

**International Conference on
Agricultural Transformation, Food Security and Nutrition in Central Asia
Featuring IFPRI's 2019 Global Food Policy Report**

Organized by

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and Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT)

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AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:30 **Opening Session and Welcome Notes**

Moderator and opening remarks: **Dr. Komiljon Karimov**, Rector, WIUT, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

- **Mr. Jamshid A. Khodjaev**, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **Mr. Francois Begeot**, Head of Cooperation Section, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Dr. Shenggen Fan**, Director General, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- **Mr. Achim Steiner**, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New York, USA (Video Message)

9:30 – 11:00 **Session 1: Launch of the 2019 Global Food Policy Report – Highlights and Reflections on Central Asian countries**

Keynote Address:

- **Dr. Shenggen Fan**, Director General, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA

Panelists:

- **Ms. Cindy Malvicini**, Country Director, Uzbekistan Resident Mission of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Mr. Jean-Louis Veaux**, Agriculture specialist and Programme Manager, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Prof. Tursun Shodiev**, WIUT, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Q&A and discussion (30 minutes)

11:00 – 11:30 **Group Photo and Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00 Session 2: Panel Discussion on the Role of Agriculture Modernization and Structural Transformation in Rural Revitalization

Moderator: **Dr. Kamiljon Akramov**, Senior Research Fellow and Central Asia Program Leader, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA

Panelists:

- **Dr. Sergiy Zorya**, Lead Agricultural Economist, The World Bank, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Dr. Khasan Mamarasulov**, Lead Specialist on Implementation of Innovative Technologies and Clusters in Agriculture, Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **Dr. Shuhrat Amanov**, Head of Department of Strategic Analysis and Forecasting in Agriculture and Food Production, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **Dr. Nodir Djanibekov**, Research Associate, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle, Germany
- **Mr. Mansur Rahimov**, Co-founder & CEO, Mevali Plants Agro Company, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Q&A and discussion

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:45 Session 3: Building Blocks of Rural Revitalization: Institutions, Technology, and Policy Solutions

Moderator: **Dr. Suresh Babu**, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Capacity Strengthening, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA

- Making Institutions work for rural revitalization: Implications for Central Asia, **Dr. Katrina Kosec**, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- Role of public-private partnership in agricultural transformation and rural development: lessons from international experience, **Dr. Ziyodullo Parpiev**, WIUT, Tashkent, Uzbekistan and **Dr. Kamiljon Akramov**, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- Role of modern agricultural insurance instruments in mitigating farmers' climate risks in Central Asia, **Dr. Ihtiyor Bobojonov**, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle, Germany
- IT based solutions to delivery quality advisory in rural areas, **Mr. Damin Zakhidov**, Project Manager, OSCE Agromart Project, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Potential applications of remote sensing, GIS tools and data analytics for evidence-based policy-making in agriculture, **Mr. Zafar Gafurov**, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Q&A and discussion

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Session 4: Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security in Central Asia: Challenges, Policy Issues, and Empirical Evidence

Moderator: **Bakhrom Mirkasimov**, Deputy Rector on Research and Innovation, WIUT, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

- Nutrition-sensitive value chains in Central Asia: Evidence, Challenges, and Opportunities, **Mr. Allen Park** and **Mr. Jarilkasin Ilyasov**, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture: Empirical evidence from Tajikistan, **Dr. Hiroyuki Takeshima**, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- Adoption of conservation agriculture practices in Uzbekistan considering climate change, **Dr. Aziz Nurbekov**, FAO Uzbekistan Country Office, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Food legumes for cropping system diversification, soil health, and human nutrition in Central Asia, **Mr. Shukhrat Amanov**, International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas, Central Asia and Caucasus Regional Office, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Solar and biogas resources as alternative energy sources and their application for agricultural development and rural revitalization, **Dr. Bahtiyor Eshchanov**, WIUT, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Q&A and discussion

17:30 – 18:00 Closing Remarks

- **Mr. Francois Begeot**, Head of Cooperation Section, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Dr. Shenggen Fan**, Director General, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- **Dr. Komiljon Karimov**, Rector, WIUT, Tashkent, Uzbekistan