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Press release

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# UNOPS signs Host Country Agreement with the government of Uzbekistan


UNOPS and the government will work with partners to help deliver the Uzbekistan-2030 Strategy.

- On Thursday, 21 September, the Government of Uzbekistan and UNOPS signed a Host Country Agreement, marking a significant milestone in strengthening its partnership.
- It will lay a solid foundation for future cooperation to jointly advance Uzbekistan's socio-economic development in the long-term and UNOPS presence in Central Asia at large.
- The agreement is in full support of the Uzbekistan-2030 Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals. It will allow UNOPS to further expand its collaboration with national stakeholders to increase access to quality healthcare, strengthen pandemic preparedness, and improve education infrastructure across all regions of Uzbekistan
- In line with its mandate and new strategic plan, UNOPS is fully committed to support the Government and the people of Uzbekistan to help build a better future

UNOPS has announced the signing of a Host Country Agreement with the government of Uzbekistan to help foster sustainable development and bolstering collaboration in Central Asia. The agreement signifies a crucial milestone in enhancing UNOPS' presence in Uzbekistan and amplifying its efforts in the region.

The agreement aligns with the Uzbekistan-2030 Strategy, which is centered on the upgrading of education, healthcare, and social protection systems that adhere to international standards. It also focuses on sustainable economic growth, environmental conservation, modern governance, and fostering a safe and peaceful state.

**Jorge Moreira da Silva, UNOPS Executive Director, said:**

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“UNOPS is already present and working with our partners in Uzbekistan, delivering major health infrastructure and equipment. It marks an important milestone in our partnership with the government of Uzbekistan and it will help to scale up our work across Central Asia.

“We are fully committed to supporting the country’s efforts to achieve its national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals. Through our collaboration, as part of the United Nations Country Team in Uzbekistan, we look forward to delivering impact for better health and diagnostic care over the coming years”

UNOPS has been actively involved in several projects in Uzbekistan, focusing on enhancing health services and strengthening preparedness against epidemics. UNOPS is also exploring opportunities to support the education sector by facilitating infrastructure development and promoting inclusive and technology-enabled education.


The new agreement promises to further these efforts, with a keen focus on delivering complex projects such as constructing and rehabilitating key social infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, and transport systems, thereby contributing significantly to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Uzbekistan.

**Bakhtiyor Saidov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan said:**

“We are pleased to sign this agreement with UNOPS. This renewed partnership will help bring a future where tangible, sustainable progress is not just a goal, but a reality. UNOPS has proven expertise in infrastructure development and project management - together with the government of Uzbekistan we will deliver even more to the people of this country.

“This agreement is more than a partnership; it's an opportunity for Uzbekistan to benefit from UNOPS' global network and innovative approaches, bringing about real, positive change in the lives of our citizens.”

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### **Notes to the editors:**

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