

Minutes of the 88th meeting of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan

January 29, 2025

Dushanbe

Chairman:

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Shavkat R. Khamraev Minister of Water Management, Republic of Uzbekistan

ICWC Executive Bodies:

Umar A. Nazarov Head, ICWC Secretariat

Makhmud Ya. Makhramov Head, BWO Amu Darya

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Dinara R. Ziganshina Director, Scientific-Information Center (SIC) of ICWC

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Invited:

Republic of Kazakhstan

Daniyar Ye. Sharip Director, International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation

Valikhan A. Turekhanov	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Republic of Tajikistan
Kazybek K. Bedebaev	Director, Turkistan Branch of the State Enterprise "Kazvodkhoz"
Bakhyt D. Jakhanov	Deputy Akim of Kyzylorda Region

Republic of Tajikistan

Daler A. Abdurazokzoda	Head of Central Water and Energy Policy Administration, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources
Rustam A. Abdulloyev	Head of Water and Energy Policy, Science and Technology Development Administration, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources
Muslikhiddin Kholikzoda	Head of Water Resources Administration, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources
Shafoat G. Nazifov	Head of Land Reclamation and Irrigation Basin Administration, Agency of Land Reclamation and Irrigation under the Government of Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Aymyrat B. Gochmyradov	Ambassador of Turkmenistan to the Republic of Tajikistan
Yanov D. Paschiev	Head of Water Use Department, State Committee for Water Management
Saparmurat K. Chariev	Head of Digital Technology and Information Security Division, Water Use Department, State Committee for Water Management

Republic of Uzbekistan

Ilkhom U. Juraev	Director of the Center for Water Management Reforms, Ministry of Water Management
Asylbek M. Tursunaliyev	Senior officer, Transboundary Water Resources Department, Ministry of Water Management

Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea

(EC IFAS)

Serik A. Bekmaganbetov Deputy Chairman, EC IFAS

Agenda

1. The use of water withdrawal limits/quotas and operation regimes of reservoirs in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins during the non-growing season 2024-2025
2. Progress on tasks arising from the summits of the Heads of IFAS Founder States.
3. Additional matters.
4. Agenda and venue of the regular 89th ICWC meeting.

Decision on the first item:

Take into consideration the reports by BWO Syr Darya and BWO Amu Darya on the use of water withdrawal limits and the operation regimes of reservoirs in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins during the non-growing season 2024-2025.

Decision on the second item:

1. Acknowledge the work done by ICWC members and executive bodies for implementation of the proposals and initiatives put forward at the Summits of the Head of IFAS Founder States in Turkmenbashi (2018) and Dushanbe (2023). On the second item, Dinara Ziganshina, Director of SIC ICWC reported on the work undertaken by water management organizations and executive bodies of ICWC for implementation of the proposals and initiatives voiced at the Summits of the Head of IFAS Founder States in Turkmenbashi (2018) and Dushanbe (2023). The ICWC executive bodies were instructed to continue this work.

2. ICWC members and executive bodies shall submit the updated information on fulfillment of the tasks arising from the IFAS summits at the next meetings.

3. ICWC members shall assist in organization of a regional forum on the sidelines of the High-Level International Conference on Glacier Preservation scheduled for May-June 2025 in Dushanbe. SIC ICWC and EC IFAS are tasked with mobilization of necessary funding, if possible.

Decision on the third item:

Facilitate the timely submission of official responses to the EC IFAS inquiry regarding the proposed option of the institutional structure for the improved IFAS and the new name “Organization for Cooperation of the Aral Sea Basin Countries” by February 15, 2025.

Decision on the fourth item:

1. Hold the regular 89th ICWC meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in the second decade of April 2025.

2. The date of the regular ICWC meeting shall be agreed in working order.

3. Propose the following agenda for the 89th ICWC meeting:

1) Results of the use of water withdrawal limits/quotas and operation regimes of reservoirs in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins during the non-growing season 2024-2025

2) Approval of country water withdrawal limits and forecast operation regime of reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins for the growing season 2025.

3) Progress on the fulfillment of tasks arising from the summits of the Heads of IFAS Founder States.

4) Additional matters.

5) Agenda and venue of the regular 90th ICWC meeting.

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