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## **TIIF 2026: A Forum That Signals Uzbekistan's Arrival on the Global Investment Map**



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The Tashkent International Investment Forum (TIIF) is Central Asia’s leading international investment platform. It was launched in 2022 and is held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. It connects world leaders, government officials, investors, business tycoons, international financial institutions, and policy makers. The



forum is designed to attract foreign direct investment and strengthen Uzbekistan’s position as a regional business hub. It provides opportunity to global investors to explore one of the world’s most dynamic markets.

This year, from 16-19 June 2026, 5<sup>th</sup> Tashkent International Investment Forum (TIIF) was held at Tashkent city, Uzbekistan. The theme was “Investment Resilience: New Frontiers, New Partnerships” and more than 7600 participants representing about 100 countries attended the forum. The 5<sup>th</sup> TIIF carries great significance because it reflected a remarkable shift. While previous forums sent a message “*Come invest in Uzbekistan*”, the TIIF 2026 said “*Here is the institutional framework that will protect and support your investment*”. The message is clear from His Excellency President Shavkat Mirziyoyev’s opening speech at the forum. He highlighted 6 priority areas including:

1. Strengthening the legal guarantees for investors
2. Development of capital markets and financial instruments
3. Attracting investments to expand high-value-added chains
4. Green Energy and Artificial Intelligence
5. Transport and logistics connectivity
6. Regional development, urbanization, and tourism/agriculture

In this geoeconomic age, TIIF 2026 stands out as a success story. The Tashkent International Investment Forum (TIIF) 2026 was more than just a business gathering or a national investment conference. First, it served as a regional platform for economic diplomacy. Second, it was the reflection of Uzbekistan's growing importance in the world economy. Third, it showed the world that Uzbekistan is an open and business-friendly country that is determined to become one of the most attractive investment destinations in Eurasia. Fourth, it reflected the investors' interest in Uzbekistan's rapidly growing economy. In short, the significance of TIIF 2026 goes far beyond the conference halls and networking sessions. It signaled that Uzbekistan should no longer be viewed as a country with potential but a country delivering the practical results.

At the heart of this success lies the extraordinary leadership of H.E President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. He has played a crucial role in opening Uzbekistan to the world. Since assuming office, His Excellency always has championed reforms aimed at modernizing the economy, strengthening institutions, improving governance, and encouraging international cooperation. Thanks to his efforts that Uzbekistan emerged as a key economic player on the global stage and attracted investors from across Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and beyond. TIIF 2026 clearly shows how far the country has come. The massive attendance at the forum is not achieved overnight. It is the result of years of work to build confidence, create opportunities, and demonstrate that Uzbekistan is serious about economic growth and international engagement.



One of the most impressive aspects of TIIF 2026 is its ability to showcase Uzbekistan's strengths across multiple sectors. From energy and infrastructure to manufacturing, technology, agriculture, tourism, and logistics, the forum highlights a country that offers

diverse opportunities for investment. Investors are increasingly attracted to Uzbekistan's strategic location, young population, expanding consumer market, and growing connectivity with regional and global markets.

The vision behind TIIF also deserves recognition. Rather than focusing only on attracting capital, the forum promotes long-term partnerships. It encourages dialogue, knowledge sharing, innovation, and collaboration.

A key figure behind the success of TIIF 2026 is His Excellency Laziz Kudratov, Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan. His efforts in promoting Uzbekistan as an investment destination have been instrumental in



strengthening the country's international profile. Through active engagement with global investors, financial institutions, and business communities, H.E. Laziz Kudratov has helped present a clear and compelling picture of the opportunities available in Uzbekistan. His work demonstrates the importance of proactive economic diplomacy. In today's competitive investment landscape, countries cannot simply wait for investors to arrive. They must actively communicate their strengths, address concerns, and build trust. Under Excellency Kudratov's leadership, Uzbekistan has done exactly that. The growing international participation at TIIF 2026 reflects the confidence that many investors now have in the country's future.

What makes TIIF particularly important is that it showcases not only opportunities but also ambition. Uzbekistan is thinking big. The country is investing in infrastructure, supporting industrial development, advancing digital transformation, and expanding renewable energy projects. These initiatives are creating new possibilities for both domestic and international investors.

The energy sector provides an excellent example. Uzbekistan has emerged as one of the most promising markets for renewable energy development in the region. Solar and wind projects are attracting global interest, while broader energy reforms are helping create a more efficient and sustainable system. Discussions at TIIF 2026 highlighted the country's commitment to balancing economic growth with environmental responsibility.

Infrastructure is another area where Uzbekistan is making significant progress. Improved transportation networks, logistics corridors, and regional connectivity projects are strengthening the country's role as a bridge between major markets. For investors seeking access to Central Asia and neighboring regions, Uzbekistan is increasingly becoming a natural gateway.



Technology and innovation also featured prominently at TIIF 2026. The government's efforts to support digitalization, entrepreneurship, and technological advancement are creating new opportunities for startups, investors, and technology companies. This focus on innovation is particularly important because it positions Uzbekistan for future growth in an increasingly digital global economy.

The success of TIIF 2026 also reflects a broader transformation taking place across Central Asia. As regional cooperation expands and economic ties deepen, Uzbekistan is emerging as one of the region's leading economic engines. The country is helping shape a more connected, dynamic, and prosperous Central Asia. Through forums such as TIIF,



Uzbekistan is not only promoting its own development but also contributing to greater regional integration and cooperation.

International investors increasingly recognize that Uzbekistan offers a combination of factors that is difficult to find elsewhere. A large and youthful workforce, abundant natural resources, strategic geography, ongoing reforms, and strong political commitment to economic modernization create a powerful investment case. TIIF 2026 provides a platform where these advantages can be presented directly to global audiences. The forum's growing international reputation is itself a sign of success. Events become influential when they consistently deliver value, attract high-level participation, and facilitate meaningful business outcomes. TIIF is rapidly achieving all three.

For Uzbekistan, TIIF 2026 represents more than a milestone. It represents a statement of confidence. It shows a nation that believes in its future, welcomes international cooperation, and is determined to play a larger role in the global economy. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's reform agenda and the dedicated efforts of H.E. Laziz Kudratov, Uzbekistan's Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade, have helped create the conditions that made this success possible. Their commitment to modernization, openness, and economic development has contributed significantly to Uzbekistan's growing international profile.