



*Central Asia Digital Governance Forum*

**Launching and First Workshop at UNPSF'2025  
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**The Next Generation of Public Services: Innovation,  
Technology, and Citizen-Centric Solutions**



**MINISTRY OF DIGITAL  
TECHNOLOGIES OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**



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Day 1	June 23		
14:00 - 14:10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening</li> <li>2. Official Opening &amp; Welcome remarks by <b>Delfina Soares</b>, UNU-EGOV Director</li> <li>3. Official Opening Remarks by <b>Olimjon Umarov</b>, First Deputy Minister of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan</li> <li>4. Welcome remarks by <b>Andrew Beklemishev</b>, V.P., International Academy of CIO (IAC), Chairman, Public Council, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>5. Official Opening Remarks by <b>Akiko Fujii</b>, UNDP Resident Representative in Uzbekistan</li> </ol>	<p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Luis Barbosa</b> UNU-EGOV</p>	<p>Opening Remarks &amp; Keynote Speech (20 minutes)</p> <p>Welcome and framing remarks by high-level representatives, followed by a keynote address from an international innovation leader.</p>
14:10 - 14:25  14:25 - 14:30	<p><b>Session 1: Human Development Report 2025 launch event.</b></p> <p>Human Development Report 2025: Key Findings, Recommendations for Uzbekistan</p> <p>Human Development Report 2025 and Uzbekistan's Development Strategy</p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Jean-Pierre Auffret</b> IAC and George Mason University</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Sebnem Sahin</b> UNDP Chief economist, Istanbul Regional Hub</p> <p><b>Xurshed Asadov</b> Deputy Director of Center for Economic Research and Reform under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan</p>	<p>A multi-stakeholder panel discussion</p>

14:30 - 15:30	<p><b>Session 2: Current Trends in Digital Governance</b></p> <p>Panel with representatives of Central Asia Countries and international experts</p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Jean-Pierre Auffret</b> IAC and George Mason University</p> <p><b>Numon Mukhammadiyev</b> Deputy Minister, Ministry of Justice, Uzbekistan</p> <p><b>Andrew Beklemishev</b> Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations, and Aerospace Industry of Kazakhstan</p> <p><b>Ilhomiddin Valizoda</b> Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan</p> <p><b>Enkhtuya Ganzorig</b> Director of International Relations, Digital Development, Innovation and Communications of Mongolia</p>	<p>featuring policymakers and EGOV agencies from the 5 Central Asia countries, sharing experiences and challenges in developing digital government strategy and associated policy and legislation, and scaling with rapid technology innovation.</p>
15:30 - 15:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
15:45 - 17:30	<p><b>Session 3:</b> <b>Public Services: New technologies and Innovation</b></p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> (30 min) <i>New technologies and proactive public services</i></p> <p><b>Pannel:</b> With CA countries representatives and international experts</p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Young Sik Kim</b> UNU-EGOV</p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> <b>Delfina Soares</b> UNU-EGOV</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Jakhongir Abdiyev</b> Deputy chairman of Tax Committee, Uzbekistan</p>	<p>Keynote followed by round table debate with discussion of case studies, experiments, good practices and challenges.</p>

		<p><b>Oliver Stolpe</b> UNODC Regional Representative for Afghanistan, Central Asia, Iran and Pakistan</p> <p><b>Souvann En</b> Director, Digital Gov't Transformation Dept. Digital Government Committee, Cambodia</p> <p><b>Ayazhan Mukanova</b> Director of International Cooperation and Investments Department, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p>	
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Day 2	June 24		
10:00 - 11:15	<p><b>Session 4:</b> <b>Citizen-Centric Design &amp; Co-Creation for Enhanced Public Services</b></p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> (30 min) <i>AI for citizen-centric strategies</i></p> <p><b>Pannel:</b> with international experts</p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Luis Barbosa</b> UNU-EGOV</p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> <b>Gianluca Misuraca</b> AI4Gov and Technology Diplomacy of Inspiring Futures</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Jean-Pierre Auffret</b> Geroge Mason Univ &amp; CIO Academy</p> <p><b>Demetris Herakleous</b> Associate Economic Affairs Officer Division of Productivity, Development, and Management United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</p> <p><b>Khurshid Sultanov</b> Head of the Department of Implementation ICT and Digitalization Ministry of higher education, science and innovation, Uzbekistan</p> <p><b>Rusudan Kokhodze</b> Head of the Public Service Development Agency Ministry of Justice, Georgia</p>	<p>Keynote followed by round table debate with discussion of case studies and new trends in citizen- centric design and co-creation strategies for public services and digital inclusion.</p>

11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 5:</b> <b>Digital Inclusion &amp; Bridging the Divide: The Local Governance Dimension</b></p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> (30 min) <i>Local Government: Assessment, Challenges, Perspectives</i></p> <p><b>Panel:</b> with international experts</p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Delfina Soares</b> UNU-EGOV</p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> <b>Saleem Zougbi</b> UNU-EGOV</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Otabek Eshchanov</b> Director of IT Center, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Uzbekistan</p> <p><b>Taniya Ekanayake</b> Head of Government Engagement, Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka</p> <p><b>Gayratjon Burkhanov</b> Deputy Director for Big Data Implementation, Department of Digital Development under the Tashkent City Administration, Uzbekistan</p> <p><b>Sehl Mellouli</b> Vice-rectorat aux études et aux affaires étudiantes Université Laval (via video)</p>	Keynote followed by round table debate with discussion on the role of local digital governances and its potential in promoting inclusion and communitarian participation in public service delivery.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00 –	<b>Session 6:</b>	<b>Chair:</b> <b>Saleem Zougbi</b>	Keynote followed by round table debate

15.30	<p><b>Partnerships and Innovation Ecosystems: Transforming Central Asia into a Digital Hub</b></p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> <i>Transforming Central Asia into a Digital Hub</i></p> <p><b>Pannel:</b> with Central Asia and international experts</p>	<p>UNU-EGOV</p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> <b>Andrew Beklemishev</b> Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations, and Aerospace Industry of Kazakhstan, Alma Foundation for Sustainable Development of Cities and Communities</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Surat Makhkamov</b> ICT and Cybersecurity Enforcement Administration Officer, Customs Committee, Uzbekistan</p> <p><b>Cornelia Steinigen</b> GIZ Office, Tashkent</p> <p><b>Shaila Shahid</b> Senior Advisor International Centre for Climate Change and Development, Bangladesh</p> <p><b>Zulfiqar Ali</b> National Aerospace Science and Technology Park, Pakistan (via video).</p>	<p>with discussion on different sorts of partnerships and innovation ecosystems national and regional levels, towards the emergence of Central Asia as an effective Digital Hub.</p>
15:30 - 17:00	<p><b>Session 7:</b> <b>CADGov Executive meeting</b></p> <p><b>Introduction</b> The CADGov Concept presentation</p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Luis Barbosa</b> UNU-EGOV</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p>	<p>Open debate on the role of CADGov Forum, leading to the definition of an agenda and the constitution of a</p>

	<p><b>Pannel:</b> with Central Asia and international experts</p> <p><b>Closing Session</b></p>	<p><b>Dilshat Saitov</b> Uzbekistan</p> <p><b>Saleem Zougbi</b> UNU-EGOV</p> <p><b>Basma Bouziani</b> Communication &amp; International Cooperation CAFRAD - Pan African Intergovernmental Organisation</p> <p><b>Aida Karazhanova</b> Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (via zoom)</p>	<p>Coordination Committee.</p>
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