**The International Forum of Landlocked Developing Countries**

**on Food Security and the Sustainable Development Goals**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 5-6 September 2024**

**Intercontinental Hotel**

**Programme**

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| **Wednesday, 4 September 2024** | | | |
| Arrival of foreign participants and accommodation | | | |
| **Thursday, 5 September 2024** | | | |
| **Day 1: Setting the Stage and Charting the Course** | | | |
| **Opening Ceremony (Ballroom, 1st floor)**  *Moderator:*A local journalist (TBC) | | | |
| 10:00-11:30 | **Welcome Remarks**   * **H.E. Abdulla Aripov**, Prime Minister, Republic of Uzbekistan * **Mr. QU Dongyu**, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) * **Ms. Rabab Fatima**, Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States * **Mr. Janusz Wojciechowski,** European Union (EU)Commissioner for Agriculture * **Mr. Alvaro Lario,** President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (video-message)   **Keynote address**  **Mr. Maximo Torero,**FAO Chief Economist -*Sustainable Development Goals in Landlocked Developing Countries* | | |
| **High-Level Plenary Session (Ballroom, 1st floor)**  *Moderators:* **Mr. Viorel Gutu**, FAO Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia and **Ms. Munira Aminova**, Rector of International Agricultural University, Republic of Uzbekistan | | | |
| 11:30-12:40 | ***The urgency and opportunities for LLDCs agrifood systems development****.*  Featuring government ministers, heads of international organizations, and private sector leaders discussing the challenges and opportunities facing LLDCs | | |
| 12:40-12:50 | **Group photo** | | |
| 12:50-14:00 | Lunch | | |
| **Thematic Sessions** | | | |
| 14:00-15:30 | **Thematic Session 1: Agricultural Trade Facilitation in LLDCs through WTO** **Accession (Ballroom 1, 1st floor)**  Lessons learned from LLDCs (Moldova, North Macedonia, Mongolia, Armenia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan) in enhancing agricultural trade and export through the World Trade Organization (WTO) accession.  *Setting the stage*: **Mr. Otabek Mansurov**, Head of WTO Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Uzbekistan  *Moderator:* **Ms. Georgeta Mincu**, ex-Minister of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Republic of Moldova  *Speakers*: | | |
| * **Ms. Dolores Halloran**, WTO | | Trade Facilitation Agreement: main provisions and the specific obligations of LLDCs WTO members |
| * **Mr. Aziz Urunov**, Special Representative of the President of Uzbekistan to WTO | | WTO accession process of Uzbekistan and its impactions on agricultural trade |
| * **Mr. Mario Apostolov**, UNECE Regional Adviser | | TFA implementation in the region and key challenges |
| * Mongolia Representative (TBC) | |  |
| * **Mr. Kiselev Sergii**, Professor at Moscow State University | | WTO accession issues and required technical support |
| **Thematic session 2: Investment Opportunities in Agriculture** (**Ballroom 2, 1st floor)**  Challenges of LLDCs in attracting investments for agriculture, successful/available financial instruments and potential collaboration with International Financial Institutions  *Setting the stage*: **Mr. Adkham Ergashev**, Senior Agri-finance expert, EU-funded “ASK Facility” Project  *Moderator:* **Mr. Milos Milovanovic**, Investment Centre, FAO  *Speakers:* | | |
| * **Ms. Laura Mattioli**, Country Director of IFAD in Uzbekistan | |  |
| * **Ms. Kanokpan Lao-Araya**, Country Director of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Uzbekistan | |  |
| * **Mr. Rustamkhon Azizov**, Head of Secretariat, Foreign Investor’s Council under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan | |  |
| * **Mr. Aaron Russell**, Country Representative of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in Uzbekistan | |  |
| **Thematic session 3: Fostering Partnerships with the Private Sector for Agricultural Marketability (Samarkand Room 11th floor)**  Comparative advantages of LLDCs, examples of public-private partnerships in agricultural value-addition, agricultural production of niche products to increase the agricultural marketability and foster exports and international trade  *Setting the stage*: **Mr. Mansur Rasulev**, Deputy Head of Secretariat, Foreign Investor’s Council under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan  *Moderator:* **Ms.Stepanka Gallatova**, Agribusiness Economist, FAO  *Speakers*: | | |
| * **Mr. Kail Padgitt**, Economic Growth and Environment Office Director, USAID Mission to Uzbekistan | |  |
| * **Mr. Konstantin Kostikov**, Associate Director, Senior Banker, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) | |  |
| * **Ms. Elena Timusheva**, PPP Specialist, Infrastructure Finance, PPPs & Guarantees Group, World Bank (online) | |  |
| * **Mr. Bakhodir Umirshaihov**, Chairman, Association of Food Industry of Uzbekistan | |  |
| * KASCOL - Zambia’s largest smallholder sugarcane producer. (online) | |  |
| **Thematic session 4: Food Security and Nutrition (Syrdarya 2 Room, Zero floor)**  Sharing experiences of LLDCs on reducing food loss and waste, and promoting dietary diversity for better food security and nutrition  *Setting the stage*: **Mr. Orifjan Namozov**, FAO-Uzbekistan  *Moderator:* **Mr. Keigo Obara**, Food Security Officer, FAO  *Speakers*: | | |
| * **Ms. Aleksandra Martinovic** | |  |
| * **Ms. Stella Nordhagen**, GAIN Senior Technical Specialist (Food Systems Countdown Initiative) (TBC) | |  |
| * **Dr. Kanat Tilekeyev**, Senior Research Fellow, Head of the Graduate School of Development Executive Education, University of Central Asia | |  |
| * **Mr Akbar Samiev**, Head, Food Security and Nutrition Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Uzbekistan | |  |
| **Thematic session 5: Enabling Environment for the Sustainable Agrifood Systems Transformation Focusing on Climate Change (Istanbul Room 11th floor)**  Successful policy frameworks of LLDCs and collective action to support agri-food systems development  *Setting the stage*: **Mr. Adkham Akbarov**, Project Coordinator, International Trade Centre (ITC)  *Moderator:* **Mr. Brad Paterson**, International Land Tenure Specialist, FAO  *Speakers*: | | |
| * **Mr. Dmitry Zvyagintsev**, Policy Officer, FAO |  | |
| * **Mr. Zafar Makhmudov**, Executive Director, CAREC-Uzbekistan |  | |
| * **Ms. Ilkhama Gadimova**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Azerbaijan (TBC) |  | |
| * Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Uzbekistan/UNDP Uzbekistan |  | |
| **Thematic session 6: Technological Innovations (Syrdarya Room 1, Zero floor)**  Best practices of adopting and promoting technological innovations, digital agriculture, water management, food value-chains and other solutions for LLDCs  *Setting the stage*: **Mr. Jamshid Abduzukhurov**, Deputy Director of Department, MoA, Uzbekistan  *Moderator****:* Mr. Hafiz Muminjanov**, Technical Adviser, FAO  *Speakers:* | | |
| * **Mr.Leone Magliocchetti Lombi**, Technical Officer, FAO | Climate Smart Agriculture and the internet of things | |
| * TBC | Drones and robotics in agriculture | |
| * **Ms. Mahinakhon Suleymanova**, Head, NGO “Neksigol”, Republic of Tajikistan | Digital technologies in agricultural extension | |
| * **Mr. Murod Khusanov**, CEO, Agromart |  | |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee break | | |
| **Side Events** | | | |
|  | **One Country One Priority Product (OCOP) initiative and Sustainable Agrifood System Transformation (Syrdarya Room 1, Zero floor)**  *Coordinator***: Mr. Hafiz Muminjanov**, OCOP Secretariat Global Coordinator, FAO | | |
| * (TBC) | Opening and welcome remarks | |
| * **Mr. Hafiz Muminjanov**, OCOP Global Coordinator, FAO | Overview of progress and achievement of the OCOP implementation worldwide  *OCOP Global Video* | |
| * **Mr. Pedro Marcelo Arias**, OCOP Regional Coordinaotr, FAO-REU | The OCOP implementation progress in Europe and Centre Asia  *OCOP Regional Video* | |
| * **Mr. Jamshid Abduzukhurov**, OCOP National Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture, Uzbekistan | The implementation of OCOP in Uzbekistan | |
| * **Ms. Jasmin Roetzer**, Value Chain Expert, FAO | Sustainable value chain of sweet cherry and investment opportunities | |
| * Moderated panel discussion | | |
| * **Mr. Hafiz Muminjanov** | Concluding remarks | |
| **Transforming Agrifood Systems in Landlocked Countries by Leaving No One Behind (Ballroom 1, 1st floor)**  *Coordinator***: Ms. Dono Abdurazakova**, REU Gender Team, FAO | | |
| * **Ms. Dilorom Fayzieva**, Member of Parliament and Chairperson, Committee on International Affairs and Inter-parliamentary Relations, Legislative Chamber, Oliy Majilis |  | |
| * **Ms. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh**, Senior Lecturer, Researcher, Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), Paris, France |  | |
| * **Mr. Khurshid Zafari**, Director, Institute for Development of Social Protection, Republic of Uzbekistan |  | |
| * **Ms. Lola Saidova**, Chief Researcher, Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan |  | |
| * Moderated panel discussion | | |
| * **Ms. Dono Abdurazakova** | Concluding remarks | |
| **Sustainable Locust Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia: Innovations and the Way Forward (Syrdarya Room 2, Zero floor)**  *Coordinator***:** Mr. Shoki AlDobai, Team Leader, Locusts and Transboundary Plant Pests and Diseases Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO | | |
| * **Mr. Ibrohim Ergashev**, Director, Agency of Plant Protection and Quarantine, Republic of Uzbekistan | Opening and welcome remarks | |
| * **Mr. Alexandre Latchininsky**, Senior Locust Management Expert, Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), FAO | Locusts in the Caucasus and Central Asia (CCA): the threat and way towards sustainable management  *Video on Locust Management in CCA* | |
| * **Mr. Bobur Khamraev**, Deputy Director, Agency of Plant Protection and Quarantine, Republic of Uzbekistan | Experience and future prospectives for locust management in Uzbekistan | |
| * **Mr. Ilham Bayramov**, Chair, Organization of Crop Husbandry Sector, Agency of Agrarian Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Azerbaijan | Experience and future prospectives for locust management in Azerbaijan | |
| * **Mr. Firdavs Kadyrov**, Deputy Head, State Entity “Locust Control Expedition”, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Tajikistan | Experience and future prospectives for locust management in Tajikistan | |
| * Moderated panel discussion | | |
| * **Mr Shoki AlDobai** | * Concluding remarks | |
| **Applied Research for Sustainable Development of LLDCs (Istanbul Room 1, 11th floor)**  *Coordinator:* **Mr.Alisher Umaraliev**, Head of Institutional Development and Better Regulation Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Uzbekistan | | |
|  | * **Mr. Kamiljon Akramov**, Senior Research Fellow in IFPRI, Development Strategies and Governance Unit. |  | |
|  | * **Mr. Ihtiyor Bobojonov**, Research Associate, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) |  | |
|  | * **Mr. Bekzod Zakirov**, Director, Center for Policy Research and Outreach (CPRO) |  | |
|  | * Moderated panel discussion | | |
|  | * **Mr. Alisher Umaraliev** | Concluding remarks | |
| 17:00-17:30 | **Adoption of “*The Declaration on the Sustainable Transformation of Agrifood Systems in Landlocked Developing Countries*” (Ballroom 1, 1st floor)**  *Moderator:* **Mr. Nuriddin Kushnazarov**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to Rome-based UN Agencies | | |
| **Closure** | | | |
| 17:30-18:00 | **Concluding remarks** | * **H.E. Mr. I. Abdurakhmanov,** Minister for Agriculture,Republic of Uzbekistan * **Mr. QU Dongyu**, Director-General, FAO | |
| 19:00 | Reception hosted by the Government of Uzbekistan | | |
| **Friday, 6 September 2024** | | | |
| **Day 2: Partnerships and Investment Forum (Ballroom 1, 1st floor)** | | | |
| 9:30-10:30 | **Opening and Welcome Remarks**   * **H.E. Mr. I. Abdurakhmanov,** Minister for Agriculture,Republic of Uzbekistan * **Mr. QU Dongyu**, Director-General, FAO | | |
| **Agrifood Promotion, Business to Business and Bilateral Negotiations (Ballroom 1, 1st floor)** | | | |
| 10:30-11:00 | **Agrifood Investment and Export Potential of Uzbekistan,** Presentations by the Uzbek Government  *Coordinator:* | | |
| 11:00-12:15 | **Business to Business (B2B) Session**  Matchmaking session to facilitate collaboration for business development between the LCCDs  *Coordinator:* **Mr. Murod Khusanov** [TBC]   * Yangling Agricultural Hi-tech Industries Demonstration Zone * **Mr Zafar Khashimov**, Founder and Chairman of the Board “Korzinka”, Agrifood Products Retail in Uzbekistan | | |
| 12:15-12:30 | **Signing Ceremony of Agreements Reached During the Forum (Ballroom 1, 1st floor)** | | |
| 12:30-14:00 | **Lunch** | | |
| **Field Trip** | | | |
| 14:00-18:00 | Field visits showcasing cutting-edge agribusiness models, largest wholesale market  Coordinator: | | |
| 19:00 | **Dinner** | | |