



## **Draft agenda of the webinar**

### **“Strategic aspects of water resources management in Central Asia**

20 May 2021, 10.00 CEST (14.00 Almaty and Bishkek time, 13.00 Ashgabat, Dushanbe and Tashkent time, 12.30 Kabul time)

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#### **Opening session**

Moderator: Bo Libert, Consultant, Stockholm International Water Institute

**10. 00 Opening statement by Ambassador Guy Bonvin, Swiss Special Envoy for Water in Central Asia**

**10. 10 Keynote address by Professor Danilo Turk, Chairman of the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace**

**10. 25 Keynote address by Ambassador Peter Burian, EUSR for Central Asia (tbc.)**

## **10. 40 First session**

### **Strategic challenges of the 21 century: climate change as a game changer for the water sector of Central Asia**

10. 40 Statement by the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan (tbc.)

10. 50 Statement by the representative of the Kazakhstan Institute of Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (tbc.)

11.00 Statement by the representative of the National Institute of Strategic Studies of the Kyrgyz Republic (tbc.)

11. 10 Statement by the representative of the Center for Strategic Research under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan (tbc.)

11. 20 Statement by the representative of Turkmenistan (tbc.)

11. 30 Statement by the representative of the Institute of Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (tbc.)

11. 40 Q and A

## **11. 50 Break**

## **12. 00 Second session**

### **Replacing resource competition with strategic cooperation on water to strengthen resilience and adaptation**

Moderator: Dr. Kinga Száalkay, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

### **12.00 Keynote address by Ambassador Tuula Yrjölä, Director of the Conflict Prevention Center of the OSCE**

12.15 **Presenting a good practice:** cooperation on dam safety (Mr. Saghit Ibatullin, Director, International Teaching Center for Dam Safety, Taraz, Mr. Shukhrat Talipov, Head of Department, UzbekHydroEnergo, Professor A. Fazilov, Dushanbe)

12. 25 **Sharpening the focus of the Blue Peace Index:** comparing the Amudarya and Syrdarya and the Tigris-Euphrates basins: the benefits of cooperation and price of non-cooperation (presentation by György Sípos on behalf of a research team at Corvinus University, Budapest)

## **12. 35 Panel discussion**

Professor Pál Dunay, George C. Marshall European Center for Strategic Studies,  
former Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek

Mr. Philipp Saprykin, Deputy Head of the UN Regional Center for Preventive  
Diplomacy

Dr. Filippo Menga, Associate Professor, University of Bergamo

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

**13.15 Summary** by Marton Krasznai

**14. 25 Closing statement by Ambassador Guy Bonvin, Swiss Special Envoy for  
Water in Central Asia**