# Annual Eurasian Food Security Conference

*Catalyzing an Agriculture-led Transformation for Food Security and Wealth Creation in Eurasia*

October 3 – 5, 2017, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

## Preliminary Agenda

### Monday, October 2

- Arrival in Dushanbe

### Day 1 – Tuesday, October 3

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| 09:00 – 09:45 |  **Opening Session**  
  Chair: Sergey Shoba, Director, Eurasian Center for Food Security, Lomonosov Moscow State University  
  Welcoming remarks:  
  - Representative, Government of Tajikistan (TBD)  
  - Julian Lampietti, Practice Manager of Agriculture Global Practice for ECA/MNA Region, the World Bank  
  - Anna Valkova, Deputy Director, International Financial Affairs Department, Ministry of Finance, Russian Federation (TBC)  
  - Representative, CGIAR (TBD)  
  - Viorel Gutu, FAO Representative in Tajikistan |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | Coffee and Networking Break  
  Video Presentations on the Importance of Soils (developed by Eurasian Soil Partnership) |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | **Plenary session 1** *Priorities for policy research to improve food security and nutrition in Eurasia*  
  Moderator: Per Pinstrup-Andersen, Professor, Cornell University and World Food Prize Laureate (2001)  
  Panelists discuss global and regional food policy research priorities and their implications for the Eurasian region and discuss next steps and partnerships needed for success.  
  - Agriculture, food security and priorities for research, Nurali Asozoda, President, Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan  
  - Roman Romashkin, Eurasian Economic Commission  
  - Alisher Mirzabaev, Center for Development Research, University of Bonn  
  - The role of women in food security (based on farm survey data), Galina Stulina, SIC ICWC  
  - Mauricio Rosales, FAO |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch and Networking Break                                                                                                                  |
**Plenary session 2** What are some successful examples of food and nutrition security interventions?

**Moderator: Pavel Krasilnikov**, Deputy Director of the Eurasian Center for Food Security

Panelists present success stories of innovative interventions both by the government and private sector that helped boost food and nutrition security at the household and community level. They discuss how food policy in the region can support scaling up such innovative interventions. What challenges are there? What would success look like and what would it take?

- No-till wheat cultivation in Tajikistan, **Shafkat Dzuraev**, Non-profit cooperative Sarob
- Organic fruit and vegetable production in Armenia
- Promotion of kidney bean production and export in the Talas province of the Kyrgyz Republic **Kanat Tilekeyev**, *University of Central Asia*
- Role of government policy in promoting oil crops and pulses in light of agricultural diversification in Kazakhstan, **Dauren Oshakbaev**, Kazakhstan
- Digital food security and development tools: Experience with Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan **Spatial**
- Promoting climate resilience and resource efficiency technologies for food security: The experience of Tajikistan, **Kairat Shalabay**, Team Leader for the CLIMADAPT Project, EBRD
- **Tanzila Yergasheva**, Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences (TBC)

| 15:00 – 15:15 | Coffee Break |

**Plenary session 3** ECFS research and education projects

**Moderator: Sergey Shoba**, Eurasian Center for Food Security

- Overview of land and soil degradation in Eurasia, **Pavel Krasilnikov**, ECFS
- Water resource management for food security, **Victor Dukhovniy**, SIC ICWC
- Overview of case studies on food security in Eurasia developed in 2016. Research topics include water and land management, livestock production, and trade integration in Central Asia and the Caucasus, **Yulia Mitusova**, *the World Bank*
- Overview of ECFS education programs: Master's programs and short term courses on agrofood management and land and water resource management aspects of food security, **Evgeniy Tsvetnov**, ECFS

| 16:45 – 17:30 | Stories from the field |

| 18:00 | Dinner |

**Day 2 - October 4, Wednesday**
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<td>09:00 – 10:45</td>
<td><strong>Moderator: Jonathan Wadsworth</strong>, Adviser (Agriculture and Research) at the World Bank. This session aims to learn from the recent experiences of collaborative arrangements in which institutions from two or more spheres of society (state, private, and civil society) have worked in partnership toward a sustainable food security goal. The panel will present and discuss real experiences, reasons for success or failure, and draw lessons for improving institutional partnerships in the Eurasian Region. Role of local financial institutions in promoting access to climate resilience technologies in Tajikistan, <strong>Kairat Shalabay</strong>, Team Leader for the CLIMADAPT Project, <strong>EBRD</strong> Annette Friis, Head of Partnerships and Outreach, CCAFS GIZ Representative (TBD) IFPRI Representative (TBD) ICARDA’s in Central Asia and the Caucasus – a successful example of partnership over two decades, <strong>Ram Sharma, Akmal Akramkhanov</strong>, ICARDA.</td>
<td><strong>Moderator: Per Pinstrup-Andersen</strong>, Professor, Cornell University. Policy action in Tajikistan in response to food prices increase, <strong>M. Karimova, A. Najibulloev</strong> Impact of food system shocks on population in the Kyrgyz Republic, <strong>D. Kirbasheva, E. Yakubovich</strong> Strengthening agricultural resilience against droughts in Uzbekistan, <strong>A. Nurbekov, A. Mirzabaev</strong>.</td>
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<td><strong>Session 4.1: Getting the most out of institutional partnerships (cont.)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Session 4.2: Food Security in Eurasia: Case Studies (cont.)</strong> Seed farming in the Kyrgyz Republic in the conditions of membership in the EEU, <strong>A. Islamov, A. Asanaliyev</strong> Government policies on production and consumption of wheat/flour/bread in Uzbekistan, <strong>Z. Parpiev, B. Mirkasimov</strong> Development of organic agriculture in Russia, <strong>Y. Mitusova, A. Buyvolova</strong>.</td>
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| 14:30 – 16:45 | **Moderator:** Suresh Babu, IFPRI  
*Presentations followed by a panel discussion on policy aspects of food security and nutrition with representatives from focus countries.*  
Migration, Employment, and Food and Nutrition Security, *Katrina Kosec on the Kyrgyz Republic, Bakhrom Mirkasimov on Uzbekistan*  
Nutrition sensitive agriculture: Evidence from Tajikistan, *Hiroyuki Takeshima*  
Changing food consumption patterns and nutrition: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan, *Kamiljon Akramov, Allen Park*  
Land reform and child nutrition: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan, *Katrina Kosec, IFPRI and Olga Shemyakina, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA*  
FSN Forum policy dialogues: contributing to food security and nutrition policy processes at country and regional level, *Max Blanck, the policy Dialogue Advisor* | **Moderator:** Representative FAO (TBD)  
*Developing capacity in the field of food security, nutrition sensitive social protection and school food programs at regional and country level.*  
**Moderator:** Representative FAO (TBD) |

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| 16:45 – 17:00 | **Coffee Break** | **October 5, Thursday**  
Field Trips |
**Field trip #1: Dehkan Farm *Bogi Somon***

Bogi Somon is a large farm with vineyards located in Tursunzoda city, 60 kilometers west of Dushanbe. Around 20,000 tonnes of grapes are harvested annually at the farm, and a significant part of the harvest is exported to Russia. The farm covers 580 hectares, and over 100 people work there. Four kinds of grapes are cultivated at Bogi Somoni: black and white lady finger grapes and black and white sultana grapes. In 2016, a refrigeration complex with a storage capacity of 900 tonnes was built on the farm premises. Storing grapes in the new refrigerated facilities increases their shelf life and enables the owners of the farm to sell them off-season, when prices in the market increase.

**Field trip #2: Dairy Farm *Abdurauf Usupov***

The Abdurauf Usupov dairy farm is located in Gissar city, around 25 kilometers west of Dushanbe. The farm complex covers over 14,000 square meters and is fitted with modern equipment, including advanced milking and refrigeration equipment. Over 50 people work at Abdurauf Usupov. There are 240 cows and 410 heifers on the farm; the breed is a mix of Tajik black-and-white with German Holstein, adapted to Tajikistan’s climate. When the farm was founded in 2012, the output was around 800 liters of milk per cow—by 2016 it was already 3,500 liters of milk per cow annually. The milk produced at Abdurauf Usupov is sold to Dushanbe for processing, although there are plans to install processing equipment on the farm and produce dairy products to be sold in Gissar and Dushanbe.