

**International Conference on  
Agricultural Transformation, Food Security and Nutrition in Central Asia  
Featuring IFPRI's 2019 Global Food Policy Report**

Organized by

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and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

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## AGENDA

**8:30-9:00 Registration**

**9:00-9:30 Opening Session and Welcome Notes**

Moderator and opening remarks: **Dr. Komiljon Karimov**, Rector, Westminster International University in Tashkent

- **Mr. Jamshid A. Khodjaev**, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **Mrs. Helen Fraser**, UNDP Resident Representative in the Republic of Uzbekistan (TBC)
- **Dr. Shenggen Fan**, Director General, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA

**9:30 – 11:00 Session 1: Launch of the 2019 Global Food Policy Report – Highlights and Reflections on Central Asian countries**

**Dr. Shenggen Fan**, Director General, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA

Panelists:

- **Dr. Simeon Ehui**, Director, Agriculture Global Practice, the World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA
- **Ms. Cindy Malvicini**, ADB Country Director for Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Prof. Tursun Shadiev**, Westminster International University in Tashkent, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Q&A and discussion (30 minutes)

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 13:00 Session 2: Panel Discussion on the Role of Agriculture Modernization and Structural Transformation in Rural Revitalization**

Moderator: **Dr. Kamiljon Akramov**, Research Fellow and Central Asia Program Leader, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA

Panelists:

**Dr. Sergiy Zorya**, Lead Agricultural Economist, The World Bank (TBC)

**Dr. Nodir Djanibekov**, Research Associate, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle, Germany

**Representative from Ministry of Finance or Ministry of Economy**

**Representative from Ministry of Agriculture**

**Representative from private sector**

Q&A and discussion

**13:00 – 14:15 Group Photo and Lunch**

**14:15 – 15:45 Session 3: Building Blocks of Rural Revitalization: Institutions, Technology, and Policy Solutions**

Moderator: **Dr. Suresh Babu**

- Making Institutions work for rural revitalization: Implications for Central Asia, **Dr. Katrina Kosec**, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- Role of public-private partnership in agricultural transformation and rural development: lessons from international experience, **Dr. Ziyodullo Parpiev**, Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan and **Dr. Kamiljon Akramov**, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- Climate smart technologies in agriculture: Evidence from Uzbekistan, **Mr. Alisher Shukurov**, FAO Uzbekistan Country Office, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (TBC)
- Solar and biogas resources as alternative energy sources and their application for agricultural development and rural revitalization, **Dr. Bahtiyor Eshchanov**, Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Q&A and discussion

**15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 – 17:30 Session 4: Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security in Central Asia: Challenges, Policy Issues, and Empirical Evidence**

Moderator: **Bakhrom Mirkasimov**, Westminster International University in Tashkent

- Nutrition-sensitive value chains in Central Asia: Evidence, Challenges, and Opportunities, **Mr. Allen Park** and **Mr. Jarilkasin Ilyasov**, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA

- Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture: Empirical evidence from Tajikistan, **Dr. Hiroyuki Takeshima**, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- Role of modern agricultural insurance instruments in mitigating farmers' climate risks in Central Asia, **Dr. Ihtiyor Bobojonov**, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle, Germany
- Sustainable land management and agriculture in Central Asia, **Dr. Ram Sharma**, International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas, Central Asia and Caucasus Regional Office, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Potential applications of remote sensing, GIS tools and data analytics for evidence-based policy-making in agriculture, **Mr. Zafar Gafurov**, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Central Asia Office, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (TBC)

Q&A and discussion

**17:30 – 18:00 Closing Remarks**

- **Mr. Jamshid A. Khodjaev**, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **Dr. Simeon Ehui**, Director, Agriculture Global Practice, the World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA
- **Dr. Shenggen Fan**, Director General, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA
- **Dr. Komiljon Karimov**, Rector, Westminster International University in Tashkent