

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) 08:00 - 17:00 (GMT +5, Almaty, Astana, Tashkent, Dushanbe, Ashgabat time)
Location:	Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
Session format:	hybrid format
Registration:	Please register in advance to attend the conference: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNUnzvUTj5VE-gVzRasULxELHgBCvb6b8WjRFm8hILMOLfhQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=112301250610763557620
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 and the Quadripartite partners (FAO, UNEP, WHO, and WOA).

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 Cross-Sectoral Dialogue: To bring together ministers, technical experts, and development partners from the human, animal, and environmental health sectors.
- 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.
- **Strengthen Regional 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.
- **Advance Operational Implementation:** To provide a platform for Project Implementation Units (PIUs/PMUs) 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
09:00-09:45	<u>Opening Plenary - High-Level Segment</u> Moderator: Director of the National One Health Secretariat under the Ministry of Health of Kyrgyz Republic (TBC) [Venue: Main Hall] Opening Remarks: • Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (up to 10') • Regional Director, World Bank (up to 10') • Executive Director, CAREC (Regional Secretariat) (up to 10') Official Launch of the Kyrgyz Component of the One Health Program (MPA) • Minister of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic : Official Launch of the Kyrgyz Component of the One Health Programme - overview of objectives, planned activities and implementation arrangements (up to 15')
09:45-10:15	Group Photo & Coffee Break
10:15-11:45	<u>Implementation of the One Health Approach in Central Asia: Progress, Partnerships & Future Collaborations</u> Moderator: WB / CAREC (TBC) [Venue: Main Hall] Country Program Results & Plans <i>((Brief updates from countries - includes any One Health related activities, not only those financed by WB/PF/HEPR)</i> • Kazakhstan (National Focal Point) (up to 10') • Kyrgyzstan (National Focal Point) (up to 10') • Tajikistan (National Focal Point) (up to 10') • Turkmenistan (National Focal Point) (up to 10') • Uzbekistan (National Focal Point) (up to 10') Regional Coordination: CAREC /Regional Secretariat: Overview of regional program implementation, Regional Secretariat activities, ROHCC progress, lessons learned (up to 7')



	Perspectives on the implementation of One Health in Central Asia (Panel session with international organizations, on their <u>assessment of progress, and advice/plans moving forward</u>) — Regional/Country Director of WHO (up to 5') — Regional/Country Director of FAO (up to 5') — Regional/Country Director of WOAHA (up to 5') — Regional/Country Director of UNEP (up to 5') — Regional/Country Director of IUCN (up to 5') — Central Asia University (up to 5')	
11:45-12:45	One Health implementation in the world: insights and lessons learned of relevance to Central Asia Moderator: WB / CAREC (TBC) [Venue: Main Hall] Presentations and Panel discussion (TBC) — Regional/Country Director of CDC China — PREZODE (Serge Morand) — Wageningen University Topics: • Global One Health networks and Central Asia's role • Cross-border data sharing, joint surveillance, and emergency response • Future collaboration priorities (2026 - 2030)	
12:45-14:00	Lunch	
	Parallel Sessions	
Time	Conference Room 1	Conference Room 2
14:00-18:00	Parallel Session A (Invite-only) Program Implementation & Management Meeting [Venue: Conference Room 1] Agenda: (TBC) 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.	Parallel Session B (Invite-only) 4th Meeting of the Regional One Health Coordination Council (ROHCC) [Venue: Conference Room 2] 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: - PIUs/PMUs from all 5 countries - World Bank - CAREC (Regional Secretariat)	Participants: - ROHCC members from all 5 countries - World Bank - CAREC (Regional Secretariat)
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Day 2, 15 September 2026

Regional One Health Scientific Day

Time	Session details
08:30-09:00	Arrival & Coffee
09:00-09:10	Opening
09:10-09:20	Insights of the Regional OH Coordination Council on existing research gaps
09:20-09:40	Keynote speech 1 (Serge Morand - TBC)
09:40-10:40	Session 1: Up to 3 presentations of 15 minutes each or 2 presentations of 20 minutes each + moderation time
10:40-11:10	Coffee Break
11:10-12:30	Training session: Tips to improve scientific paper writing. Prepare for the Central Asian Special Edition of Science in One Health Speakers: Wageningen University (TBC) Moderator: Kairat Tabynov, DVM, PhD, Associate Professor, Consultant on the Veterinary Sector, One Health in Central Asia
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-13:50	Keynote speech 2 (WUR - TBC?)
13:50-15:00	Session 2: Up to 4 presentations of 15 minutes each or 3 presentations of 20 minutes each + moderation time
15:00-15:20	Pitch of the 5 top-ranked posters (3 minutes each)
15:20-15:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:50-16:50	Session 3: Up to 3 presentations of 15 minutes each or 2 presentations of 20 minutes each + moderation time
16:50-17:00	Closing remarks