

Concept note and agenda

Regional Conference of the "One Health" Program and Fourth meeting of the Regional One Health Coordination Council (ROHCC) and meeting on program implementation and management

of the project "One Health for Pandemic Prevention, Food System Resilience, and
Ecosystem Health in Central Asia (Phase 1)."

Date:	September 14-15, 2026
Time:	09:00 - 18:00 (GMT+6, Bishkek time) 09:00 - 17:00 (GMT +5, Almaty, Astana, Tashkent, Dushanbe, Ashgabat time)
Location:	Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic Hyatt Regency Bishkek
Session format:	hybrid format
Registration:	Zoom for September 14 - 15 Open sessions and Scientific seminar: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81598996900?pwd=OF5KMSBV8aND49txYDI3y6aRQHn0bP.1 Parallel session 1: Program Implementation & Management Units Meeting - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83050364109?pwd=39DngWJHjbKJL1nAASaS6htFWhdSXv.1 Parallel session 2: 4th Meeting of the Regional One Health Coordination Council (ROHCC) - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83050364109?pwd=39DngWJHjbKJL1nAASaS6htFWhdSXv.1
Language:	Russian/ English (translation will be available)

1. Introduction

Building on the outcomes of the first Regional One Health Conference held in Dushanbe in October 2025, this second annual meeting marks an important transition from the program design stage to the phase of practical implementation. The conference is co-hosted by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), and the World Bank, in collaboration with the One Health Committee under the Coordination Council on Public Health of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic.



The event takes place at a pivotal moment. The Kyrgyz Parliament has recently ratified the financing agreement for Phase 1 of the One Health program, unlocking significant investment to strengthen systems for preventing zoonotic diseases, combating antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and ensuring food safety. The conference will officially launch this national component, aligning it with regional strategies.

2. Goals and Objectives

- Official launch of the Kyrgyz Republic's Phase 1 project under the "One Health for Pandemic Prevention" program, demonstrating high-level political commitment.
- Facilitate Regional Cross-Sectoral Dialogue: To bring together ministers, technical experts, and development partners from the human, animal, and environmental health sectors.
- Strengthen Regional One Health Governance: To convene the 4th meeting of the Regional One Health Coordination Council (ROHCC) to review progress, approve work plans, and advance regional coordination mechanisms.
- Foster Scientific Collaboration: To host a scientific seminar where researchers and practitioners from Central Asia and beyond can share evidence, discuss emerging threats (e.g., climate change and zoonotic spillover), and build a strong knowledge base for One Health action.
- Build Capacity: To equip participants with practical skills in scientific writing and poster preparation, linking them to a special issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Science in One Health*.
- Advance One Health Operational Implementation: To provide a platform for Project Implementation Units to discuss operational challenges, financial management, procurement, and inter-ministerial coordination for effective program delivery.

3. Expected Outcomes

By the end of the conference, participants will have a clearer understanding of the regional and national One Health priorities, particularly the operational plan for the Kyrgyz project. They will have had the opportunity to shape the work of the ROHCC and will be better prepared to integrate One Health principles into their national policies and scientific work.

4. Participants

- Ministries of Health, Agriculture, and Ecology/Environment from all five Central Asian countries.
- Project Implementation Units (PIUs/PMUs) for the One Health program.
- National (Central) Veterinary and Public Health Laboratories.
- Members of the Regional One Health Coordination Council (ROHCC).
- Academics and Researchers from National Academies of Sciences and universities.
- Representatives of International Organizations (World Bank, FAO, WHO, WOA, UNEP).
- Procurement and Financial Officers from relevant ministries.

5. Format

- Plenary Sessions: For high-level opening, keynote speeches, and main thematic discussions.
- Parallel Sessions: To accommodate specific group meetings (e.g., ROHCC, PIUs) alongside the scientific seminar.
- Scientific Seminar: Includes invited talks, selected oral presentations, and a poster session.
- Capacity-Building Workshop: A dedicated session on scientific writing and poster preparation.

6. Agenda

Day 1, 14 September 2026

Time	Session details
08:00-09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00- 9:50	<u>Opening Plenary - High-Level Segment</u> [Venue: Shayir A Conference Room, 1st floor] Moderator: Zharkynbek Orozbekovich Kasymbekov, Director of the National Institute of Public Health under the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic; Director of the National One Health Secretariat under the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic Opening Remarks: • Damirbek Asilbekovich Osmonov, Minister of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic • Najy Benhassine, World Bank Regional Director for Central Asia • Batyr Mammedov, Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia • Mereke Taitubayev, Sub-regional Representative of WOAHA for Central Asia, The Quadripartite Alliance for One Health Official Launch of the Kyrgyz Component of the One Health Program (MPA) • Marsbek uulu Ilich, First Deputy Minister of Water Resources, Agriculture, and Processing Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic: Official Launch of the Kyrgyz Component of the One Health Programme - overview of objectives, planned activities and implementation arrangements



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	• Hugh Riddell, Head of the World Bank Group Office in the Kyrgyz Republic
9:50-10:15	Group Photo & Coffee Break Doorstep interview
10:15-12:00	<u>Implementation of the One Health Approach in Central Asia: Progress, Partnerships & Future Collaborations</u> [Venue: Shayir A Conference Room, 1st floor] Moderator: Vladimir Grebnev, Environmental and climate change specialist, Regional One Health Secretariat, CAREC Country Program Results & Plans (<i>Updates from Central Asia countries - includes any One Health related activities</i>) • Manar Smagul, Deputy Chairperson of the Board, National Center for Public Health, Ministry of Health, National Focal Point, Kazakhstan • Gulbara Ishenapysova, Deputy Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, National Focal Point, Kyrgyzstan • Said Davlotzoda, Head of the Department of Sanitary-Epidemiological Safety, Emergency Situations and Urgent Medical Care, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population, National Focal Point, Tajikistan • Allanazar Khadjarov, Head Specialist, Division of State Ecological Expertise, Licensing, Ecological Certification and Permitting, Environmental Protection Directorate, Ministry of Environmental Protection, National Focal Point, Turkmenistan • Rustamzhon Ikramov, Head of the Department of Epidemiology and Infectious Disease Prevention, Committee for Sanitary-Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health, National Focal Point, Uzbekistan Moderator: Pierre Gerber, Senior Agriculture Economist, World Bank Regional Coordination: Oxana Kravtsova, Project coordinator, Regional One Health Secretariat, CAREC <i>“Overview of regional program implementation, Regional Secretariat activities, ROHCC progress, lessons learned”</i>



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	Perspectives on the implementation of One Health in Central Asia • Maripa Kichinebatyrova, Head of the Pandemic Fund Project Country Team, FAO Kyrgyzstan • Mereke Taitubayev, Subregional Representative for Central Asia, WOAHA • Pablo Sagredo Martin, One Health Specialist, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (up to 5 min)	
12:00-12:45	One Health implementation in the world: insights and lessons learned of relevance to Central Asia [Venue: Shayir A Conference Room, 1st floor] Moderator: Laure Weber-Vintzel, Senior Livestock Specialist, World Bank — Amparo Elena Gordillo-Tobar, Senior Portfolio Manager, Pandemic Fund — Xiao-Nong Zhou, Chief Scientist, China CDC — Serge Morand, Director of the HealthDEEP Laboratory, Member of OHHLEP, CNRS Representative at PREZODE Topics: • Global One Health networks and the role of Central Asia • Cross-border data sharing, joint surveillance, and emergency response • Priorities for future cooperation, 2026–2030	
12:45-14:00	Lunch ("Crostitini" restaurant) 1st floor	
	Parallel Sessions Technical Site Visit: Department of Disease Prevention and State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic (Optional)	
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14:00-18:00	Parallel Session A (Invite-only) Program Implementation & Management Units Meeting Agenda:	Parallel Session B (Invite-only) 4th Meeting of the Regional One Health Coordination Council (ROHCC) Moderator: Manar Smagul, Deputy Chairperson of the Board, National Center for Public Health, Ministry of



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	Operational updates: Financial management, procurement, and disbursement. Managing multi-sectoral activities (Health, Agriculture, Environment). Communication and stakeholder engagement strategies. Discussion on country-specific challenges and needs. Participants: • PIUs/PMUs from all 5 countries • World Bank • CAREC (Regional Secretariat) Parallel session 1: Program Implementation & Management Units Meeting - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83050364109?pwd=39DngWJHjbKJL1nAASaS6htFWhdSXv.1	Health, National Focal Point, Kazakhstan Agenda: (TBC) Adoption of the agenda and review of previous minutes. Progress reports from National Coordination Structures. Review and approval of the Regional Work Plan (Year 2). Discussion on strategic priorities for 2027. Participants: • ROHCC members from all 5 countries • World Bank • CAREC (Regional Secretariat) Parallel session 2: 4th Meeting of the Regional One Health Coordination Council (ROHCC) - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83050364109?pwd=39DngWJHjbKJL1nAASaS6htFWhdSXv.1
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Day 2, 15 September 2026 Regional One Health Scientific Day

Shayir A Conference Room, 1st floor

15 September 2026	
08:30-09:00	Participant arrival and coffee
09.00 - 09.10	Opening Moderator: Pierre Gerber , Senior Agricultural Economist, World Bank
09.10 - 09.20	"Existing Research Gaps in One Health in Central Asia" Nurila Altymysheva, Deputy Director for Scientific Work of the National Institute of Public Health of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic; Secretariat of the National One Health Council under the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic



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09.20 - 09.40	Moderator: Allanazar Kadjarov, Leading Specialist, Department of State Environmental Expertise, Licensing, Environmental Certification and Permitting, Environmental Protection Directorate, Ministry of Environmental Protection; National Coordinator, Turkmenistan. Keynote speech 1: Serge Morand, Director of the HealthDEEP Laboratory, Member of OHHLEP, CNRS Representative at PREZODE Title: "Mitigating climate change through the "One Health" approach"
09.40 – 10.40	Session 1: Climate change and One Health 3 presentations of 15 minutes each - Temperatures above +40 °c as a multisectoral threat to food security in Central Asia: an analysis within the framework of the “one health” concept - Jamila S. Silemonshoeva - Understanding the Health Impacts of Climate Change on Livestock Keepers Through a One Health Approach - Angus Campbell - Climate-adaptive automated feeding of common carp as a one health tool for aquaculture in Central Asia - Abdulla R. Kurbanov
10.40-11.10	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:10 – 12.30	Training session: Recommendations for Improving Scientific Writing Preparation for the Special Central Asia Issue of Science in One Health Speakers: Xiao-Nong Zhou; Kairat Tabynov
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch ("Crostini" restaurant)</i>
13.30 – 13.50	Keynote speech 2: Moderator: Sanam Khudaybergenova, Chief Specialist, Department of Investment Attraction and Innovation, Committee for Veterinary Medicine and Livestock Development under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Matt C. Parker - Metagenomics, Wastewater, and One Health: A Non-Invasive Pan-Pathogen Approach for Zoonotic Surveillance in LMICs



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13.50 – 15.00	Session 2: Surveillance and One Health 4 presentations of 15 minutes each - Interagency laboratory collaboration under the One Health approach for zoonotic disease control in Tajikistan - T.E. Kovalchuk - Brucellosis in Humans and Animals in Kyrgyzstan - Zharkynay Kazybaeva - Evaluation of the epizootic surveillance system for highly pathogenic avian influenza in Akmola Region, Kazakhstan, in 2025 - Gulzat Aubakirova - Environmental distribution (contamination) with <i>Echinococcus</i> and <i>Taenia spp.</i> eggs in Kyrgyzstan: Assessing the role of dogs in echinococcosis transmission - Kubanychbek K. Abdykerimov
15.00 – 15.20	Pitch of the 5 top-ranked posters (3 minutes each)
15:20 – 15.50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15.50 – 16.10	Keynote speech 3: Yuliya Semenova - Antibiotic Resistance Awareness and Prescribing Behavior Among General Practitioners in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan
16-10– 16.50	Session 3: - Building National Capacity for Simulation Exercise Management in Uzbekistan: Strengthening Public Health Emergency Preparedness within the One Health and All-Hazards Frameworks - R.N. Ikramov
16.50 – 17.00	Closing remarks