

International Forum on
Eurasian Food Security and Nutrition Network and Eurasian Soil Partnership

(February 29 – March 2, 2016 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic)

Day 1 (February 29, Monday)	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	<p>Official Opening Session</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Sergey Shoba, Director of Eurasian Center for Food Security at Lomonosov Moscow State University</p> <p>Welcoming remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Representative of the Kyrgyz Government (<i>Bekboev Turdunazir, the Minister of Agriculture and Melioration</i>) b) Representative of GFAR (<i>Harry Palmier</i>), FAO (<i>Dorji Kinlay</i>), IFPRI (<i>Shenggen Fan</i>), World Bank (<i>Jean-Michel Happi</i>)
9:45 – 10:45	<p><u>Plenary session 1. Food Security for All: Agriculture and Nutrition – A global and regional perspective</u></p> <p>Presentation of Keynote Speaker: <i>Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition</i>, Dr. Shenggen Fan, Director General, IFPRI (40 minutes)</p> <p>Q and A (20 min)</p>
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	<p><u>Plenary session 2. Major Activities of ECFS and its international partners on food security and sustainable soil management (2013-2015)</u></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Pavel Krasilnikov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECFS collaborative research and educational programs, network activities and future directions, Alexander Makeev (ECFS, 25 minutes) • Complementary presentations from international partners, including the World Bank (Artavazd Hakobyan), FAO (Ronald Vargas), IFPRI (Kamiljon Akramov), and ICARDA (Kamel Shideed) - 10 minutes each • Panel discussion (25 minutes)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

	1. Parallel sessions on Eurasian Food Security and Nutrition	2. Parallel sessions on Eurasian Soil Partnership
14:00 – 16:00	<p><u>Session 1.1: Transformation of agricultural research and innovations to address challenges of food and nutrition security in the CAC region</u></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Alisher Tashmatov (CACAARI)</p> <p>a) Overview of research priorities and challenges related to agricultural development and food security in the CAC region (Botir Dosov)</p> <p>b) Brief overview of the national needs and priorities:</p> <p>Acad. Guram Aleksidze (Georgia)</p> <p>Prof. Rysbek Nurgaziev (Kyrgyzstan)</p> <p>Prof. Yagub Guliev (Azerbaijan)</p> <p>Dr. Irina Tseretely (Armenia)</p> <p>Prof. Gayni Sarbasova (Kazakhstan)</p> <p>c) Perspectives of other regional and national stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers' organizations, <i>Azizbek Sharipov (Tajikistan)</i> • Extension and rural advisory services, <i>Vulgar Babaev (Azerbaijan)</i> • Women and agricultural innovations, <i>Gayane Sarkisyan (Armenia)</i> • Youth and agricultural research and innovations, <i>Rustam Ibragimov (Uzbekistan)</i> • Role of NGOs in promoting agricultural innovations and food security, <i>Shaibek Karasartov (Kyrgyzstan)</i> 	<p><u>Session 2.1: Barriers preventing Sustainable Soil Management (SSM) application and recommended SSM practices</u></p> <p>Moderator: Hukmatullo Ahmadov (EASP Chair)</p> <p>a) Challenges of GSP: Ronald Vargas, GSP Executive Secretary</p> <p>b) Presentation of the outcomes of the EASP activities in 2014-2015: Gulchekhra Khasankhanova, EASP Vice-Chair</p> <p>c) Introduction to the Implementation Plan for EASP: Pavel Krasilnikov, EASP Executive Secretary</p> <p>d) Assessments of the barriers and shortcomings preventing the adoption of SSM practices at the national level by countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republic of Armenia • Republic of Azerbaijan • Republic of Belarus • Georgia • Republic of Kazakhstan • Kyrgyz Republic



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private sector: role and needs in agricultural innovations, <i>Manshuk Jeksembekova (Kazakhstan)</i> • Agrarian Universities, <i>Rysbek Nurgaziev (Kyrgyzstan)</i> 	
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break	
16:15 – 17:45	<p><u>Session 1.2: Investment in Global and Regional Food Security Initiatives</u> Moderator: Dr. Suresh Babu (IFPRI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations from International organizations: the role in mobilizing investments in national systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eurasian Development Bank: <i>Artak Azizyan</i> ○ FAO: The International Year of Pulses (IYP) 2016 and potential for contribution to sustainable food security and nutrition, <i>Eleonora Dupouy</i> ○ IFPRI: Investment on data, information and analytical tools in Central Asia, <i>Jarilkasin Ilyasov</i> 	<p><u>Session 2.1: Barriers preventing SSM application and recommended SSM practices (cont.)</u></p> <p>e) Assessments of the barriers and shortcomings preventing the adoption of SSM practices at the national level (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republic of Moldova • Russian Federation • Tajikistan • Republic of Turkey • Turkmenistan • Ukraine • Republic of Uzbekistan <p>Discussion</p>
17:45 – 18:30	<p>Panel Discussion: Identifying what common solutions work best in the region</p> <p>Moderator: Artavazd Hakobyan, World Bank</p>	<p><u>Session 2.2: Identification of appropriate sustainable soil management practices and systems at regional and national levels</u></p> <p>Moderator: Gulchekhra Khasankhanova (EASP Vice-Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion on the working plan 2016-2017 • Forming an ad-hoc Working Group (WG) for developing a synthesis review
19:00 – 21:00	Wrap up of Day 1 and outline for Day 2. Reception	
Day 2 (March 1, Tuesday)		

<p>9:00 – 10:30</p>	<p><u>Plenary session 3: Role of international organizations in promoting agricultural research, food and nutrition security in the Central Asia and Caucasus</u></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Kamel Shideed (ICARDA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Security in the Eurasian Economic Union, <i>Roman Romashkin, Deputy Head of Agricultural Policy Department at the Eurasian Economic commission</i> • ICARDA new strategy for the CAC region, <i>Dr. Richard Thomas, CRP DS Director</i> • Role of IFPRI and CGIAR Research Programs on Policies, Institutions, and Markets (PIM) and Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH) in promoting research and capacity strengthening in the region, <i>Dr. Kamiljon Akramov, Research Fellow and Leader of Central Asia Program, IFPRI, Washington, DC, USA</i> • WFP Social Protection and Its Linkages to Food and Nutrition Insecurity: Food and Nutrition Security, School Feeding, and Productive Safety Nets, <i>Ms. Pascale Micheau, Country Director and Representative of the United Nations World Food Programme Armenia Country Office (15 min)</i> <p>Panel Discussion, 30 minutes</p>
<p>10:30 – 10:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee break</p>

<p>10:45 – 12:30</p>	<p><u>Session 1.3: Food Security and nutrition-sensitive agriculture</u></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Kamiljon Akramov (IFPRI)</p> <p>Presentation Opportunities for nutrition-sensitive agriculture and social protection, <i>Boitshepo (Bibi) Giyose, Senior Nutrition Officer, Nutrition Division, FAO</i></p> <p>Presentation: <i>Armen Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister of Agriculture (10 min)</i></p> <p>Panel discussion with nutrition experts and professionals</p> <p><i>Professor Shamil Tazhibayev, Deputy Director of Kazakh Academy of Nutrition</i></p> <p><i>Professor Tursun Mamyrbayeva, Deputy Director of National Mother and Child Health Center, Ministry of Health of Kyrgyzstan</i></p>	<p><u>Session 2.3: Regional View and the Way Forward: breaking the barriers</u></p> <p>Moderator: Alexey Sorokin, EASP Secretariat</p> <p>Report of the WG on the outcomes of their work on identification of the barriers for the application of SSM practices</p> <p>Business game and brainstorming exercise to find the way to break the barriers using DPSIR methodology (WG)</p> <p><i>Facilitated by the ECFS and WB staff</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG leaders present the outcomes of the brainstorming activity <p>Open discussion, facilitated by the ECFS</p>
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12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:30	<p><u>Session 1.4: Expansion Strategies for the Eurasian FSNN: Next steps and Implementation Arrangements</u></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Alexander Makeev (ECFS)</p> <p>Presentation IFPRI on Networks (20 min)</p> <p>Presentation: FSN Forum policy dialogues: contributing to food security and nutrition policy processes at country and regional level, <i>FAO, Rome, Italy (10 min)</i></p> <p>Presentation: Expansion Strategies for the Eurasian FSNN based on the results of online consultation (January-February 2016), <i>Alexey Belugin, ECFS (10 min)</i></p> <p>Open discussion: Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying country and region specific areas for collaboration and opportunities for network growth (e-platforms, regional networks, roles of international organizations, country’s focal points) • Outlining ideas on how to strengthen and expand the existing network based on the Focus countries’ needs and changing geopolitical situation • Developing operational framework for expansion of FSNN and nomination of focal points in each focus country 	<p><u>Session 2.4: Adoption of Final Document</u></p> <p>Moderator: Ronald Vargas (FAO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the final synthesis report on the existing barriers for the introduction of sustainable soil management practices and the ways for overcoming these barriers (Gulchekhra Khasankhanova) • The adoption of the working plan for 2016-2017 • Final discussion and adoption by consensus • The discussion of the perspectives for Eurasian Soil Commission in FAOSEC <p>Next steps</p>

16:30 – 17:30	<p><u>Concluding Panel Discussion on Regional Food Security, Agriculture, Nutrition, and Natural Resource Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of final outcomes of the two pillars of the meeting: reports of the Chairs of FSNN and EASP and Implementation arrangements to strengthen and expand FSNN and EASP networks (Makeev, Krasilnikov) • Concluding remarks by organizer (FAO, IFPRI, WB, ECFS)
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner

	Day 3 (March 2, Wednesday)
9:00 – 14:00 Field trips (Lunch on the farm)	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Field trip - optional half-day program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chui, s. Lesnoy: Cooperation in Agricultural sector development, soil and water-saving technologies, including drip irrigation and greenhouse technologies. 2. Issyk-Ata district, Art. Ivanovka: sustainable water resources management; land and water-saving irrigation technologies, irrigation water accounting knowledge sharing.