

**Dear ladies and gentlemen,
Dear guests and partners,**

On behalf of the Ministry of Transport, Uzbekistan, and on my own behalf, I am delighted to welcome you all to the opening of the **22nd International Exhibition of Transport and Logistics – TransLogistica Uzbekistan 2026**.

Transport and logistics sectors underpin the sustainable economic growth. This sector also provides a strategic link between regions and global markets, opening up new opportunities for trade and investment.

Our President has made the development of this sector a particular priority by setting out the major tasks aimed to expand Uzbekistan's export and transit capacity. These include diversifying foreign trade routes, making effective use of international transport corridors, removing barriers at border crossings and implementing digital solutions.

Uzbekistan lies at the crossroads of the strategic North-South and East-West corridors. It is strengthening its position in global supply chains and becoming a regional and international transport and logistics hub. Reforms across the sector have been delivering tangible results: international freight volumes reached 66.8 million tonnes in 2025, or 11.9% higher, as compared to 2024. This represents a notable 2.2-fold increase over the past 10 years.

The rail transport accounted for around 70% of international freight (46.2 million tonnes), while road freight volumes have increased sixfold over the past decade. Transit freight volumes through Uzbekistan also rose by 11% in 2025 to 15.3 million tonnes, twice the volume recorded a decade earlier. Yet this is only part of the country's considerable potential.

The strategic China-Kyrgyz Republic-Uzbekistan railway project, spanning around 533 kilometres, is a historic undertaking. Once fully operational, it will allow the annual freight volumes to reach 15 million tonnes and shorten delivery times by an average of 7 days. At our President's initiative, integrating this corridor with the Middle Corridor is a further priority for creating a continuous transcontinental land route linking China- Central Asia-the Caspian Sea-the Caucasus to Europe.

The Trans-Afghan Railway is also strategically important to the southern route and will provide a vital link between South Asia and Central Asia's railway network.

Projects to establish a joint venture for procurement of additional ferries for the Caspian Sea and to build a terminal at the Port of Poti are also under way, helping us make better use of the existing transport corridors.

We are taking a comprehensive approach to modernising the country's domestic infrastructure. Seventeen major projects covering a total of 740 hectares are aimed to develop modern logistics centres and infrastructure in Khanabad, Angren, Yangiyul, Akhangaran, Alat and Termez. Construction has also begun on the first Tashkent-Samarkand toll road, while railway lines are being electrified along with development of smart public transport management systems. Together, these developments demonstrate the sector's steady progress.

TransLogistica Uzbekistan 2026 offers an important opportunity to showcase the latest innovations in the sector, share the best practice and establish new business partnerships. I am confident that this event will give fresh impetus to further expansion of our international cooperation.

May all exhibition participants and guests enjoy productive discussions, turn promising projects into reality and achieve every success!

**M. Omarov,
First Deputy Minister**