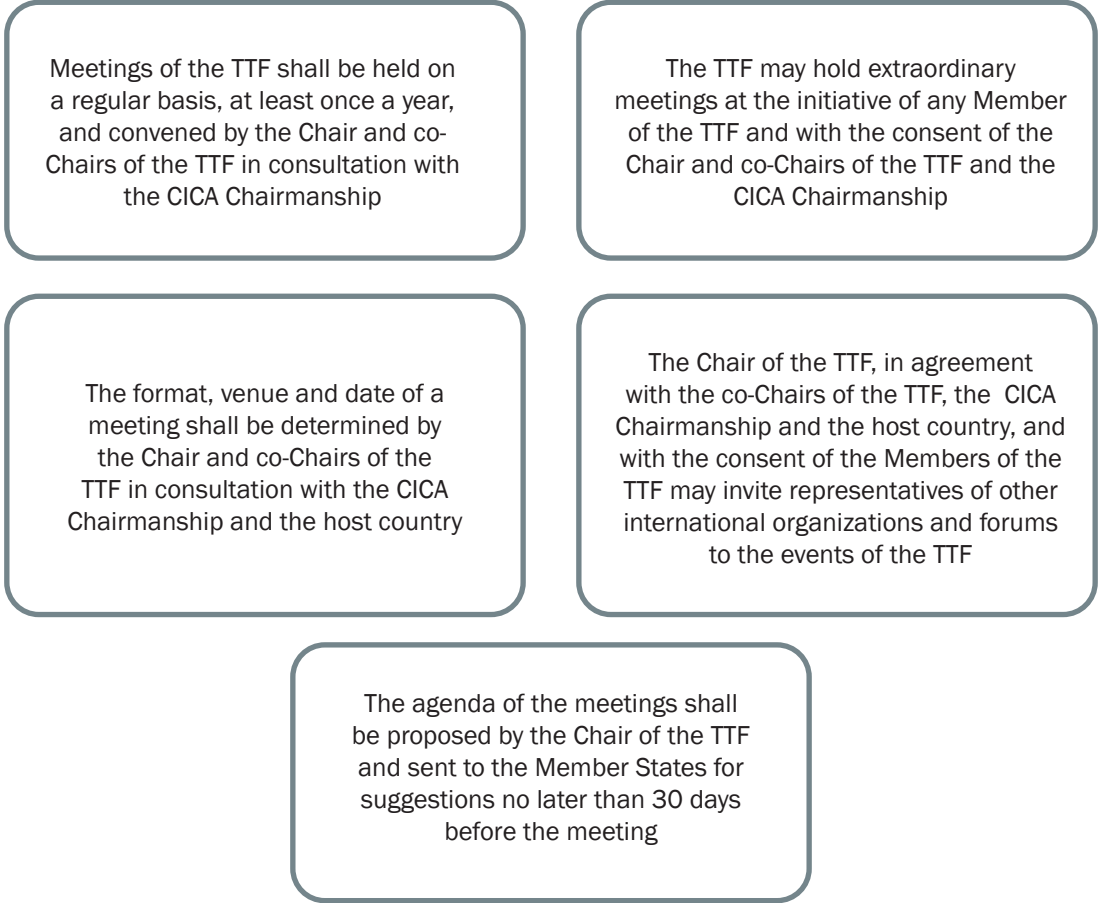
### CO-CHAIR OF THE THINK TANK FORUM:

- Appointed by Member States which coordinate and co-coordinate implementation of CBMs under priority areas of CICA dimensions for a two-year term
- Assists the Chair of the TTF

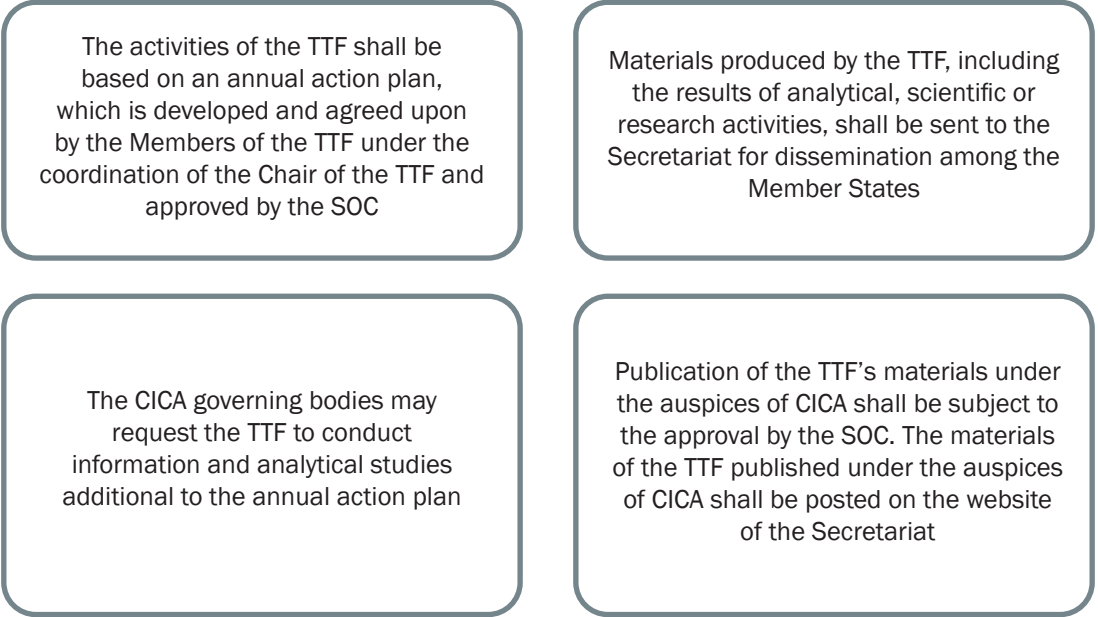
### MEMBERS OF THE THINK TANK FORUM

- One leading think tank or research institution from a CICA Member State is chosen on a voluntary basis
- Member States may delegate additional think tanks or research institutions or other official representatives from respective countries for temporary participation in the TTF

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# HISTORY



20-22 MARCH 2014  
First meeting

31 OCTOBER-01 NOVEMBER 2014  
Second meeting



11-12 MAY 2015  
Third meeting

17-18 OCTOBER 2015  
Fourth meeting



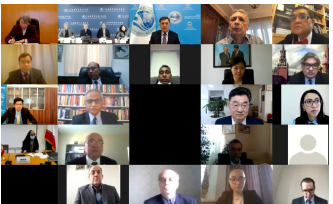
22-23 APRIL 2016  
Fifth meeting



10-12 NOVEMBER 2017  
Sixth meeting



18-20 DECEMBER 2019  
Seventh meeting



21 DECEMBER 2020  
Eighth meeting



07 OCTOBER 2021  
The TTF was transformed  
into an advisory body

28-29 DECEMBER 2021  
Ninth meeting



30 NOVEMBER-1 DECEMBER 2022  
Tenth meeting



28-29 AUGUST 2023  
Eleventh meeting



24-25 OCTOBER 2024  
Twelfth meeting



3RD - 4TH QUARTER 2025  
Thirteenth meeting

# TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CICA THINK TANK FORUM

The 12th Meeting of the CICA Think Tank Forum (TTF) convened on October 2024 under the theme «Asia’s New Role in a Multipolarizing World».

Panel discussions addressed regional cooperation, security, peace, connectivity, finance, climate change, and epidemiology in relation to global sustainable development. Participants actively discussed CICA’s role as a mechanism for multilateral cooperation, explored its unique advantages and discussed the wider concept of forging a new collective Asian identity.



## LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE CICA THINK TANK FORUM

Nº	Member States	Members of the TTF
1	Azerbaijan	Center of Analysis of International Relations
2	Bahrain	Bahrain Center for Strategic, International, and Energy Studies “Derasat”
3	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies
4	Cambodia	Asian Vision Institute
5	China*	Shanghai Institutes for International Studies
6	Egypt	Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies
7	India	Indian Council of World Affairs
8	Iran	Institute for Political and International Studies
9	Israel	International Institute for counter terrorism
10	Jordan	Arab Thought Forum
11	Kazakhstan**	Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Additional think tank: Foreign Policy Research Institute (for 2 years started from July 1, 2023)
12	Kyrgyzstan	National Institute for Strategic Studies of the Kyrgyz Republic
13	Mongolia	Institute for Strategic Studies of the National Security Council of Mongolia
14	Pakistan	Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad
15	Qatar	Social and Economic Survey Research Institute of Qatar University
16	Russia	National CICA Research Centre of Russia
17	Sri Lanka	Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute International Relations and Strategic Studies
18	Tajikistan	Center for Strategic Research under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
19	Thailand	Institute of Asian Studies of Chulalongkorn University
20	Türkiye	Center for Strategic Research of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye
21	United Arab Emirates	Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research
22	Uzbekistan	Institute of strategic and regional studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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