

WORLD COTTON DAY 2026

7 October

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Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through
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AGENDA

Hotel Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Uzbekistan

08:00–09:00 | Arrival and badge collection for registered participants

09:00–10:00 | Welcoming and Opening Remarks

Moderated by: Master of Ceremonies

- **Senior Government Representative**

Republic of Uzbekistan

- **Mr. QU Dongyu**

Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO

- **Mr. Eric B. Trachtenberg**

Executive Director, International Cotton Advisory Committee, ICAC

- **Mr. Jean-Marie Paugam**

Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization, WTO

- **Mr. Angelo Dan**

Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargé d'Affaires of Benin;
Coordinator of the C-4+ Countries

10:00–11:15 | High-Level Leaders' Dialogue

Trade, Transformation and Partnership: How Cotton Builds Prosperity

Moderated by: Mr. Kushanov Fakhriddin, Director, Institute of Genetics and Plant
Experimental Biology, IGPEB

- **Mr. Ibrokhim Yulchiyevich Abdurakhmonov**

Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Academician of the Academy of
Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan and The World Academy of Sciences

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- **Mr. Eric Trachtenberg**

Executive Director of the International Cotton Advisory Committee, ICAC

- **Mr. Jean-Marie Paugam**

Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization – WTO

- **Mr. Máximo Torero**

Chief Economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO

- **Mr. Mondher Mimouni**

Director of Market Development of the International Trade Centre, ITC

- **Mr. Djamoliddin Babakhanov**

Director, Department for Attracting Investments and Implementing Innovations in
Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Mr. Shamil Shirinov

Project Director, Smart Carbon LLC, Uzbekistan

11:15–11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30–12:15 | Plenary Session 1

Building Prosperity Across the Cotton Value Chain

Moderated by: Mr. Kushanov Fakhriddin, Director, Institute of Genetics and Plant
Experimental Biology, IGPEB

- **Mr. Ismonaliyev Fayzullo**

Deputy Head of Department, Agency for the Development of Light Industry
The Potential of Uzbekistan's Textile Industry

- **Mr. Ramakrishnan Janarthanan**

Chief Executive Officer, LXMI Global Advisory
The Development of the Glo-Djigbé Industrial Zone and Its Role in Expanding Local Cotton
Processing and Textile Manufacturing

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- **Mr. Navdeep Sodhi**

Partner, Gherzi Textil Organization

Developing Competitive Textile Industries through Policy, Investment, Infrastructure,
Technology and International Partnerships

12:15–13:00 | Plenary Session 2

Trust, Quality, and Responsible Cotton Supply Chains

Moderated by: Mr. Kurbonov Abrorjon Yorkinovich, Head of Laboratory, Scientific Research
Institute of Cotton Breeding, Seed Production and Cultivation Agrotechnologies

- **Mr. Ben Maitland**

Senior Director of Advocacy, Communications and Events, Better Cotton

The Role of Standards, Credible Data, Traceability and Verification in Strengthening Trust
across Cotton Supply Chains.

- **Ms. Alison Ward**

Chief Executive Officer of CottonConnect

Connecting Farmers to Markets: Responsible Sourcing and Collaboration Across the
Cotton Value Chain

- **Mr. Hafiz Muhammad Bakhsh**

Senior Manager, WWF-Pakistan

From Seed to Sustainable Supply Chains: WWF-Pakistan's Collaborative Journey in Organic
Cotton Cultivation

13:00–14:00 | Lunch Break

14:00–15:00 | Plenary Session 3

Investment, Innovation and Competitiveness in Cotton Economies

Moderated by: Mr. Mirzakamol Sobitjonovich Ayubov, Deputy Director, Institute of
Genetics and Plant Experimental Biology-IGPEB

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- **Mr. Varun Vaid**

Executive Director, Wazir Advisors

Attracting Private Investment and Developing Competitive Cotton, Textile and Apparel Industries

- **Ms. Rasha Fahim**

Executive Director, Textile Export Council of Egypt

Egypt as a Competitive Cotton-to-Textile Hub: Investment, Value Addition and Global Sourcing

- **Ms. Xanxadjayeva Nilufar Raximovna**

Professor, Tashkent Institute of Textile and Light Industry

Development of New Textile Products Technology and Preparing of Specialists in the Textile Industry of Uzbekistan

15:00–16:00 | Plenary Session 4

Carbon Markets and Climate Finance: New Opportunities for Cotton Farmers

Moderated by: Mr. Avliyakov Mirzoolim Avazovich, Deputy Director, Institute of Genetics and Plant Experimental Biology-IGPEB

- **Mr. Temurbek Omonov**

Head of the Division, Green Economy Projects Center under the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Efforts being implemented in Uzbekistan to enter international carbon markets

- **Mr. Govind Setlur**

CEO Merago, Carbon Asset Management Agency

Turning Carbon Potential into Farmer Value: Developing Credible and Commercially Viable Cotton Carbon Projects

- **Mr. Jovlonbek Raimov Farhod**

Head of Agricultural Technology Transfer Department, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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Mr. Firdavs Zukhurutdinov

Chief Specialist, Agricultural Technology Transfer Department

Nature-Based Solutions for Cotton Farming: Integrating Regenerative Agriculture, Biochar Technologies and Carbon Markets in Uzbekistan

16:00–16:15 | Closing Remarks

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8 October | Technical Tour organized by the Host Country



October 8: Technical Tour

— organized by Host country —

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Time	Activity
14:00	Departure from Hyatt Regency Tashkent
14:00–14:40	Transfer to cotton-textile cluster / textile enterprise (location to be confirmed)
14:40–15:20	Visit to cotton processing and textile production facilities; presentation on value chain development and cotton transformation
15:20–16:00	Transfer to Research Institute of Cotton Breeding, Seed Production and Cultivation Agrotechnologies site
16:00–16:40	Visit to the Research Institute of Cotton Breeding, Seed Production and Cultivation Agrotechnologies and a cotton field, including a demonstration of modern cotton cultivation practices, harvesting technologies, and sustainability initiatives
16:40–17:20	Transfer to the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan
17:20–19:20	Guided visit to the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan
19:20	Return to hotel / end of programme



The locations of the cotton-textile enterprise and cotton field demonstration site will be confirmed at a later stage.



Transportation will be provided for all participants.



Timing may be adjusted depending on traffic conditions and final venue selection.

