



## THE USAID REGIONAL WATER AND VULNERABLE ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITY

### CELEBRATION OF THE AMU DARYA RIVER DAY IN TURKMENISTAN

**Organizers:** USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity in cooperation with the State Committee for Water Management of Turkmenistan

**Date:** April 27, 2023

**Venue:** Dashoguz, hotel “Dashoguz”, Turkmenistan

**Event format:** in-person participation

**Overview:** The goal of the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity is to strengthen regional capacity to manage transboundary water resources and reduce environmental risks in the Syrdarya and Amudarya river basins.

In 2022, the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity supported a series of events at the national and regional levels to celebrate Syr Darya River Day. A series of 5 events at the national and regional levels brought together more than 1300 participants - representatives of ministries, departments, local administrations, scientists, and youth - to discuss issues related to water management and find ways to address these issues.

In 2023, the Activity plans to hold celebration events in the Amu Darya River basin. Events will be held both at the regional and national levels in the countries of the basin. In Turkmenistan, the celebration of the Amu Darya River Day is planned in the city of Dashoguz. Preliminary to the celebration, the Activity initiated a drawing contest among students of art schools in Turkmenistan and the winners were determined, whose works will be exhibited and the prizes will be awarded as part of the event. In addition, together with the Turkmen Agricultural Institute, the Activity plans to organize a clean-up event along the riverbank of the Shavat Canal and plant trees at a pilot site in Akdepe etrap, Dashoguz region.

#### **Goals of the event:**

- raising awareness about the importance of protecting and managing water resources;
- involvement of youth in water management issues;
- strengthening regional cooperation among the countries of the basin.

#### **Participants:**

- Representatives of Ministries and departments of Turkmenistan;
- Representatives of the IFAS Directorate in Dashoguz;
- Turkmen Agricultural Institute;
- Winners of the drawing contest (with teachers and parents);
- Representatives of the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia;
- Representatives of the USAID Mission in Turkmenistan;
- Members of the public and the media.



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## AMU DARYA RIVER DAY IN TURKMENISTAN PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Time	Description
<i>Moderator: Anna Inozemtseva, IWRM coordinator of the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity.</i>	
10 <sup>00</sup> – 10 <sup>15</sup>	<b>Registration of participants and the exhibition of works of the participants of the drawing contest</b>
10 <sup>15</sup> – 10 <sup>30</sup>	<b>Opening of the event:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Representative of the State Committee for Water Management of Turkmenistan;</li><li>• Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan;</li><li>• Representative of the Ministry of Culture of Turkmenistan;</li><li>• Representative of the USAID Mission in Turkmenistan (or USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity).</li></ul>
10 <sup>30</sup> – 10 <sup>45</sup>	<b>Introduction of participants</b>
10 <sup>45</sup> – 11 <sup>15</sup>	<b>Introducing participants to the history of International Rivers Day and the experience of celebrating it in Central Asia</b> <i>Representative of the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity</i>
11 <sup>15</sup> – 11 <sup>45</sup>	<b>Presentation on the process of water resources management in the Amu Darya River Basin on the territory of Turkmenistan</b> <i>Representative of the State Committee for Water Management of Turkmenistan</i>
11 <sup>45</sup> – 12 <sup>15</sup>	<b>Familiarizing participants with the drawing contest among art school students and awarding the winners of the contest</b> <i>Representative of the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity</i>
12 <sup>15</sup> – 12 <sup>30</sup>	<b>Closing of the official part of the event:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Representative of the State Committee for Water Management of Turkmenistan;</li><li>• Representative of the USAID Mission in Turkmenistan (or USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity).</li></ul>
12 <sup>30</sup> – 13 <sup>30</sup>	<b>Lunch break</b>
13 <sup>30</sup> – 15 <sup>30</sup>	<b>Visit to the pilot site of the Activity in Akdepe etrap to conduct a clean-up along the reverbank of the Shavat Canal</b>
15 <sup>30</sup> – 16 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Coffee break</b>
16 <sup>00</sup> – 17 <sup>30</sup>	<b>Planting trees on a pilot site together with students of the Turkmen Agricultural Institute</b>
17 <sup>30</sup> – 18 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Departure to Dashoguz</b>