

AGENDA

BLUE PEACE CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL VALIDATION WORKSHOP

Title of Event: Validation Workshop
Organizers: IWMI, IUCN & CAREC
Host: Embassy of Switzerland in Tashkent
Project: Blue Peace Central Asia Initiative
Countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Location: Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Date: 28th March 2025
Time(s): 09:00 – 18:00 hours (Registration 08:30-09:00)
Venue: The Panarams Hotel by Radisson
Format: Hybrid, offline and [online](#)

Objectives and Goals

The Validation Workshop aims to ensure that the BPCA inception phase results and proposed activities align with the key priorities of national and regional stakeholders.

TIME	PROGRAM
08:30 - 09:00	<u>Registration</u>
09:00 - 09:45	<u>Welcome and Opening Remarks</u> <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, IWMI Regional Representative for Central Asia <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministry of Water Resources of Uzbekistan – Representative (TBC)• Embassy of Switzerland – Andrin Fink, Deputy Head of Mission / Head of Cooperation• IWMI – Rachael McDonnell, Deputy Director General• IUCN – Maria Carreño Lindelien, Senior Water Governance Officer• CAREC – Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director
09:45 - 09:55	<u>Inspiring Speech</u> <i>Speaker:</i> Dilorom Fayzieva , Deputy Chairwoman of the Committee of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan
09:55 - 10:40	<u>Session 1: Presentation of the Blue Peace Central Asia Initiative</u> <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, IWMI Regional Representative for Central Asia <i>Presentations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Blue Peace Initiative (Global & Central Asia):</i> Lisa Marina Gampp, Regional Water and Climate Change Advisor, Embassy of Switzerland in Uzbekistan

- **Achievements of BPCA since 2017:** Irina Yugay, Acting Manager, Water Initiative Support Programme, CAREC & Ludmila Kiktenko, Manager, Environmental Management Programme, CAREC
- **Overview of BPCA 2025-2029 and the Role of Participants:** Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Head of IWMI's Regional Office in Central Asia, IWMI

10:40 - Coffee Break & Group Photo

11:00

11:00 - Session 2: Pillar 1 – Hydrodiplomacy, Water Cooperation in Central Asia

13:00 Moderator: Farkhod Abdurakhmonov, IUCN Deputy Team Lead

Introduction of Pillar 1 & Hydro Diplomacy Strategic Approach – Maria Carreño Lindelien, Senior Water Governance Officer, IUCN

Format: World Café with 4 thematic groups

- **Water Quality & WASH** – Irina Yugay (Acting Manager, Water Initiative Support Programme, CAREC) & Iskandar Abdullaev (Senior Researcher, IWMI)
- **Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Waters** – Zafar Gafurov (Regional Researcher, IWMI) & Ludmila Kiktenko (Manager, Environmental Management Programme, CAREC)
- **The Role of Water in Ecosystem Stability** – Shavkat Kenjabaev (National Researcher, IWMI) & Danila Uvarov (Country Liaison Officer for Kazakhstan, IWMI)
- **Data Management & Future Scenarios** – Maria Carreño Lindelien (Senior Water Governance Officer, IUCN) & Bunyod Holmatov (Research Group Leader: Water, Food, Energy Nexus, IWMI)

13:00 - Lunch

14:00

14:00- Session 3: Pillar 2 – Benefits of water cooperation and enhanced access to finance

15:30 Moderator: Shavkat Kenjabaev, National Researcher, IWMI

Introduction of Pillar 2 & Expected Outcomes – Zafar Gafurov, Regional Researcher, IWMI

Presentations:

- **Best practices in managing sub-basins:**
 - IWMI – Zafar Gafurov, Regional Researcher, IWMI
 - IUCN – Farkhod Abdurakhmonov, IUCN Deputy Team Lead
 - CAREC – Irina Yugay, Acting Manager, Water Initiative Support Programme, CAREC
- **IWMI's Presentation on Sub-Basin Selection Criteria** – by Zafar Gafurov, Regional Researcher, IWMI

15:30 - Coffee Break

15:45

15:45 - Session 4: Pillar 3- Capacity Building, Youth, and Gender in the Water Sector

17:15 Moderator: Marhabo Yodalieva, Youth & Education Lead



Introduction of Pillar 3 & Expected Outcomes – Barbara Janusz-Pawletta (IWMI) & Marhabo Yodalieva (IWMI)

Format: World Café with 3 thematic groups

- **Academic Cooperation** – Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Head of IWMI’s Regional Office in Central Asia, IWMI & Dr. Maryna Peter, WASH Specialist, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland
- **Youth Engagement** – Marhabo Yodalieva, Youth & Education Lead, IWMI & Ludmila Kiktenko, Manager, Environmental Management Programme, CAREC
- **Women Leadership** – Irina Yugay, Acting Manager, Water Initiative Support Programme, CAREC & Irina Bekmirzaeva, Workshop Coordinator, IWMI

17:15 -

Closing of the Workshop

17:45

Moderator – Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Head of IWMI’s Regional Office in Central Asia, IWMI

- **Summary:**
 - IWMI – Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Head of IWMI’s Regional Office in Central Asia
 - IUCN – Maria Carreño Lindelien, Senior Water Governance Officer
 - CAREC – Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director
- **Next Steps:** Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Head of IWMI’s Regional Office in Central Asia, IWMI

17:45 -

Closing Remarks

18:00

- **Ministry of Water Resources of Uzbekistan** – Representative (TBC)
- **Embassy of Switzerland in Uzbekistan** – Lisa Marina Gampp, Regional Water and Climate Change Advisor
- **IWMI (on behalf of the Consortium)** – Rachael McDonnell, Deputy Director General, IWMI

18:00

Dinner at the Panarams Hotel by Radisson