

Tentative Programme



**High-level International Conference on the Midterm
Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of
the International Decade for Action
“Water for Life, 2005-2015”**

Dates: 08-10 June 2010, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

Working languages: English and Russian

Tuesday, 8 June 2010

Registration 08:30 - 09:00

Venue: Lobby of the Conference Center “*Kokhi Borbad*”

09:00-09:15 Photo and children’s pictures exhibition attended by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan H. E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon and head of delegations

09:15-09:30 Photo session for head of delegations

Opening session

Time: 09:30 – 10:10

Venue: Venue: Conference Hall of the Conference Center “*Kokhi Borbad*”

Chairman: H. E. Mr. Akil Akilov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the High-level International Conference

Welcome address by H. E. Mr. Akil Akilov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan

Statement by H. E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan

Statement by H. E. Mr. Sha Zukang, United Nations Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on behalf of the UN Secretary-General

Plenary Session

10:10-13:00 Statements by Heads of Delegations (5 minutes)

13:00-15:00 **Transfer from the Conference Center “Kokhi Borbad” to Conference complex “Kokhi Somon” followed by Lunch**

Parallel Round Tables

Round Table I: Accelerating progress towards water-related IADG, including the MDGs, and ensuring women’s empowerment

Venue: Press Conference Hall of the Conference complex “Kokhi Somon”

Time 15:00 – 18:00

Co-Chair: H. E. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the UNESCAP

Co-Chair: H. E. Mr. Rahmat Bobokalonov, Minister of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan

Secretary: Mr. Nikhil Chandavarkar, Chief, Communication and Outreach Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA

Rapporteur: Mr. Rastislav Vrbensky, UNDP Tajikistan's Country Director

15:00 – 15:05 Introductory Remarks by the Chair

15:05 – 16:15 Panelists:

- H. E. Mr. Jean – Chrysostome Mekrondongo, Minister of Energy and Hydraulic of the Central African Republic

- Dr. Yordan Uzunov, Member of the UN Secretary – General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB), Professor of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
- Ms. Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director of “Women in Europe for Common Future network”
- Mrs. Alice M. Bouman-Dentener, President of Women for Water Partnership
- Mr. Li Huu Ti, Chief of Water Security Section (WSS) of UNESCAP
- Ms. Wendy Jo Werner, Country Director, International Finance Corporation

Discussions

Round Table II: Transboundary Water Cooperation

Venue: Amphitheater Hall of the Conference complex “Kokhi Somon”

Time: 15:00 – 18:00

Co-Chair: H. E. Dr. Veysel Eroglu – Minister of Environment and Forests of Turkey

Co-Chair: H.E. Mr. Khun Suwit Khunkitti, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Kingdom of Thailand

Secretary:

Rapporteur:

Panelists:

- H. E. Mr. Joao Gomes Cravinho, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal
- Mr. Miroslav Jenca, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, Head of Regional Centre For Preventative Diplomacy For Central Asia
- Mr. Priscoli J. D., Senior adviser for the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers' Institute for Water Resources

- Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Chairperson of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment

Discussions

Round Table III: Water quality

Venue: Grand Hall of the Building № 8

Time: 15:00-18:00

Co-Chair: Mr. Zafar Adeel, United Nations University, Chair UN-Water

Co-Chair: H. E. Mr. Abdelmalek Sellal, Minister of Water Resources
People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Secretary:

Rapporteur:

Panelists:

- Mr. Thomas Chiramba, Head, Freshwater Ecosystems Unit in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Mr. Olcay Unver, coordinator of the UN World Water Assessment Programme, (UNESCO)
- Dr. Christain Zurbrugg, Head of the Department of Water and Sanitation in Developing Countries (SANDEC), Swiss Federal Institute of Environmental
- Prof. Norendra K. Chaudhary, Secretary General of the Global Forum for Disaster Management, India
- UNFRC (tbc)

Discussions

19:00 – 21:00 **Reception hosted by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

Venue: Istiqlol Palace

Format: Invitees

Wednesday, 9 June 2010

Parallel Round Tables

Round Table IV: Water resources and adaptation to climate change, disaster risk reduction

Venue: Press Conference Hall of the Conference complex “*Kokhi Somon*”

Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Co-Chair: Mr. Mahmood Ayub, UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP

Co-Chair: Dr. Kuniyoshi Takeuchi, Director of the International Center for Water Hazard and Risk Management, Japan

Secretary:

Rapporteur:

Panelists:

- H. E. Mr. Salvano Briceno, Director of the Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)
- Mr. Jorge Jurado, Former Minister of Ecuador
- Mr. Olcay Unver, coordinator of the UN World Water Assessment Programme, UNESCO
- Prof. Vladimir Aizen, University of Idaho, USA
- Dr. Heinz Weiss, Consulting Engineers, Basler & Hofmann AG, Switzerland
- Mr. Ji-Tae Kim, General Director for Water Environment Policy, Ministry of Environment of Korea

Discussions

Round Table V: Sustainable Financing

Venue: Amphitheater Hall of the Conference complex “*Kokhi*”

Somon”

Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Co-Chair:

Co-Chair: H. E. Dr. Rashid Ahmad Bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates (tbc)

Secretary: Ms. Josefina Maestu, Director, UNW-DPAC

Rapporteur:

Panelists:

- Dr. Zafar Adeel, Chair to UN-Water; Member of the Interim Core Group of Sanitation and Water for All
- Mr. Sagit Ibatullin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea
- Ms. Ania Grobicki, Executive Secretary of GWP
- Mr. Pier Francesco Mantovani, Lead Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, WB
- Diego Rodriguez, Representative of the World Bank
- Ms Catarina Hansen Björlin, Senior Banker, Municipal and Environmental Infrastructure Team, EBRD

Discussions

Round Table VI: Integrated Water Resource Management; energy, agriculture and food security

Venue: Grand Hall of Building № 8

Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Co-Chair: Mr. Andrey Vasilev, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Co-Chair: Mr. Daniel Valensuela, Deputy General Manager of the International Office for Water, France

Secretary: Mr. Reza Ardakanian, Director of the UN-Water Decade

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Rapporteur:

Panelists

- Mr. Pasquale Steduto, Deputy Director of the FAO Natural Resources Management Department
- Prof. Ahmad Wagdy, Cairo University, Egypt
- Representative of the World Food Programme (WFP)
- Mr. Marco Kainer, Director, Environment Housing and Land Management Division, UNECE
- Dr. Frank Schrader, Professor of Potsdam University, Germany
- Mohan Reddy Junna, Head of Office of IWMI - Central Asia

10:35 – 12:00 Discussions

12:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

- **Wrap-up Session for Round Tables I, II and IV**

Venue: Amphitheater Hall of the Conference complex “*Kokhi Somon*”

Time: 14:00 – 17:00

Chair/Moderator:

Secretary:

Introductory remarks by the Chair/Moderator

Presentations of summaries/reports of the round tables

Discussions

- **Wrap-up Session for Round Tables III, V and VI**

Venue: Grand Hall of Building № 8

Time: 14:00 – 17:00

Chair/Moderator: Mr. Olcay Unver, Coordinator of the United Nations – Water World Water Assessment Program

Secretary:

Introductory remarks by the Chair/Moderator

Presentations of summaries/reports of the round tables

Discussions

Closing Plenary Session

Venue: Inauguration Hall of the Conference complex “*Kokhi Somon*”

Time: June 09, 2010, 17.00 – 18:00

Chair: H. E. Mr. Akil Akilov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the International Conference

Closing remarks by H. E., Mr. Akil Akilov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan and Chairman of the Organizing Committee

18:00 – 18:40 **Press Conference by** H. E., Mr. Akil Akilov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan and H. E. Mr. Sha Zukang, United Nations Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Venue: Press Conference Hall of the Conference complex “*Kokhi Somon*”

19:00 – 21:00 **Reception hosted by Mayor of Dushanbe**

Thursday, June 10, 2008

08:15-17:00 **Field trips organized by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

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