

7th Tashkent Water Security Lectures



Water resources in Central Asia: Integration of scientific knowledge to support policy dialogue and climate change adaptation

The Green Central Asia Program aims to improve policy dialogue and regional cooperation in Central Asia by integrating scientific knowledge in the field of climate and water. The Tashkent Water Security Lectures (TWSL) shall serve as a platform to discuss scientific findings related to climate change and water resources in Central Asia and support policy dialogue and climate change adaptation.

Up to now, 6 series of TWSL have been organised in a hybrid format. The next and 7th TWSL is planned to be organized at the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Berlin together with the five Central Asian country embassies. The embassies of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan shall be co-hosts of the event and representatives of the Green Central Asia program from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany as well as implementing partner institutes shall attend the event with their input. The program will be filled with keynote speeches dedicated to climate change and water security in Central Asia followed by input presentations by implementing partners of the Green Central Asia Program. The embassies of Central Asian countries shall join a panel discussion dedicated to the topic of TWSL.

Date: 16 July 2024, 09:00 (Berlin Time), 12:00 (Astana, Dushanbe, Ashgabat, Tashkent time), 13:00 (Bishkek time)

Venue: Embassy of Uzbekistan (Perleberger Str. 62, 10559 Berlin, Germany)

Registration (Please only register if you would like to take part in the event at the Embassy in person):

<https://events.gfz-potsdam.de/tashkent-water-security-lectures>

Zoom link:

<https://gfz-potsdam-de.zoom-x.de/j/65785176253?pwd=bRBBnJ8EgCRkaOTs6DdhyU4NwclKRh.1>

Meeting ID: 657 8517 6253

Passcode: 123

Preliminary Program (subject to change)

8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:45	Opening and welcome speeches (5 min/speech)	
	• H.E. Mr. Dilshod Akhatov	Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Germany
	• H.E. Mr. Imomudin Sattorov	Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan in Germany
	• H.E. Mr. Omurbek Tekebaev	Ambassador of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan in Germany
	• Ms. Christina Wegelein	Head of Division 408, Climate and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany
	• Prof. Susanne Buitter	Scientific Director, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences, Potsdam, Germany
	• Mr. Mirzhan Baymakhanov	Embassy of Kazakhstan in Germany
	• Mr. Ovez Jumanazarov	Embassy of Turkmenistan in Germany
	• Prof. Abdulhakim Salohiddinov	Vice-Rector, TIAME-NRU, Uzbekistan
Session I	State of the art of climate and water policy in Central Asia (Session Lead: Dr. Abror Gafurov)	
9:45 – 10:00	Dr. Caroline Milow Overview on Green Central Asia Project	Programme Manager Green Central Asia, Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Tashkent, Uzbekistan
10:00 – 10:20	Prof. Markus Disse Keynote Speaker (Water Science) <i>Water related research in Central Asia to cope with climate change: experience from the WE-ACT and ÖkoFlussPlan projects</i>	Chair of Hydrology and River Basin Management, Technical University of Munich, Germany
10:20 – 10:40	Prof. Petra Dobner Keynote Speaker (Water Policy) <i>Competition and cooperation in water usage in Europe. Learnings from good and bad practices</i>	Institute for Political Science, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Halle (Saale), Germany

10:40 – 11:10 Coffee break and networking

Session II Science integration into policy dialogue on water and climate change (Session Lead: Dr. Milena Latinovic)

11:10 – 11:25	Cooperation of Kazhydromet in the frame of German Government Initiatives.	Ms. Danara Alimbayeva, Director General, National Hydrometeorological Service of Kazakhstan (RSE Kazhydromet).
11:25 – 11:40	Improved water resources monitoring in Central Asia: drought and flood forecasting	Dr. Abror Gafurov, Dr. Milena Latinovic, Dr. Tilo Schöne, Mr. Najibullah Kakar, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences
11:40 – 11:55	Climate Changes Security: Inter-Sectoral Impacts and Linkages	Ms. Stefanie Wesch, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany
11:55 – 12:10	Main results of the implementation of the Regional Initiative 'Green Central Asia' by the Kazakh-German University (DKU) in 2023-2024	Dr. Viktoriya Krylova, German-Kazakh University, Almaty, Kazakhstan
12:10 – 12:25	Biodiversity protection and water management in Germany - the 70 million Euro NABU model project for the restoration of the Lower Havel	Mr. Thomas Tennhardt, Executive Management Board Member, NABU - The Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union
12:25 – 12:40	Regional Climate Change Strategy for Central Asia	Mr. Alexandr Nikolayenko, Senior Regional Advisor, GIZ Tashkent

12:40 - 13:30 Lunch break and networking

Panel discussion (Moderator: Dr. Birgit Wetzel, Free Journalist, Berlin, Germany)

13:30 – 15:00 Panelists

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| • Ambassador | Embassy of Tajikistan |
| • Ambassador | Embassy of Kyrgyzstan |
| • Ambassador | Embassy of Uzbekistan |
| • Deputy Minister | Ministry of Water Resources, Kazakhstan |
| • 1st Secretary | Embassy of Turkmenistan |

Summary and closing ceremony



In cooperation with:



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Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan



Embassy of the Republic of Turkmenistan



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