



REGIONAL WATER FORUM
organized by the Drought Prevention Institute of the Organization of Turkic States in Hungary
DRAFT AGENDA
5 March 2025, Brussels
Venue: Maison de la Hongrie, 1000 Brussels, Rue de la Loi 9., Belgium
(entrance from Rue Ducale 51., 1000 Brussels, Belgium)

09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration and Welcome coffee</i>
Welcome & Introduction	
09:30 – 09:35	Welcoming words by the host, <i>H.E. Tamás Iván Kovács, Ambassador of Hungary to Belgium</i>
09:35 – 09:45	Keynote address by <i>H.E. Amb. Kubanychbek Omuraliev, Secretary General of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS)</i>
09:45 – 09:55	Keynote address by <i>Gábor Jenei, CEO, HEPA Hungarian Export Promotion Agency</i>
09:55– 10:05	The role of national agencies with one voice in fostering sustainable trade to support crucial technology challenges – <i>Francis Baert, Vice President and Member of the Board, Trade Promotion Europe, Brussels</i>
10:05– 10:15	Cooperation for sustainability and water in Turkic States (regional review) – <i>H.E. Shahin Mustafayev President of the Turkic Academy</i>
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Family photo and Coffee break</i>
The role of partnerships in providing effective water technology solutions	
10:45 – 11:00	Introductory address by <i>H.E. Amb. István Vásáry, Executive Director of the Representative Office of the OTS in Hungary, Chair of the Drought Prevention Institute's Board</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Introduction and mission of the OTS Drought Prevention Institute (DPI) by <i>László Örlös, Member of the Board, Operations Director, DPI</i>
11:15 – 11:30	General overview of water management and sustainable agriculture in the Turkic States' region – <i>DG INTPA (tbc)</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Panel discussion on opportunities for joint actions concerning financing and investment possibilities and challenges of green growth in the OTS countries. Panelists moderated by <i>László Örlös, Member of the Board, Operations Director, DPI</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sanjar Usmanov, CIO, Turkic Investment Fund (online)</i>• <i>Drazen Kucan, Head of water and urban sectors, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (online)</i>• <i>Sara Marjani Zadeh, Land and Water officer, FAO sub-regional office for Central Asia</i>• <i>Stelios Grafakos, Head of Hungary Office, Global Green Growth Institute (online)</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Q & A session
12:45 – 13:45	<i>Networking lunch</i>



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Actions on the ground to support drought prevention	
13:45 – 13:55	Memorandum of Understanding to deploy technology solutions and capacity building for the Turkic States region – <i>Signature, HEPA – KSZGYSZ – KEXPORT</i>
13:55 - 14:10	Introduction of the Lake Aral program – <i>Mr. Mukataev S.M., Director, International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) (English translation will be provided)</i>
14:10 – 14:30	Cooperation opportunities in the Batken region of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan in the framework of the DPI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Gergő Péter Kovács, Member of the Board, External Professional Representative, DPI</i>• <i>Aziza Bazarbayeva, Head of International cooperation department, Fergana State University, Uzbekistan (online)</i>• <i>Abdybek Asanaliev, Professor, Kyrgyz National Agrarian University (online)</i>
14:30 – 15:30	Panel discussion on sustainable water technology solutions in a challenging 21st century Panelists moderated by <i>Gergő Péter Kovács, Member of the Board, External Professional Representative, DPI:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Gergely Hankó, Managing Director, Hungarian Association of Environmental Enterprises</i>• <i>Tamás Belovai, Head of Division, State Secretariat for Water Management, Ministry of Energy of Hungary (online)</i>• <i>Viktor Oroszi, EUSDR National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary;</i>• <i>Zsolt Hintenberger, Founding Partner, Managing Director, Realiscon Ltd.</i>
15:30	<i>Closing remarks</i>