

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

“IOFS HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON FOOD SECURITY”

8-9 June 2022, Almaty, Kazakhstan

*to be organized by the Islamic Organization for Food Security
and the Kazakh National Agrarian Research University*

INTRODUCTION

The core objective of the IOFS is to ensure the food security and promote agricultural and rural development in OIC member countries. Moreover, the IOFS puts the topic Food Security Education as a priority at the IOFS Agenda. Within the 4th General Assembly on 8-9 September 2021 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, OIC member states adopted the IOFS Strategic Vision 2031 that included the implementation of 16 programs in the long-term perspective and one of these Programs is “OIC Food System Talent Development”. Therefore, the IOFS pays the significant attention to the development of human capital for sustainable food security, supporting smallholder farmers through extension, strengthening the role of universities, raising awareness on food and nutrition security from the early ages among member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Considering the above-mentioned, the IOFS Secretariat jointly with the Kazakh National Agrarian Research University (KazNARU), as well as in cooperation with the OIC Institutions, namely COMSTECH, ICESCO/FIUW, WDO, ICYF, international organizations of ICBA, ICARDA, National Agrarian Science and Educational Center of Kazakhstan (NASEC) and leading agricultural universities/institutions, research entities in OIC member countries, will conduct the “**IOFS High-Level Forum on Food Security**”, on 8-9 June, 2022, in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

EVENT DETAILS

Format: Hybrid format (in-person with extending to online participation).

All Forum sessions will be streamlined in the Zoom video-conferencing, therefore speakers and participants are able to attend the Forum online.

Date: 8-9 June 2022

Venue: Almaty, Kazakhstan

8 June 2022 – Kazakh Academy of Sciences (<https://goo.gl/maps/UBKvW4AncjicsZ6D7>)

9 June 2022 -- Kazakh National Agrarian Research University (KazNARU)
(<https://goo.gl/maps/5cmU5b97iTssbSJKA>)

Language: English (interpretation into Arabic and Russian)

The Secretariat notifies that the Forum-related information will be regularly updated and posted on the IOFS website via the link <https://iofs.org.kz/ru/post/iofs-high-level-forum-on-food-security>.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Time	SESSION name	SESSION topics	STRATEGIC PARTNERS
<i>FIRST DAY, 8 JUNE 2022</i>			
09:30-10:45	PLENARY SESSION	Welcoming speeches of High-Level Officials Ceremony of 70th Anniversary of Academician H.E. Tlektes Yespolov Signing Ceremony Group Photo	Guest of Honor – First Lady of Nigeria (<i>confirmed</i>) Prime-Minister of Kazakhstan Ministers of OIC member countries Heads of Hosting Organizations
<i>10:45-11:10 -- COFFEE-BREAK</i>			
<i>PARALLEL SESSIONS: MAIN SESSION 1.1 and FOCUSED SESSION 1.2</i>			
11:10-13:00	SESSION 1.1: Education and Food Security: Challenges and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality health and education for children, supporting women and vulnerable communities - Global Food Policy Report 2021 - Challenges and perspectives in the cross-sector of education and food security - Role of universities in promoting and teaching food security education - Role of international/regional organizations on awareness raising & capacity building in food security and agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aisha Buhari Foundation - IFPRI - ICARDA - ICBA - American University of Beirut - RUFORUM
11:10-12:45	SESSION 1.2: Investment opportunities in agricultural sector (<i>with participation of High-Level Government Officials</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successful cases of implemented investment projects in agricultural sector - Leading areas of agricultural sector for potential investment - Cooperation between private sector, investment promotion agencies and other stakeholders for boosting the agriculture in OIC region - IFPA: IOFS's B2B are in the promotion of trade and investment in the OIC region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IOFS - AAAID - IFPA - Qatar (Hassad Food, Widam Food) - Oman (OFIC) - UAE (Dubai FDI, ADIO)
<i>13:00-14:30 -- LUNCH BREAK</i>			

14:30-15:45	SESSION 2: Women and Food Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of women in food security education, particularly in educating the young generation on food security - Empowerment of women in boosting agricultural production - Women engagement in decision-making process for improving food security and ensuring sustainable agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WDO - ICBA - ICARDA - NASEC - RUFORUM
15:45-16:10 -- COFFEE-BREAK			
16:10-17:30	SESSION 3: Role of Universities in Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Problems and ways of solution for teaching “Food Security” in agricultural universities - Developing an education syllabus on “Food Security” (<i>opening faculties, education programme on food security as interdisciplinary subject</i>) - Cooperation among agricultural universities on sharing knowledge and experience in food security/agriculture - Educating high school students on agriculture - Extension services by agricultural universities to farmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - American University of Beirut - KazNARU - UAE University - Agriculture Science Academy of Abu Dhabi - RUFORUM
17:30-17:45	CONCLUDING SESSION, DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conclusion and Announcement for DAY 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosting Organizations
18:30 -- OFFICIAL GALA-DINNER (for all participants)			
<u>SECOND DAY, 9 JUNE 2022</u>			
09:30-09:45	OPENING SESSION, DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcement for Day 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosting Organizations
PARALLEL SESSIONS: MAIN SESSION 4 and ROUNDTABLE			
09:45-11:15	SESSION 4: Youth and Food Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship Nomination Announcement COMSTECH-IOFS; - Discussion and presentations of post-graduate and young researchers on education and research in food security. - Increasing awareness of food security among young people - Role of youth and their engagement in ensuring sustainable food systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COMSTECH - IOFS - ICBA - ICYF - Agriculture Science Academy of Abu Dhabi - RUFORUM
11:15-11:30 -- COFFEE-BREAK			
11:30-12:40	VISIT to KazNARU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visiting KazNARU premises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agrotechnology Hub • Water Hub 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KazNARU

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Cooperation Centers and Research Laboratories 	
12:40-13:00	CLOSING SESSION	Closing remarks	Heads of Organizers / Partners
13:00-14:00 -- LUNCH BREAK			
14:00-18:00	EXCURSION	- TOUR to ALMATY SIGHTSEEING	ALL PARTICIPANTS
18:00 -- OFFICIAL GALA-DINNER (for all participants)			

Regarding the Agenda, please contact the IOFS Secretariat:

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COVID

Participants arriving to Kazakhstan from the foreign countries must have a negative PCR test certificate (no more than 72 hours should pass from the day of collection of biomaterials till the moment of crossing the border of the Republic of Kazakhstan). PCR test certificate must be in English, Russian or Kazakh languages.

Exceptions:

- Children under the age of 5.
- Citizens of Kazakhstan and persons with residence permit in Kazakhstan who have been revaccinated or fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or in the Republic of Kazakhstan upon providing a documentary confirmation (no more than 6 months must have passed since the second component was received at the time of crossing the border of the Republic of Kazakhstan)
- Foreign passengers who can provide a vaccination passport/certificate against COVID-19 recognised as valid on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan. All vaccine types are accepted as long as it was issued by countries listed below.

Recognised vaccination passports of the following countries: Argentine Republic, Belize, the State of Bolivia, Great Britain, Hungary, Georgia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Canada, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Maldives, Mongolia, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Peru, Republic of San Marino, Republic of Serbia, Republic of Tunisia, Republic of India, Republic of Philippines, Thailand, Republic of Turkey, Republic of Montenegro, Czech Republic, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Republic of Ecuador, Republic of Estonia, Japan and Republic of Uzbekistan.

PARTICIPATION and VISA

The IOFS Secretariat requests that participants will ***confirm their participation no later than 15 May 2022***. On time confirmation will allow the IOFS Secretariat to provide the visa support and local transportation in Almaty. In other cases, the IOFS Secretariat will not take the responsibility of with being late with visa support and other related logistical issues.

The information on the visa regime of the Republic of Kazakhstan for foreign citizens is available via the link:

<https://www.gov.kz/memleket/entities/mfa/press/article/details/6764?lang=en>

From 1 January 2022, a visa-free regime for citizens of **57 countries** will be re-established for up to 30 days to enter-exit and stay in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

In case participants need a visa to enter Kazakhstan, it is requested to obtain visa, please write a request to the IOFS Secretariat:

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HOTEL INFORMATION

The IOFS Secretariat suggests several options where participants can stay nearby the Forum venue. The special discounts are provided. It is to notify participants, that the organizers will provide local transportation during the event only for those who will stay at those indicated hotels. Participants staying at other places are responsible for their transportation.

InterContinental Алматы Hotel

(<https://goo.gl/maps/c1HjeisDeL2VxMtx7>)

<http://intercontinental-almaty.almaty-hotel.com/ru>

Holiday Inn Almaty

<https://goo.gl/maps/sqyr9WhQCEc5MMAc6>

<https://holiday-inn-almaty.hotel-ds.com/ru/>

Novotel Almaty

<https://g.page/Novotel-Almaty?share>

<http://novotel-almaty-city-center.almaty-hotel.com/ru/>

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LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

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FUNDING

The IOFS Secretariat and KazNARU will provide the venue, all technical facilities (video conferencing system, projection screen, wi-fi, audio equipment, microphones, headsets, equipment for simultaneous equipment, video-recording, water, stationery) and interpretation services, catering (coffee-breaks, lunches, dinners) and local transportation in Almaty.

Considering the limited budget of the organizers, travel expenses, including airline tickets, meals other than during the event, accommodation, other miscellaneous expenses, will be maintained independently by each organization or individual that is to attend the Forum. As such, the funding of travel expenses will be dependent to availability of sponsorship from donor organizations. At the same time, participants are encouraged to apply for sponsorship from their national entities or other non-governmental and international organizations.