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DUSHANBE WATER PROCESS

3rd High-Level International Conference on
International Decade for Action
“Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018 -2028

10-13 June 2024, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

for official delegations

Third High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028

10-13 June 2024, Dushanbe

The Conference is organized by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in cooperation with the United Nations and other development partners to promote the implementation of the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028, declared by the UN General Assembly Resolution 71/222 of 21 December 2016.

General coordination of the Conference

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Conference secretariat

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Date and Venue

The Conference will be held on 10-13 June 2024 in Dushanbe. The solemn opening ceremony of the Conference will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 09:00 in the state complex "Kokhi Somon", located at the address: 122 Rudaki St., Dushanbe.

The Conference Forums will take place on Monday June 10, 2024. The venues of the forums are indicated in the programs available on the Conference website at the link: <https://conf2024.dushanbewaterprocess.org/structure-of-the-program/#forums>

Entry to the state complex "Kokhi Somon" and the venues of the Forums is allowed strictly upon presentation of badges issued by the Conference Secretariat.

Website

All the necessary information about the Conference is available on the web site <https://conf2024.dushanbewaterprocess.org/>

Registration

Heads of State and Government of UN Member States, international and regional organizations, financial institutions, research and educational institutions, the private sector, NGOs and civil

society, river and lake basin organizations, women's, youth and children's organizations are invited to attend the Conference.

Official delegations must register on the Conference website by filling out a form indicating the name/position of their delegates (*official, accompanying, press, security*), detailed information about the route, flight, arrival/departure time, as well as a personal photo (size 3x4). This information should also be duplicated through diplomatic channels by sending the appropriate diplomatic note to secretariat@dushanbewaterprocess.org and protocol@mfa.tj

Based on the information received, the organizers of the Conference will book a suitable hotel, arrange airport pickup and prepare badges.

The registration deadline is **May 20, 2024**, at 12:00 UTC.

Visa Support

To travel to Tajikistan, participants are required to obtain a visa, unless they are citizens of those countries that have bilateral and multilateral agreements with Tajikistan permitting visa-free entry.¹ If a visa is required, the Conference Secretariat will provide participants with a Visa Support Letter upon request. In such cases, participants must complete the Questionnaire on the website www.visa.gov.tj. Citizens of certain countries can obtain a visa upon arrival at Dushanbe International Airport².

Citizens of all other countries must obtain a visa from the Embassy or Consular section of the Republic of Tajikistan abroad before their departure. Visas for participants of the Conference are issued free of charge.

However, participants from certain countries who wish to have an electronic visa (e-visa) prior to departure,³ are required to pay the cost of an electronic visa (30 US dollars). To obtain it participants need to fill out the Questionnaire on the website www.evisa.tj.

Hospitality

According to the level of participation of delegations, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan will provide hospitality (accommodation, meals and local transport) in the following format:

- *Head of State - 1+4*
- *Prime Minister / UN Secretary General - 1+3*
- *Vice Prime Minister - 1+2*
- *Minister // Deputy Secretary General of the UN - 1+1*
- *Head of international organizations, including international financial institutions – 1*
- *Other heads of official delegations – 1*
- *Members of the International Advisory Committee – 1*

International calls, faxes, dry cleaning, mini-bar and other services are to be paid by the participants themselves.

¹ These countries are listed on the website: <https://www.consular.tj/visa-system-with-foreign-countries.aspx>.

² The list of countries whose citizens can obtain a visa on arrival at Dushanbe International Airport (simplified procedure) can be found here: <https://www.consular.tj/visa-system-with-foreign-countries.aspx>

³ The list of countries whose citizens can obtain an e-visa is available on the website: www.evisa.tj (beware of unofficial websites).

Invited guests within the specified dates (9-14 June 2024) will be provided with the free accommodation during their official stay in Tajikistan. However, any hotel expenses before or after the official days of stay must be covered by the delegation themselves.

Arrival and departure

To obtain permission through diplomatic channels to use the airspace of the Republic of Tajikistan and land at Dushanbe International Airport, you must send a note with a completed application (<https://mfa.tj/en/main/view/2087/state-protocol>) to the State Protocol Department of the Ministry Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan protocol@mfa.tj

High-ranking guests and persons accompanying them will be met by the organizers at the CIP and VIP -halls of Dushanbe International Airport.

Security questions

When a protected person is escorted by security officers of a foreign state with firearms, the diplomatic mission sends an official note to the State Protocol Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (protocol@mfa.tj) with a request to **ensure the security of the protected person** and to issue a permit for the import, carrying and export of weapons by security officers of a foreign state **no later than ten working days** before the visit.

Employees of foreign security services who arrive with weapons must always have with them a permit issued to them to import (export) and carry weapons on the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan,

Media Accreditation

Foreign journalists, including personal press representatives of the heads of delegations, must obtain accreditation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan in order to cover the Conference.

To do this, it is required to send information to the email address of the Information and Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan (informdepartment@mfa.tj) by May 20, 2024.

The admission of media representatives to official events will be carried out according to the list and a valid identity document.

Accommodation

Delegations participating countries and international organizations will be accommodated free of charge in the Government Residence (Dacha), as per the allocated format. Delegations can also be accommodated in nearby hotels.

Additional participants beyond the hospitality format can be accompanied in hotels in Dushanbe upon delegation's requests, in such case the Conference Secretariat can assist in arranging hotel reservations for participants.

Local transport

Transport will be organized for delegations upon arrival/departure from/to the airport. Shuttle buses will be provided to transport delegates from the hotels to the Conference venue and back to the hotels.

Language

The working languages of the Conference are Tajik, English and Russian, with simultaneous translation provided. If the head of delegation wishes to make a speech or presentation in another language, they will need to provide their own interpreter.

Speeches

Heads of official delegations are invited to speak (up to 5 minutes) at the plenary session of the High-Level Conference, which will be held on June 11 from 11:00 to 13:00 and continue on June 12 from 09:00 to 10:00.

The Organizing Committee will be grateful if the speeches are focused on the results achieved within the framework of the Water Action Decade, including the implementation of those actions and partnerships that were announced by the delegations at the Second Dushanbe Water Action Decade Conference in 2022 and Water Action Agenda of the UN 2023 Water Conference.

Potential speakers are requested to reply in advance to this invitation to speak through diplomatic channels and to the following email address secretariat@dushanbewaterprocess.org. The list of speakers will be drawn up accordingly.

Format of the Conference

The Conference will be held in person with limited possibility to connect online. Preference will be given to participants with a physical presence. "Active" online participation with the opportunity to speak and participate in discussions of the panel sessions and fora of the Conference will be provided to individual participants on a limited basis, according to requests agreed in advance with the organizers of the Conference sessions. The rest of the participants can connect to the sessions in the format of "passive" online participation. (TBD)

Cultural events

The Conference provides for various cultural events, where the participants will have a unique opportunity to explore the diverse forms of the ancient cultural heritage of the Tajik people. The event will showcase cultural and traditional aspects from all regions of Tajikistan, demonstrating the distinctiveness and uniqueness of its culture, traditions, customs, crafts, closing, and performing arts.

The folk music groups from various corners and regions of Tajikistan will delight the guests of the event throughout the evening with spectacular and colorful performances. Additionally, participant of this cultural even will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with Tajik national cuisine.

Field trips and excursions will take place on June 13, 2024, starting at 09:00).

Detailed information about these events is available on the Conference website: <https://conf2024.dushanbewaterprocess.org>

Bilateral meetings

A limited rooms will be available upon request for official delegation bilateral meetings at the Conference venue "Kokhi Somon" and they will be allocated based on the order of applications receipt.

Exhibitions

Conference participants can visit the exhibition on the topic “Rethinking the Value of Water” organized on the sidelines of the Conference in the state complex “Kokhi Somon”.

Also there will be an exhibition dedicated to showcase the productions made in Tajikistan in the state complex of “Kokhi Istiqlol”.

Accompanying persons

Each official delegation will be assigned accompanying individuals who will provide assistance to the the delegations throughout their stay in Tajikistan. The Secretariat will provide additional information including contact details and names of the accompanying individuals.

Medical services

In the Conference venue and hotels provided by the organizers, the participants will be provided with first aid, if necessary.

Currency exchange

The official currency in Tajikistan is Somoni. Information regarding exchange rates is available on the website of the National Bank (www.nbt.tj). Currency exchange facilities are available in banks, hotels and at the airport. ATMs can be found in most banks, hotels and shopping malls.

Weather

The climate in Dushanbe is continental subtropical, with dry and hot summers. In June, during daytime, the air usually warms up to 25-35°C.

The local time

Dushanbe is located on the GMT+5 time zone.

Airlines

Regular international flights are carried out to Dushanbe International Airport from the following major cities: Almaty, Dubai, Istanbul, Jeddah, München, Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Tehran, Mashhad, New Delhi, Kuwait, Baku, Urumqi, Tashkent etc. More detailed information on international flights is available on the website of the Dushanbe International Airport at : <http://airport.tj/into/en/>.

Air transportation is carried out by both national and international carriers.