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**Fergana Valley Stakeholders' Conference: Enhancing Trade Opportunities through  
Phytosanitary Measures in Central Asia  
20 April 2021**

**AGENDA**

**Objectives:** The conference will (i) discuss initiatives to support horticulture value chain development and cross-border trade in Central Asia (Fergana Valley); and (ii) deliberate on proposed activities to enhance phytosanitary measures for trade, including pest surveillance, establishment of pest free areas, pest listing and adoption of ePhyto system.

**Co-chairs:**

Uzbekistan (State Plant Quarantine Inspection)  
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Competitiveness, Trade and Jobs activity in Central Asia (USAID CTJ Activity)  
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**Participants:**

Heads of National Plant Protection Organization or Deputy Ministers of Agriculture  
Members of CAREC SPS Regional Working Group  
Development partners: European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization, International Plant Protection Convention

13:30 – 14:00 (Manila time)	<b>Zoom log-in time (and group photo)</b>
14:00 – 14:15	<b>Opening Remarks</b>  <b>Nadir Kasimov</b> , First Deputy Head, State Plant Quarantine Inspection (SPQI) under the Cabinet of Ministers, Uzbekistan  <b>Ryder Rogers</b> , Director, Economic Development Office, USAID Central Asia  <b>Ronald Antonio Butiong</b> , Chief, Regional Cooperation and Integration Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDTC-RCI), Asian Development Bank (ADB)
14:15 – 15:30	<b>Session 1: Initiatives on Improving Phytosanitary Measures for Trade: Focus in Fergana Valley</b>  <i>Pest Listing and Surveillance in the Regional Context</i> <b>Andrei Orlinski</b> , Scientific Officer, European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)  <i>Interim Results of the Pilot Project on Establishment of Pest Free Areas in Central Asia</i> <b>Ringolds Arnitis</b> , Phytosanitary Consultant (Ex-Director General of EPPO), USAID Competitiveness, Trade and Jobs activity in Central Asia

	<p><i>The ePhyto Solutions</i>  <b>Craig Fedchock</b>, Senior Advisor and Manager of the ePhyto Solutions, International Plant Protection Convention Secretariat</p> <p><i>People's Republic of China's (PRC's) Import Requirements for Plants and Plant Products</i>  <b>Xiaodong Yu</b>, Deputy Director, Department of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, General Administration of Customs, PRC</p> <p><b>Moderator: Yuebin Zhang</b>, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, SDTC- RCI, ADB</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p><b>Session 2: Country Statements</b></p> <p><b>Kazakhstan: Baurzhan Kappasov</b>, Head, Division for Phytosanitary Safety, Department of Veterinary, Phytosanitary and Food Safety, Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p><b>Kyrgyz Republic: Bolot Zhumanaliev</b>, Deputy Director, Department of Plant Quarantine, Ministry of Agriculture Water Resources and Regional Development</p> <p><b>Tajikistan: Nigina Rajabova</b>, Representative, Secretariat on Agro-reform under the Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p><b>Turkmenistan: Toyly Kakajanov</b>, Head of External Quarantine Department, State Plant Quarantine Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment</p> <p><b>Uzbekistan: Sultan Sultanov</b>, Head of Department of International Relations, SPQI under the Cabinet of Ministers</p> <p><b>Moderator: Ringolds Arnitis</b>, Phytosanitary Consultant (Ex-Director General of EPPO), USAID Competitiveness, Trade and Jobs activity in Central Asia</p>
16:00	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p><b>Nadir Kasimov</b>, First Deputy Head, SPQI under the Cabinet of Ministers, Uzbekistan</p>