

## 7th CICA Summit in Azerbaijan

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### Why in News?

Recently, the 7<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) was held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

- **Aim** - To address evolving regional security dynamics, economic integration, and multilateral cooperation.
- **Chaired by** - Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev.
- The summit brought together leaders, special representatives, and foreign ministers from member states.

### Key Outcomes

- **Adoption of the Baku Declaration**
  - Reaffirmed member states' commitment to the **UN Charter** and universally recognized norms of international law.
  - Emphasized multilateral cooperation across CICA's **5 core dimensions**- military-political, new challenges and threats, economic, environmental, and human.
- **Expansion and Leadership**
  - **New Member - Laos** was formally admitted as CICA's **29th full member state**.
  - **Chairmanship & Secretariat** - Azerbaijan's chairmanship was extended for the **2026-2028** period.
  - **Sultan Hajiye** was appointed as the CICA Secretary-General for the 2026-2030 term.
- **Institutional Growth**
  - Commended progress made under recent summits, including
    - The establishment of the **CICA Women Council**,
    - Institutionalization of the **CICA Finance Summit**, and
    - Operationalization of the **Partnership Network of Leading Universities**.

### Strategic Significance

- **Pan-Asian Dialogue Platform** - Originally proposed by Kazakhstan in 1992 at the UN General Assembly, CICA continues to serve as an indispensable intergovernmental forum for enhancing cooperative approaches to peace, security, and stability across the Asian continent.
- **Countering Geopolitical Fragmentation** - Amid increasingly complex global headwinds, the Baku Declaration highlighted the critical necessity of open dialogue, economic connectivity, and adherence to rules-based multilateralism.



## Reference

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