

Annual Eurasian Food Security Conference

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

Hyatt Regency Dushanbe, Tajikistan, October 3 – 5, 2017

Agenda

Monday, October 2	
Arrival in Dushanbe	
Day 1 – Tuesday, October 3 Conference-Hall <i>Regency Ballroom</i>	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	<p><u>Opening Session</u></p> <p>Chair: Sergey Shoba, Director, Eurasian Center for Food Security, Lomonosov Moscow State University</p> <p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>HE Sattori Izzatullo</i>, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Tajikistan – <i>Artavazd Hakobyan</i>, Senior Agriculture Economist, the World Bank – <i>Viorel Gutu</i>, FAO Representative in Tajikistan – <i>Daria Kirillova</i>, Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation
9:45 – 10:00	Coffee and Networking Break
10:00 – 12:00	<p><u>Plenary session 1</u> <i>Priorities for policy research to improve food security and nutrition in Eurasia</i></p> <p>Moderator: Per Pinstrup-Andersen, Professor, Cornell University and World Food Prize Laureate (2001)</p> <p><i>Panelists present global and regional food policy research priorities and their implications for the Eurasian region and discuss next steps and partnerships needed for success.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>Main Presentation:</u> Role of Agricultural Transformation for Food and Nutrition Security in Eurasia: Challenges, Issues, and Implications for Research, <i>Jo Swinnen</i>, Professor of Development Economics and Director of LICOS Center for Institutions and Economic Performance at the University of

	<p><i>Leuven (KUL) in Belgium</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strengthening Food security, Nutrition and Social Protection Linkages, <i>Mauricio Rosales, FAO</i> – Agriculture, food security and priorities for research, <i>Nurali Asozoda, President, Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan</i> – “Enabling the Business of Agriculture” in Central Asia, <i>Farbod Youssefi, the World Bank</i> – Food security under changing climate: the role of sustainable land management, <i>Alisher Mirzabaev, Center for Development Research, University of Bonn</i> – The role of women in food security (based on farm survey data), <i>Galina Stulina, SIC ICWC</i> – Reflections on research priorities related to food security and nutrition in Central Asia, <i>Katrina Kosec, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI</i>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch and Networking Break
13:30 – 15:30	<p>Plenary session 2 <i>What are some successful examples of food and nutrition security interventions?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Pavel Krasilnikov, Deputy Director of the Eurasian Center for Food Security</p> <p><i>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?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No-till wheat cultivation in Tajikistan, <i>Shafkat Dzhuraev, Non-profit cooperative Sarob</i> – Promotion of kidney bean production and export in the Talas province of the Kyrgyz Republic, <i>Jarilkasin Ilyasov, IFPRI</i> – Role of government policy in promoting oil crops and pulses in light of agricultural diversification in Kazakhstan, <i>Dauren Oshakbaev, TALAP</i> – Digital food security and development tools: Experience with Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan Spatial, <i>Aida Bolotbekova (University of Central Asia) and Allen Park (IFPRI)</i> – Promoting climate resilience and resource efficiency technologies for food security: The experience of Tajikistan, <i>Kairat Shalabay, Team Leader for the CLIMADAPT Project, EBRD</i> – Promoting horticulture production, processing, and trade in Uzbekistan: perspectives, challenges, and opportunities in the case of AGROMIR, <i>Shakhista Ishniyazova, Samarkand Agrarian Institute and AGROMIR Group of Companies</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:15	<p>Plenary session 3 <i>ECFS research and education projects</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sergey Shoba, Eurasian Center for Food Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Overview of land and soil degradation in Eurasia, <i>Pavel Krasilnikov, ECFS</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Overview of case studies on food security in Eurasia developed in 2016, <i>Yulia Mitusova, the World Bank</i> – 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, <i>Evgeniy Tsvetnov, ECFS</i> 	
17:30	Dinner Reception at Hyatt Regency Dushanbe	
Day 2 - October 4, Wednesday		
09:00 – 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Conference-Hall <i>Regency Ballroom</i></p> <p>Session 4.1: Getting the most out of institutional partnerships</p> <p>Moderator: Jonathan Wadsworth, Adviser (Agriculture and Research) at the World Bank</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Partnerships for better outcomes, <i>Anette Friis, Head of Partnerships and Outreach, CCAFS</i></p> <p>Role of local financial institutions in promoting access to climate resilience technologies in Tajikistan, <i>Kairat Shalabay, Team Leader for the CLIMADAPT Project, EBRD</i></p> <p>ICARDA in Central Asia and the Caucasus – a successful example of partnership over two decades, <i>Ram Sharma, Akmal Akramkhanov, ICARDA</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conference-Hall <i>Brussels</i></p> <p>Session 4.2: Food Security in Eurasia: Case Studies</p> <p>Moderator: Per Pinstrup-Andersen, Professor, Cornell University</p> <p>Development of organic agriculture in Russia, <i>Yulia Mitusova, Anna Buyvolova</i></p> <p>Government policies on production and consumption of wheat/flour/bread in Uzbekistan, <i>Bakhrom Mirkasimov</i></p> <p>Seed farming in the Kyrgyz Republic in the conditions of membership in the EEU, <i>Abduhakim Islamov, Abdybek Asanaliev</i></p>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break	

10:45 – 12:15	<p align="center">Conference-Hall Regency Ballroom</p> <p>Session 4.1: Getting the most out of institutional partnerships (<i>cont.</i>)</p> <p>IFPRI’s experience on building network of institutions and researchers on food security and nutrition in Central Asia, <i>Kamiljon Akramov, Research Fellow and Leader of Central Asia Program, IFPRI</i></p> <p>Introduction of a fee based extension model and cooperation with public extension services, <i>Joachim Langbein and Zarangez Makhmudova, GIZ</i></p> <p>Irrigation system rehabilitation for food security in rural areas, <i>Bozor Rahmonov, FVWRM PMU</i></p>	<p align="center">Conference-Hall Brussels</p> <p>Session 4.2: Food Security in Eurasia: Case Studies (<i>cont.</i>)</p> <p>Impact of food system shocks on population in the Kyrgyz Republic, <i>Dilbara Kirbasheva, Ekaterina Yakubovich</i></p> <p>Strengthening agricultural resilience against droughts in Uzbekistan, <i>Aziz Nurbekov</i></p> <p>Policy action in Tajikistan in response to food prices increase, <i>Abdukhalil Najibulloev</i></p>
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:15	<p align="center">Conference-Hall Regency Ballroom</p> <p>Session 4.3: Public Policy Aspects of Food and Nutrition Security</p> <p>Moderator: Suresh Babu, IFPRI</p> <p><i>Presentations followed by a panel discussion on policy aspects of food security and nutrition with representatives from focus countries.</i></p> <p>Migration, Employment, and Food and Nutrition Security, <i>Katrina Kosec</i> on the Kyrgyz Republic, <i>Bakhrom Mirkasimov</i> on Uzbekistan</p> <p>Nutrition sensitive agriculture: Evidence from Tajikistan, <i>Hiroyuki Takeshima, IFPRI</i></p> <p>Changing food consumption patterns and nutrition: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan, <i>Kamiljon Akramov, Allen Park, IFPRI</i></p> <p>Land reform and child nutrition: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan, <i>Katrina Kosec, IFPRI</i></p> <p>FSN Forum policy dialogues: contributing to food security and nutrition policy processes at country</p>	<p align="center">Conference-Hall Brussels</p> <p>Session 4.4: Developing capacity in the field of food security, nutrition sensitive social protection programs at regional and country level</p> <p>Moderator: Mauricio Rosales, Project Coordinator FAO</p> <p><i>The format is a facilitated panel discussion. The keynote speakers will highlight some of the key elements of the issues of migration and remittances and on school food and nutrition programs under the umbrella of social protection and nutrition.</i></p> <p><i>The panelists will discuss current advances on these areas including how current policies and regulatory frameworks are addressing these issues. Participants will be invited to share ideas and proposals to focus on how to use remittances to step up investments in the agricultural sector for ensuring food security in the countries and School feeding programs can contribute to generate wealth creation in the</i></p>

	and regional level, <i>Max Blanck, the policy Dialogue Advisor, FAO</i>	<i>region.</i> Panelists: <i>Paolo Mattei, Director WFP Tajikistan</i> <i>Vladimir Chernigov, President of Social and Industrial Foodservice Institute</i> <i>Teddy Noel-Hill, IOM Tajikistan</i> <i>Nurullo Mahmaddullozoda, Deputy Minister for Labor, Migration and Employment of Population</i>
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 17:30	Conference-Hall <i>Regency Ballroom</i> <u>Closing Plenary and Conference Declaration in</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eurasian Food Security Program – Concluding remarks, <i>Sergey Shoba, ECFS</i> • Conference wrap-up and discussion of priorities for the Eurasian Food Security Program, <i>Artavazd Hakobyan, the World Bank</i> 	
19:00 – 21:00	Conference Dinner at Chaihana Rohat	
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.