

THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

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Abstract: This article examines the role and impact of international financial institutions, including the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and Asian Development Bank, on the economic and financial development of Central Asian countries. The study focuses on their key functions, contribution to macroeconomic stability, and support for economic growth and reform processes in the region. By applying qualitative and quantitative research methods, the paper evaluates both positive and negative effects of these institutions, with particular attention to Uzbekistan and other Central Asian states. Furthermore, their involvement in financing social sectors, infrastructure development, and ensuring macroeconomic stability is analyzed. The importance of this study is linked to the growing integration of Central Asian economies into the global financial system and the need for sustainable economic development through international cooperation.

Key words: international financial institutions, Central Asia, economic reforms, macroeconomic stability, economic development.

Currently, the global economy is experiencing rapid development across multiple sectors, including banking, currency markets, the digital economy, and ecological integration. Major international financial organizations such as the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, International Development Association, Bank for International Settlements, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development are actively operating worldwide.

In particular, Uzbekistan has established strong diplomatic and economic relations with these institutions and has signed several important agreements. The country maintains close cooperation with the IMF, World Bank, Asian Development Bank,

and Islamic Development Bank.

One of the key priorities of the national economy is the development of international financial relations. Financial markets play a crucial role in economic development by contributing to GDP growth, attracting foreign capital, and increasing investment attractiveness. Financial relations represent a complex system involving the formation, distribution, and movement of financial resources within international financial institutions and markets.

Therefore, Uzbekistan continues to expand its cooperation with international financial institutions. These organizations invest in various social and economic sectors, and the number of investment projects continues to grow. Special attention is given to strengthening cooperation, as these institutions play an important role in accessing global markets, increasing export potential, supporting social welfare, and improving infrastructure.

Cooperation with international financial institutions is expected to support the country's development through:

- creating new and efficient jobs;
- increasing per capita income;
- developing the domestic market and strengthening regional leadership in Central Asia;
- further advancing industrial development.

In addition, international financial institutions actively support economic development projects in other Central Asian countries, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Their financial and technical assistance contributes to regional cooperation, infrastructure development, and macroeconomic stability in Central Asia.

Furthermore, according to the Presidential Resolution of Uzbekistan dated July 16, 2018 (No. PQ-3857), the regulation "On the Procedure for Implementing Projects with the Participation of International Financial Institutions and Foreign Government Financial Organizations" was approved. Also, the Cabinet of Ministers Resolution dated January 16, 2019 (No. 40) focuses on improving the mechanism of using funds from international financial institutions. The Presidential Decree PF-4947 also emphasizes cooperation with international financial institutions.

This decree defines the medium- and long-term development strategy of Uzbekistan's financial market, aimed at attracting capital, developing enterprises, strengthening financial institutions, and improving international financial relations. Within ongoing reforms, cooperation with international financial institutions is focused on institutional development and improving economic policy frameworks.

International financial institutions play an important role in the financial sector of the country. In many cases, enterprises prefer obtaining loans from these institutions rather than domestic banks due to more favorable conditions and lower interest rates. This creates better opportunities for business development.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, strengthening financial relations between Uzbekistan and international financial institutions requires the development of modern financial and credit mechanisms. In addition, accelerating integration into international financial institutions and increasing investment project volumes will significantly contribute to national economic development.

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