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## INTERNATIONAL FORUM TASHKENT WATER WEEK

Technologies and Innovations in Water Resource Management.  
Central Asia and Global Water Cycle



**25-26 March 2026**

*JW Marriott Hotel*





Hosted and organised by the Government of Uzbekistan, the International Forum – **Tashkent Water Week 2026** provided a unique platform for the exchange of expertise, discussion of innovative approaches, and development of joint strategies for water resources management. The participants explored technological and digital innovations in water supply, global trends and key challenges in water resources management, as well as the role of water in ensuring food security and advancing cross-sector cooperation. The agenda also addressed the adoption of green standards, sustainable land use, human capital development, and training of skilled professionals for the water sector.



**Jamshid Khojaev**  
Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan

*“Modern water resource management should be measurable and transparent at every level, from transboundary points to farms. We need to implement joint mechanisms, shared data and stronger institutions. We need more than mere declarations, but investment in real solutions.”*



**Timur Butunbaev, Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration for Water Supply System Reform:**

*“Water is not only a vital resource, but also a shared responsibility that unites nations and shapes our common future. I am confident that the Forum will serve as an effective platform for developing practical solutions, strengthening partnerships and fostering meaningful dialogue. I wish all participants productive discussions and significant outcomes for the benefit of the region and future generations.”*



**Plenary Session:**

***Water and Sustainable Development: Dialogue, Trust, and Common Solutions***

**Sabine Machl**

United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uzbekistan

**Akiko Fujii**

UNDP Resident Representative in Uzbekistan

**Awaadh Al Otaibi**

CEO, Miahona

**Barbara Janusz-Pawletta**

Regional Representative for Central Asia,  
International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

**Dr. Ilker Ersegun Kayhan**

Operations Team Leader (Social & Agricultural  
Infrastructure), Regional Hub of Almaty,  
Islamic Development Bank

**Ministerial Dialogue:**

***Transboundary Water Sharing and Interstate Coordination***

**Shavkat Khamraev**

Minister of Water Resources of Uzbekistan

**Kongratbay Sharipov**

Minister of higher education, science and innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan

**Nurzhan Nurzhigitov**

Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**Hakimzoda Kurbon**

Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan

**Maksim Korolkov**

Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation

**Bakyt Dzhusupov**

Ambassador, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Maroš Nikolaj**, President, Water Slovakia



Forum Programme:



**Speakers and moderators: 85**  
**Countries: 19**  
**Sessions: 16**  
**Delegates: 1200+**

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Afghanistan, Austria,  
China, Finland, France,  
Germany, Hungary,  
Italy, Kazakhstan,  
the Netherlands, Russia,  
Saudi Arabia, Slovakia,  
Sweden, Switzerland,  
Tajikistan, the UAE, the  
United Kingdom, and  
Uzbekistan

- ❑ Water and Sustainable Development: Dialogue, Trust, and Common Solutions
- ❑ Ministerial Dialogue: Transboundary Water Sharing and Interstate Coordination
- ❑ Global Water Trends and Challenges
- ❑ Sustainable Water Use and Development of Agricultural Systems
- ❑ Technological Innovations in Water Supply Management
- ❑ Cross-Sector Cooperation in Water Management
- ❑ Intellectual Potential and Workforce Training in Water Management



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Agriculture – AgroWorld  
Uzbekistan 2026



Tashkent Water Security Forum



Women Water Week –  
Special Programme



**Shavkat Khamraev, Minister of Water Resources, the Republic of Uzbekistan:**

*“The Forum was held at a high professional level with the participation of approximately 20 countries. The achievements and new solutions of neighbouring countries presented at the Forum are of great importance for the entire Central Asian region. The event has played an important role in strengthening regional cooperation and will undoubtedly yield significant results in further efforts to ensure water security.”*

**Nurzhan Nurzhigitov, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, the Republic of Kazakhstan:**

*“Uzbekistan is a major consumer of water for agriculture, which is why the water-saving technologies being implemented in Uzbekistan are of particular importance for the entire region. This facilitates regular exchange of experience involving relevant organisations and farmers from our countries. Participation in this Forum is of great importance, as it promotes the exchange of experience and the development of cooperation in the water resources sector.”*

**Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, IWMI Regional Representative for Central Asia:**

*“Tashkent Water Week is not just a platform for government-level meetings, but also a space with broad participation from the academic community and the private sector, which plays a key role in implementing sustainable water resource management solutions. The fact that we are here together – from the highest level to concrete solutions – is itself a call for scaling up. I hope that, by focusing on practical solutions, the Forum will become a permanent platform for dialogue among various stakeholders on a wide range of issues, at the heart of which water always remains.”*

**Maroš Nikolaj, President, Water Slovakia:**

*“The Tashkent Water Week Forum is unique in that it is the first event of its kind in Uzbekistan. It reflects the country’s aspiration to create such a platform and bring together stakeholders, decision-makers, policymakers and experts from various organisations working in the water resources sector. This is an important and first step towards engagement with neighbours and other countries, to understand how to address issues and manage challenges in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya river basins.”*



**Sabine Machl, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uzbekistan:**

*“Tashkent Water Week is an excellent opportunity and platform where we can foster dialogue and seek solutions to various challenges. It is very important to bring communities together and hear the views of experts. We can see that Uzbekistan is playing a leading role in uniting countries around this topic and in finding solutions. In the context of climate change, there are many areas where it is essential that everyone moves in the same direction.”*



**Awaadh Al Otaibi, CEO, Miahona:**

*“Our regular visits to the Uzbek market and participation in Tashkent Water Week is yet another important milestone in the development of relations with public and private partners interested in participating in infrastructure projects in Uzbekistan’s water sector. We are delighted to be here and are enthusiastic about continuing this dialogue, as well as exploring new opportunities, as happens every time we come to Tashkent.”*



**Eva Kerstholt, Regional Director for Water Management and Water Treatment across Asia, Middle East and Africa, Wilo Group**

*“This was my first experience of attending this conference, and I was very impressed by the wide range of participants – from representatives of policy, science and research to the private sector and financial institutions. Everyone gathered around one table to discuss water resource challenges. I was also very impressed by the quality of the dialogue – participants actively engaged with one another, sharing their views both during the panel discussions and during the breaks.”*

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The next dialogue promises to be even more ambitious!

We look forward to seeing you again at Tashkent Water Week 2028!



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