

TASHKENT WATER SECURITY FORUM



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March 26, Thursday

9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 10:10 TIAME National Research University	From Knowledge to Action: Enhancing Science and Policy Dialogue for Improved Water Security in Central Asia
Discussion points	The Tashkent Water Security Forum is a dedicated platform bringing together scientists, policymakers, practitioners, and regional stakeholders to share research findings, exchange perspectives, and support informed decision-making on water governance and climate adaptation. The 2026 Forum theme, “ <i>From Knowledge to Action: Enhancing Science and Policy Dialogue for Improved Water Security in Central Asia</i> ,” underscores the urgent need to translate scientific evidence into practical policies and joint actions.
9:30 - 10:00 TIAME National Research University	Opening Session and welcome speeches Ms. Kamilla Sultanova , SavvY Advisory, Finland
Moderator	Dr. Abror Gafurov , Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences (GFZ)
Speakers:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Bakhodir Mirzaev, Rector, TIAME National Research University Mr. Rustam Karshiev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan Dr. Oliver Bens, Team Scientific Executive Board, GFZ, Potsdam, Germany and Co-Director, Central Asian Institute of Applied Geosciences (CAIAG) Dr. Robert Micovec, GIZ, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
10:00 - 11:15 TIAME National Research University	Session I. Keynote Session
Moderator	Prof. Abdulkhakim Salokhiddinov , TIAME National Research University
Speakers:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote Speech - Water Policy. Dr. Dinara Ziganshina, Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (SIC-ICWC) “Navigating Global Uncertainty Through Pragmatic Water Cooperation” Keynote Speech - Water Science. Prof. Jenniver Sehring, IHE Delft, Institute for Water Education under the auspices of UNESCO “What is Water Science?” <p>Q/A session</p>
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee break and Networking

11:45 - 13:00 TIAME National Research University	Session II. Water Science Session
Moderator	Ms. Kamilla Sultanova , SavvY Advisory, Finland
Speakers:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Bota Aytimova, National Hydrometeorological Centre of Kazakhstan (RSE Kazhydromet), Astana, Kazakhstan, “Role of the scientific research in the hydrometeorological activities of the NMHS of the Republic of Kazakhstan” 2. Dr. Abror Gafurov, GFZ Helmholtz-Centre for Geosciences, Potsdam, Germany, “Water resources monitoring for improved decision making in Central Asia” 3. Dr. Bolot Moldobekov, Co-Director, Central Asian Institute of Applied Geosciences (CAIAG), Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, “Kyrgyzstan`s Water Resources in the Context of Climate Change” 5 Q&A Session
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break and networking
14:00 - 15:15 TIAME National Research University	Session III. Water Policy Session
Moderator	Ms. Kamilla Sultanova , SavvY Advisory, Finland
Speakers:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Barbara Januzs-Pawletta, Director, Regional Office, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Tashkent, Uzbekistan, “Bilateral and Multilateral Water Coordination in Central Asia: Current Dynamics and Emerging Trends” 2. Prof. Mohd Faizee, Professor of Practice in Water Diplomacy and Security UNU-INWEH & Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Sweden, “Legal Pathways for Promoting Sustainable and Inclusive Water Cooperation between Central Asia and Afghanistan” 3. Mr. Oytire Anarbekov, Caritas Switzerland, Country Consortium Representative, “From Knowledge to Decisions: Basin Governance and Climate-Resilient IWRM-Lessons from the Zarafshan River Basin” 4. Prof. Yarash Pulatov, Institute of Water Problems, Hydropower and Ecology under the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, “Integration of Science and Practice- Core Base for Water Cooperation” 5. Q/A session
15:15 - 15:45	<i>Coffee break and networking</i>
15:45 - 16:45 TIAME National Research University	Panel Session:
Moderator	Dr. Abror Gafurov , Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences (GFZ)
Panelists:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Jenniver Sehring, IHE-Delft, Netherlands 2. Mr. Zokir Ishpulatov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Water Resources, Uzbekistan 3. Dr. Oliver Bens, Team Scientific Executive Board, GFZ, Potsdam, Germany and Co-Director, Central Asian Institute of Applied Geosciences (CAIAG) 4. Dr. Dinara Ziganshina, Scientific Information Center of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission (SIC-ICWC) 5. Dr. Robert Micovec, GIZ, Tashkent
16.45 - 17:00	Wrap-up and Closing Session

ZOOM :

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