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**Human Capacity Development for the Water Sector of Central Asia to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change and Support Sustainable Development, Peace and Security (HWCA)**

**Venue: Diplomatic Academy of the MFA of the KR, Bishkek**

**Dates: 6 and 7 June, 2023**

First day: 6 June		
Time	Statement	Speaker
09:45-10:00	<i>Registration of participants:</i>	
10:00-10:10	<i>Opening of the meeting</i> <b>Keynote address:</b> The importance of the HWCA project for strengthening regional cooperation and climate resilience in Central Asia	<b>Chinara Adamkulova,</b> Rector of the Diplomatic Academy, Project Grantholder
10:10–11:25	<b>Welcoming statements</b>	
	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic	<b>Aybek Artykbaev</b>
	Deputy Minister of Science and Education of the Kyrgyz Republic	<b>Rasul Abazbek uulu</b>
	Special Representative of the European Union in Central Asia	<b>Terhi Hakala</b> <i>(online/video speech)</i>
	Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic	<b>Marilyn Josefson</b>
	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkmenistan in Kyrgyz Republic	<b>Shadurdy Meredov</b>

	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Kyrgyz Republic	<b>Khurshid Mirzakhidov</b>
	Ambassador's counselor of the Embassy Republic of Kazakhstan in the Kyrgyz Republic	<b>Murat Zhakypbekov</b>
<b>11:25– 11:35</b>	<b><i>Group photo</i></b>	
<b>11:35– 11:55</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>	
<b>12:00– 12:30</b>	Presentation of the project timetable (updated)	<b>Marton Krasznai, <i>project coordinator</i></b>
<b>12:30 - 14:00</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>	
<b>14:00 - 14:10</b>	Presentation of IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, the Netherlands	<b>Dr. Jenniver Sehring</b> Associated professor of management of water resources and diplomacy (online)
<b>14:10 - 14:20</b>	Presentation of University of Bergamo, Italy	<b>Dr. Filippo Menga,</b> Associated professor of geography (online)
<b>14:20 - 14:30</b>	Presentation of University of Reims, Champagne-Ardenne, France	<b>Dr. Jean-Paul Deroin,</b> Earth sciences department (online)
<b>14:30 - 14:40</b>	Presentation of Academy of Public Administration under the President of Kazakhstan	<b>Dr. Margarita Kadyrova,</b> Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, APAPRK
<b>14:30-14:40</b>	Presentation of S.Seifullin Kazakh Agrotechnical Research University	<b>Dr. Aitzhan Abdyrov,</b> Vice Rector, KATU
<b>14:40-14:50</b>	Presentation of M.H. Dulati Taraz Regional University, Kazakhstan	<b>Gulnur Issabekova,</b> Head of the Centre for International Cooperation, TRU
<b>14:50-15:00</b>	Presentation of the Kazakh-German University	<b>Milena Oravcova, LL.M.,</b>

		Center for Natural Resources and Sustainability, DKU
<b>15:00-15:10</b>	Presentation of the K.I. Skryabin Kyrgyz National Agrarian University	<b>Bakyt Askaraliev,</b> Head of the Department of Land reclamation and Water Resources Management, KNAU
<b>15:10-15:20</b>	Presentation of Tajik Agrarian University named after Shirinshoh Shohtemur	<b>Iskandar Samandarzoda,</b> Vice Rector, TAU <b>(online)</b>
<b>15:20-15:30</b>	Presentation of Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan	<b>Somon Ismatzoda,</b> Vice Rector, APAPRT <b>(online)</b>
<b>15:30-15:40</b>	Presentation of the Turkmen State University named after. Magtymguly	<b>Sheker Ashirmuradova,</b> Head of the Department of Ecology, TSU <b>(online)</b>
<b>15:40-15:50</b>	Presentation of Turkmen Agricultural Institute	<b>Babageldi Kurbanov,</b> Head of department Integrated water resources management, TAI <b>(online)</b>
<b>15:50-16:00</b>	Presentation of University of World Economy and Diplomacy	<b>Mirzoumid Khamdamov,</b> Dean of the Faculty of International Economics and Management, UWED
<b>16:00-16:10</b>	Presentation of the National Research University «Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers»	<b>Abdulkhakim Salokhiddinov,</b> Vice Rector for International Cooperation, TIAME
<b>16:10-16:20</b>	Presentation of the Diplomatic Academy of the MFA of the Kyrgyz Republic named after K. K. K. Dikambaev	<b>Guldaana Alybaeva,</b> Head of department, DAMFA KR
<b>16:20 – 19:00</b>	Informal consultations	
<b>19:00-21:00</b>	<i>Dinner</i>	

**Second day: 7 June**

<b>10:00-10:15</b>	Presentation of the quality assurance plan	<b>Zhorobai Aitbaev,</b> International Cooperation Department, DAMFA KR
<b>10:15-10:25</b>	Presentation of the dissemination plan	<b>Karlygash Rahimova,</b> International Cooperation Department, DAMFA KR
<b>10:25-10:40</b>	Financial issues: purchase of equipment	<b>Marton Krasznai</b> <b>Chinara Adamkulova,</b>
<b>10:40-10:55</b>	Subcontracting	<b>Marton Krasznai</b>
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>12:00-12:30</b>	Discussion of the partnership agreements	<b>Marton Krasznai</b> <b>Chinara Adamkulova,</b>
<b>12:30-12:40</b>	Establishment of the Project Management Team	<b>Marton Krasznai</b> <b>Chinara Adamkulova,</b>
<b>12:40-12:50</b>	Establishment of the Steering Committee	<b>Marton Krasznai</b> <b>Chinara Adamkulova,</b>
<b>12:50-13:00</b>	Summary of the meeting	<b>Marton Krasznai</b>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<i>Lunch</i>	
<b>14:15-14:30</b>	<i>Departure to Ala-Archa Gorge</i>	
<b>19:00-21:00</b>	<i>Dinner at the Ethno-Complex «Supara»</i>	