



**CAREC Institute Dialogue**  
**on**  
**Sustainable Water Governance and Management in Central Asia in**  
**Times of Growing Climate Uncertainty**

**10 February 2022**  
**15:00 – 17:00 PM (Beijing Time)**

**Agenda**

**14:50-15:00:** Virtual Connection to the Dialogue and Webinar Rules  
**Dildar Zakir**, Capacity Building Specialist, CAREC Institute

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**Opening Remarks**

**15:00-15:06** **Saad Paracha**, Head, CAREC Unit, Asian Development Bank

**15:06-15:12** **Syed Shakeel Shah**, Director, CAREC Institute

**15:12-15:15** **Group Photo**

**Session I: Keynote Presentation**

**15:15-15:45** **Iskandar Abdullaev**, Deputy Director II, CAREC Institute

**Current State and Future Outlook of Water Governance in Central Asia**

**Moderator:** **Ayoob Ayoobi**, Chief of Capacity Building Division, CAREC Institute

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## **Session II: Dialogue with Implementing Partners**

**15:45-17:00** This is an open dialogue session with leading water sector experts from key implementing partner organizations. Each expert will be given 5-7 minutes to address the following guiding questions and engage in open dialogue with other experts, and participants.

- 1. From your perspective, what are some of the current most important issues, problems and obstacles for efficient water governance and management in Central Asia: transboundary, national, and local levels?**
- 2. What are some of the core strengths and achievements in water cooperation in Central Asia that would be helpful for furthering of water sector developments in the region?**
- 3. Would you please provide some ideas for stronger water cooperation in the region and identify role for most important players: states, interstate organizations and IFI's?**

**Moderator: Iskandar Abdullaev**, Deputy Director II, CAREC Institute

### **Distinguished Discussants:**

**Kazuhiro Yoshida**, Senior Water Resources Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division (CWER), Central and West Asia Department, Asian Development Bank

**Ekaterina Strikeleva**, Chief of Party, USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity

**Alexandr Nikolayenko**, Regional Adviser, Green Central Asia - Transboundary dialogue on climate, environment and security in Central Asia and Afghanistan

**Márton Krasznai**, Scientific Director, Center for Central Asia Research, Corvinus University, Budapest

**Dinara Ziganshina**, Acting Director, Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia

**Guy Bonvin**, Swiss Special Envoy, Water in Central Asia at Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

**Benjamin Pohl**, Head of Programme Climate Diplomacy and Security at adelphi

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### **Takeaways and Way Forward**

**Iskandar Abdullaev**, Deputy Director II, CAREC Institute