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AGENDA OF THE FORUM

“Higher education institutions' contribution for development of sustainable agro-food production systems in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan” (T.6.6)

Time	Day No.1 - 5 October 2023	
08.00 – 09.00	Registration.	
09.00 – 09.30	Opening Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Commission Delegation in Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Education and Science of Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Agriculture of Kyrgyzstan President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic Representative of the Erasmus+ Office Rector of Kyrgyz National Agricultural University 	
09.30 – 09.40	Introduction to the Forum scope, agenda and aims. Moderators – Nurila Ibraeva (KNAU, Kyrgyzstan) & Heiko Fritz (LNU, Sweden).	
09.40 – 09.50	AgroDev project aims. Irina Kulitane, project manager, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (Latvia).	
09.50 – 10.30	Results, achievements, and next steps for sustainability of the AgroDev project results. Representatives of the involved Central Asia universities and Hilfswerk International.	
10.30 – 11.00	Opening agri-food product mini-exhibition. Coffee break and the group photo.	
11.00 – 11.30	Central Asia Regional knowledge platforms of regional stakeholders for promotion of standards of local agri-food quality and safety (GLOBALG.A.P. & Geographical indication). Umed Aslanov, Hilfswerk International (Austria/Tajikistan).	
11.30 – 12.20	Smart and digital agriculture solutions supporting Good agricultural practice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital agricultural solutions: Digital Training platform for the involved stakeholders (Farmers, Experts, Ministry & Government Staff), providing e-services. David Winkler, eee Austrian International Projects (Austria). Precision farming in agriculture. Krzysztof Różycki, agricultural production director at the Agrarna company and the Primavega producer group (Poland). Discussion.	
12.20 – 13.20	Coffee break.	
13.20 – 13.30	Presentation of the aims of Working sessions.	
13.30 – 15.00	Working sessions with discussions: No.1: Proposal of Central Asia universities to the food producers for implementation and maintenance of GAP & GLOBALG.A.P. system increasing sustainability and export potential. Research for the needs of enterprises. Moderators: EU Marcin Niemiec (Poland) CA Elmira Kaparova (Kyrgyzstan)	No.2: Development and provision of scientifically justified knowledge offer for agro-industry enterprises. Timely and qualitative response to the needs of the industry. Moderators: EU Gusztáv Nemes (Hungary) CA Aziz Abduvasikov (Uzbekistan)

	No.3: Increase of awareness and motivation of agro-food enterprises to implement system-based production for increase of competitiveness and export potential. Moderators: EU Anita Blija (Latvia) CA Shakhista Ishniyazova (Uzbekistan)	No.4: Digital solutions and skills provided by the universities to support small and medium sized agri-food digitalisation in agricultural sector. Moderators: EU Christopher High (Sweden) CA Gulzana Kurmanalieva (Kyrgyzstan)
15.00 – 15.15	Break.	
	Presentation of students' posters.	
18.30	Dinner.	

Time	Day No.2 - 6 October 2023
08.30 – 09.30	Registration and coffee.
09.30 – 10.40	Presentation of the working session results and recommendations. Discussion. Nurila Ibraeva (KNAU, Kyrgyzstan) & Heiko Fritz (LNU, Sweden).
10.40 – 11.40	Stakeholder interaction in agricultural knowledge and innovation systems (AKIS). Gusztáv Nemes, post EU accession rural development and innovation expert in Hungary.
11.40 -12.00	Experience of AKIS implementation in Central Asia - Uzbekistan's case. Gayrat Ganiev, Vice Director of National AKIS Centre of Uzbekistan.
12.00 – 12.30	Discussion - what is the role of Central Asia universities in provision of knowledge to the food producers through AKIS. Moderators - Nurila Ibraeva (KNAU, Kyrgyzstan), Christopher High (LNU, Sweden).
12.30 – 13.00	Announcing results of the students' posters evaluation, awarding.
13.00 – 13.30	Coffee break.
13.30 – 14.00	Summary of the Forum results. Closing Ceremony.
14.00 – 16.30	EU and Central Asia networking and match making of new project ideas (university-university; university-industry).

Scope and aim of the Forum

The Forum aims to demonstrate to the involved Central Asia stakeholders AgroDev project results, achievements and impact, and it offers a discussion platform for **sharing experiences, best practices and views on role, impact and possibilities of knowledge development and circulation** (universities – farm enterprises – public sector) for sustainable development of Uzbekistan's and Kyrgyzstan's economies.

Within the AgroDev project by actively cooperating stakeholders defined needs of higher education content, which responds to needs of the agro industry. It allowed to introduce new knowledge into existing curricula in four Central Asia universities, thus empowering the agro sector with tools necessary for development of new and improvement of already applied agricultural practices, creation of innovation, introduction of new technologies and thus supported increase of agro-enterprises' competitiveness. This is a substantial contribution to the economic and social development of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, and especially their regions.

However there are still challenges related to availability and absorption of new knowledge, and **the Forum offers exciting presentations and fruitful discussions to raise awareness and encourage knowledge based cooperation among various sectors, regions and countries.**

Universities of Uzbekistan involved in the project:

- Tashkent State Agrarian University (TSAU), <https://tdau.uz/>
- Samarkand branch of Tashkent State Agrarian University (SBTSEU), <http://samaguni.uz/en>

Universities of Kyrgyzstan involved in the project:

- Kyrgyz National Agrarian University (KNAU), <http://knau.kg/ru/>
- Naryn State University (NSU), www.nsu.kg

Universities of European Union involved in the project:

- Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (LBTU), www.llu.lv/en
- University of Agriculture in Krakow (UAK), www.en.urk.edu.pl
- Linnaeus University (LNU), www.lnu.se/en/

Associated partners:

- Information Centre - innovations of Uzbekistan under the Council of Farming Dekhkan Farms and Owners of Household Lands of Uzbekistan
- Agro-business Association of Uzbekistan
- Public Union Association of dairy - cattle breeding "Kyrgyz-Sut"

Participants of the forum:

- **Representatives of relevant state institutions and its departments** responsible for food production and processing, safety and implementation of strategies to increase the food export potential such as Ministries, Agencies for standardisation, Committees for export promotion and other relevant state structures of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.
- **Producers, processors, agro-clusters, and exporters** of agricultural products (fresh & processed).
- **National NGOs and consulting agencies** supporting food producers in implementation of food quality and safety standards.
- **Other higher education institutions.**
- **Students at the AgroDev project partner universities, as well as other students.**
- **International organisations** implementing knowledge development projects in Central Asia.
- **Project partners.**

The Forum format- HYBRID - on-site and on-line.

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